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Photo by Brandon Cleary
Students march around campus on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

College may change Martin Luther King Jr. Day schedule

By Rachel Jones
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Representatives from several campus organizations, members of the Curricular Operations Committee, and President R. Thomas Williamson met last week to discuss student concerns about holding class on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The meeting was scheduled in response to a petition requesting that the administration cancel classes on Jan. 18th, the first day of second semester. The petition was circulated by members of the BSU in November.

BSU President Jason Hunter met with Williamson on Dec. 10 to show him the petition and make him aware of student concerns. Williamson agreed to address the matter in further detail after break.

The purpose of the meeting was to come to a mutually acceptable solution to fix the school calendar. Since Martin Luther King Jr. Day is always on the third Monday of January and classes would normally start at the same time, there will be a conflict until some type of compromise is made.

"There is an answer to this dilemma out there somewhere, and it's up to us to find it," Williamson said. "Some of us are interested in making sure we honor Martin Luther King by understanding that a national holiday has been declared, and that we at Westminster should follow that national holiday."

Williamson said although he cannot change the calendar himself,

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All day pick-up events on Saturday end hectic week for sorority rush

By Christopher Campbell
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's sorority pick-up day marked a successful end to another busy rush week for sorority members and rushees.

The college's five sororities picked up a total of 92 women, according to Camille Hawthorne, assistant dean of student affairs. Three sororities reached their maximum quota of 20 girls.

The soon-to-be Greeks were picked up in Orr Auditorium. The girls lined up by residence hall on the stage while the Rho Chi's, sorority members who helped guide freshman women through rush while keeping their own sorority a secret, took turns announcing which sorority the girls would be joining.

The sororities sat on the first level of Orr, awaiting the announcements of their future sisters. The balcony section was mostly made up of fraternity members, who cheered in support.

After pick-up, the sororities spent the day with their new pledges. Most had lunch and dinner together, and attended activities such as the basketball games and bowling.

"I had an awesome time on Saturday playing games and going cosmic bowling," said Alpha Gamma Delta pledge Desiree Henry. "The best part was when my future sisters came to cheer for me at the basketball game."

Preparations for rush week and pick-up day began early in the school year when independent women were able to sign up for rush. Each sorority held three informal rush parties during the fall semester, and girls on the rush list were required to attend at least one of each sorority.

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Photo by Courtney Behm
Kappa Deltas and others show their enthusiasm for rush.

Throckmorton and Long lead students to Hawaii for class trip

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

On December 29, while most of us were just getting over the Christmas spirit, 25 students flew to Hawaii for the beginning of a 16-day adventure. Dr. Ann Throckmorton and Dr. Ken Long accompanied the students on a biology-based tour of the islands.

During the four day stay in Kauai, the group hiked the beautiful Na Pali Coast, visited the Limahuli Botanical Gardens to learn about the native plants of Hawaii, and the Kilauea National Wildlife refuge, where they saw native boobie and albatross birds.

They also celebrated the New Year in true Hawaiian spirit; on the ocean.

The next stop was the big island of Hawaii. The island is famous for its volcanoes and legendary Goddess of Fire, Pele. The students stayed at Volcanoes National Park and spent time learning about Hawaii's five volcanoes: Mauna Kea, Kohala, Hualalai, Mauna Loa, and Kilauea.

They had the opportunity to hike the Kilauea Iki crater, where they saw pahoehoe lava and a'a lava.

Students went to ancient temple sites, kayaked, snorkeled, scuba dived, and participated in a Hawaiian luau with a local family, where they experienced the warmth of the Aloha spirit.

At the luau, students made their own leis, learned how to hula dance, and ate real Hawaiian food.

Perhaps one of the more memorable islands visited was Maui. While in Maui, the students woke up at 4 a.m. and piled on many layers of clothing to view an incredible sunrise at the 10,000 foot summit of Mt.

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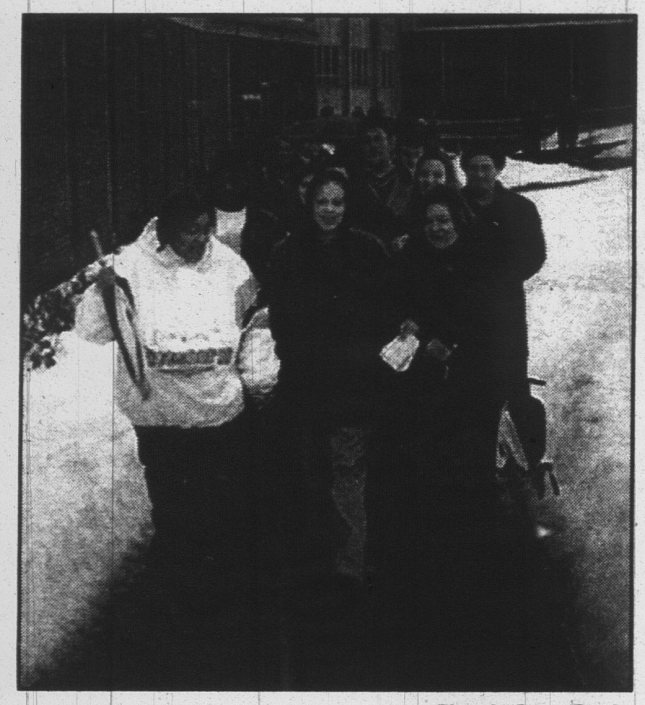

Photo by Laura Butchy

Dr. Betsy Ford (right) was one of only two professors who joined students in the march around campus.

Celebration draws media attention

By Ashley Law
STAFF WRITER

About 40 Westminster students and two faculty members boycotted classes Jan. 18 to celebrate the accomplishments of the late Martin Luther King Jr. on his birthday last Monday. Students returned from break and were scheduled to begin classes on the day.

Jason Hunter and members of the Black Student Union scheduled constructive activities in conjunction with annual activities supported by the college. The day began with a march around campus. Protestors sang spirituals such as "We Shall Overcome" and "Wade in the Water," followed by a short service in the Chapel where students voiced their opinions about the celebration of the day.

Rev. Philip King, director of multicultural affairs for the college and President R. Thomas Williamson also were in attendance, and they spoke to students.

Later in the day, approximately 70 students, faculty, and members of the community came together at the Peace Pole outside of the TUB. Rev. Ralph T.F. Newell, pastor of the Greater Morris Chapel of Farrell and speaker for the Powers Program Trust of Youngstown, gave a prayer for world peace. A processional march followed the prayer to the chapel, where Newell spoke on Martin Luther King's impact on America.

"The goal of the Black Student Union protest was to convince the administration that beginning the second semester on Martin Luther King Jr. Day is wrong and infringes on our rights," BSU president, Hunter said.

The Rev. Philip King said, "We want to challenge students and their critical thinking. We want to challenge them to question, not to simply criticize."

Students in attendance expressed that the experiences of the day were moving.

Mark Meighen, communications director, said that the college Curriculum Operations Committee, the committee that formulates the college's calendar, will have to discuss the issue further before any decision can be made about canceling classes to celebrate the holiday.

President Williamson was concerned and listened to students.

"All of us have only the best intentions, thus I am quite sure that we will be able to arrive at a reasonable solution," he said.

Hunter said he felt that the day was successful.

"If you look at history, every time you see it takes action to have change," he said.

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he wants the COC, the committee responsible for setting the school calendar, to consider student concerns in next year's calendar. Students at the meeting included members of Student Government, chapel staff, the BSU, and the *Holcad* staff.

"There are almost as many approaches to this on campuses as there are campuses," he said. "Some have a half day. Some...start the next day. Some have classes on the day. We're learning as we go along about things that are important to our campus."

According to Hunter, the main concern of the BSU is that students celebrate in the manner they choose without being penalized.

"Our [BSU] goal is to honor the day as it should be, and anything less is short of that goal," Hunter said. "We don't mean a day off where no one comes. What the BSU really wants to happen is that Westminster as a whole—black, white, every race—comes together to celebrate all together. It would be a blessing if we had the whole campus marching," he said.

The Reverend Phil King said that while he could see the BSU's reason to have a day off classes, the first goal should be to educate.

"We will have a King celebration. We cannot take the day off from...educating people who would otherwise remain ignorant," he said. "A day off from work is not what Martin Luther King was about."

Several solutions were proposed. A few people suggested that classes start a week earlier. Others argued that starting classes early would shorten available time for internships, study abroad, class trips, and part-time jobs.

Mark Meighan, director of communications services, pointed out that classes cannot start a week later because students preparing for graduate school would not be able to stay a week later in May.

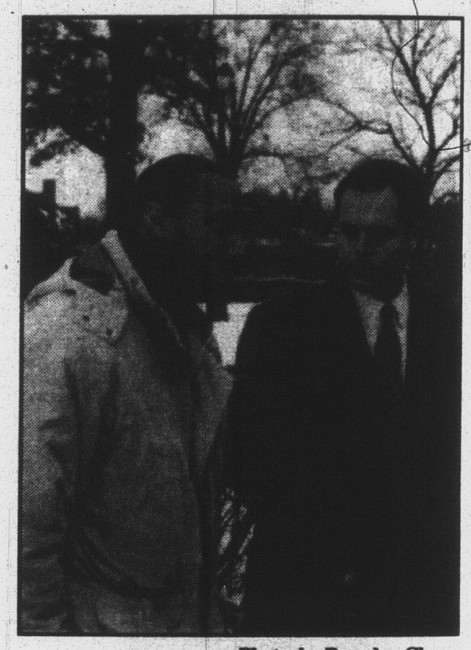
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne pointed out that starting classes the day after the holiday would not work, either. That would make parents transport students on Martin Luther King day. Since the holiday is on a Monday, not only would return travel be inconvenient for working parents who drive their student to college, but it would also defeat the purpose of observing the day.

Some college representatives said the after-classes Powers Program was an appropriate celebration of the day, and having classes allows professors to lead discussions and lectures about Martin Luther King Jr. However, some students said that not all professors include King in their curriculum.

There was one other major question. If the college observes Martin Luther King Jr. Day by not holding classes, will it do the same for other national holidays? A member of the COC who wishes to remain anonymous answered that the college "disrespects all holidays equally." In fact, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is the only national holiday during the school year observed with a special program.

Other suggestions included a proposal that the first day of classes be shortened: classes could end before lunch. If class starts on the holiday, then maybe it could be a non-drop/add day, so students would not worry about being dropped from the rosters.

Members of the COC will present the ideas discussed to the faculty at the next faculty meeting in February. If the faculty reaches a decision at the meeting, their recommendation will then go to the president, who will then make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.



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Newspaper and TV crews interviewed Black Student Union President Jason Hunter about the celebration.

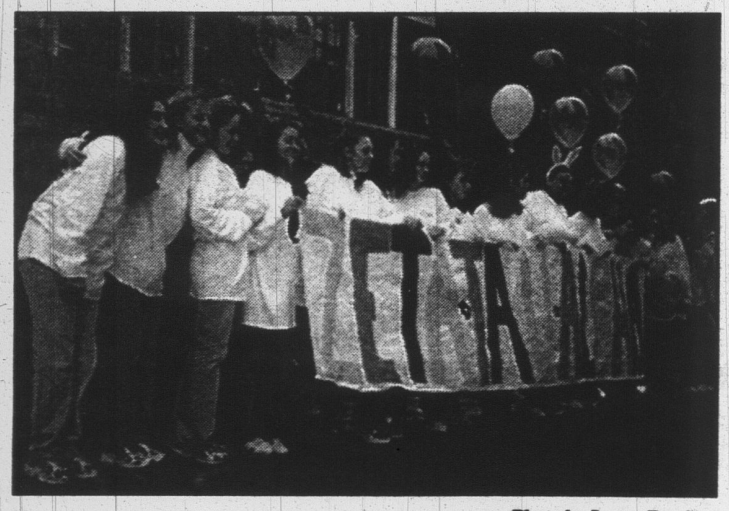

Photo by Laura Butchy

The new Zeta Tau Alpha sisters display their sorority spirit.

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The real work began last week, as the sororities had to prepare for Rush Week. Each sorority planned four parties each, complete with refreshments, themes, and skits, held Tuesday through Friday.

Rushees had to attend all five parties on Tuesday night. On Wednesday, however, they could attend a maximum of four, Thursday only three, and by Friday, two.

Junior Amanda Dobbs of Zeta Tau Alpha said of the busy week, "It's been so hectic that one morning I left my room at 8:30 in the morning and didn't return until 2:30 at night!"

The rushees received bids each morning of Rush Week from the sororities that wanted them back. They could accept the bid and attend the party that evening, or turn the bid down. The bids were passed out by the Rho Chi's.

Women who were rushing were asked to list, in order, the sororities they wanted to join by filling out preference cards. They were free to "suicide," (only list one sorority), or list two to five.

The sororities also made an ordered list of the girls they wanted to pick up. On Saturday morning, the girls were paired with sororities in a bid-matching session, often attended by alumni of the sororities.

During Rush Week, sorority members must follow rules established by the Panhellenic Council and be careful not to commit "rush infractions." Failure to follow these rules can cause a sorority to face fines, or, in the worst case, not be allowed to pick up any pledges.

The rules are meant to preserve the integrity of rush. For one week prior to Saturday's pick-up, sorority girls and rushing women are not to discuss bids and acceptance of bids.

On Thursday night at midnight, "Greek Silence" begins; rushees must not even talk to each other. These rules attempt to prevent "dirty rushing," or using deceptive tactics to acquire more pledges.

Rush for women costs $13, which covers publications and mailings by Panhellinic Council, the "Meet the Greeks" book, and a pizza party held the night before pick-up.

New Wilmington Isaly's one of four remaining in country

By Kendra McClymonds
STAFF WRITER

"The Cheers of coffee houses." That's how Isaly's new owner/manager, Rusty Smith, 45, describes the 60 year-old New Wilmington tradition.

Smith, who took over the establishment from Shelby Cash six months ago, claims the "regulars," farmers, students, and professors alike, make up the most important part of his business.

"All the regulars meet here and they all know each other. Twenty percent of my customers make up 80% of the business," Smith said.

Mark, a regular customer, said, "It's [Isaly's] pretty much a social center — the New Wilmington dry bar."

While Isaly's does not serve alcohol, it does attract a large breakfast and lunch crowd.

"We cater to those who want a quick sandwich or some great soup during the day," Smith said.

Smith said he is proud of that service which is provided by the 12 employees, most of who are college students, and of his efforts to maintain Isaly's atmosphere.

"This is a place where the men can come in with dirt on their boots and they know it's ok," he said.

Though not a farmer with dirty boots, Sophomore Diane Stead does agree that the atmosphere is unique.

"It seems to be very relaxed and timeless," she said.

Isaly's is not unique to New Wilmington, however.

When Christian Isaly, a Swiss cheese maker, immigrated to Monroe County, Ohio in 1833, he began a dairy company that evolved into a chain of old-fashioned general stores. Those stores slowly became restaurants similar to the Isaly's here in town. The Isaly's located here at 147 S Market St. is part of a chain that used to have over 400 restaurants in the region. That figure has slowly dwindled, making the New Wilmington Isaly's one of the only four establishments remaining today.

Europe choir tours, performs in England and Scotland

By Kimberly Bartley
STAFF WRITER

The college Euro-Choir trip to England and Scotland, Dec. 27-Jan. 10, was a successful one.

Seven faculty members accompanied the 66-student choir as they performed at St. Giles Cathedral, All Saints Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Canterbury Cathedral, St. Mary's Rye Cathedral, and St. Paul's Cathedral, with audiences ranging from a handful of people to nearly 200 at the Canterbury Cathedral Evensong service.

The choir visited the cities of Edinburgh, Scotland, and London, York, Stratford-on-Avon, Rye, Dover, Oxford, Burford, and Canterbury, of England.

Other highlights of the trip were Hadrian's Wall, Edinburgh Castle, Warwick Castle, the Tower of London, the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, and Shakespeare's birthplace.

Angela Broeker, choir director, said she felt that the students were well-received by their audiences, especially for their American spirituals, such as "Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal," "Precious Lord," and "Battle of Jericho."

"Students seemed to enjoy many aspects of this trip," said Broeker. "For many, a highlight was seeing shows in London. Others loved the castles and cathedrals. Students seemed the most comfortable when they were performing."

Sophomore Kathleen Morgan said, "I think this trip was a great experience. Not only was it fun and entertaining, but I learned so much. I'll remember this trip for a long time."

Ten students are studying off-campus for the spring semester

If you are noticing a few faces missing from the TUB, it is because some ostudents have taken the oppertunity to study abroad. "Our study abroad students reveal a desirable trait that sets them apart from other students: intellectual curiosity," said Linda Volpe, coordinator of international and off-campus studies. "They want to know more about other peoples, other languages, and other cultures."

The following students are studying off-campus during the spring semester:

Scott Campbell, University of Heidelberg, Germany

Brooke Engles, Macquarie University in Sidney, Australia

Loren Ganoe, University de Sorbonne, Paris, France

Kristi Gilbert, University de Salamanca, Spain

Andrea Gyorke, University Catholique de L'Quest, Angers, France

Katrina Kenney, University de Granada, Spain

Cassie Matscherz, University of Ulster, Coleraine, Ireland

Terra McMullen, Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Amanda Nemec, Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Richard Ashley Webb, Regent's College, London, England

College Promotes Pair in Institutional Advancement Division

The college recently promoted two members of its Institutional Advancement Division.

Sue Rudloff was promoted to Assistant to the Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Coordinator of Advancement Programs. She joined the Institutional Advancement Office in 1996.

Rudloff will coordinate advancement programs and assist Gloria Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement, in the daily administration of the division.

Connie McGinnis was recently promoted to Assistant Director of the Celebrity Series. She will assist Celebrity Series Director Eugene DeCaprio in coordinating the highly successful series. McGinnis had served as box office manager of the series since 1997, and has been employed at Westminster since 1993.

Orb will need to be relocated when student union is built

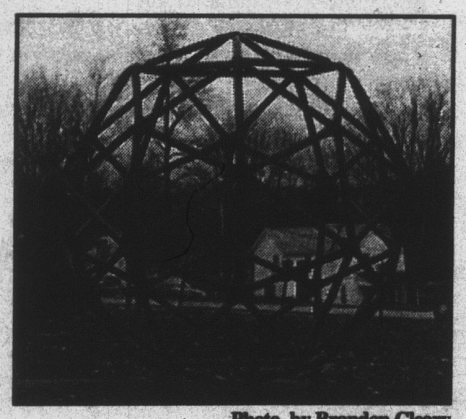

Photo by Brandon Cleary
The Orb will remain near the TUB.

By Nicholas Hillebrand
STAFF WRITER

On your way through the quad you can't help but notice the structure beside the TUB. It has had many uses over the years: a place to tie pledges to, a climbing apparatus, and a piece of art to look at. This structure is known as the Orb. The Orb has been a part of the college campus for many years.

"The orb serves a symbolic meaning to me showing the unity and beauty of Westminster College", said junior Doug Shymoniak. Everyone has a different idea about the Orb's meaning, but only the artist knows its true symbol.

The artist, Phillip Herman, was a student at Westminster. He built the Orb as a symbol of peace. The Orb was once chained to the ground to prevent its removal (and subsequent trips to Lake Brittain), and after at least one successful break of the chains, it was cemented onto its current platform. The Orb has also had a problem of rusting; the difficulty in making improvements in or moving the structure has been getting in touch with the artist to ask him for permission.

In a few years the college plans to build a new student union building. This means that the Orb will need a new home. Last fall, in preparation for the Orb's future move, the Student Government Association is doing research on the artist, why he created it, the sculpture's meaning, and what the artist is doing now. When they complete their research, the information will be handed over to Student Affairs, and the artist will be contacted about the Orb's new home and making the necessary improvements to keep the Orb around for future students.

College continues research for new Alzheimer's drug

A student has conducted experiments with a new drug that shows the ability to improve memory function for those suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Jessica Puzausky, a senior psychobiology major from Coraopolis, completed an experimental investigation of the drug, AIT-082, with some positive results. This honors research project was the first to demonstrate the drugs ability to improve memory function in a particular rat model of memory impairment used in research on Alzheimer's disease.

Puzausky also attended the Society for Neuroscience Conference in Los Angeles where she was able to discuss her findings with the founder and director of business affairs of the company who produce this experimental drug, Neo Therapeutics.

Accompanying Puzausky at this conference of over 25,000 people were Dr. Alan Gittis, professor of psychology at Westminster College, and Brent Witgen, a junior psychology major from Erie who will continue her study on this drug.

"Through the conference poster session, I was able to see first hand the directions in which AIT-082 research is headed," said Puzausky. "I also got to tour a possible graduate school, the University of California, and the expanding company that makes this drug."

" I will continue the study on this drug," said Witgen. "I am excited to be part of researching a drug that has the potential to become a wonderful way to treat disorders such as Alzheimer's disease."

While in Los Angeles, Gittis was installed as the new President of the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience, which is composed of faculty from around the country who teach at undergraduate institutions.

Gittis also presented a paper at the conference dealing with the effects of another drug, aniracetam, on memory. This study undertaken by Laura Campe, a 1998 Westminster graduate and co-author of the presentation. She was unable to attend the conference.

Puzausky is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Puzauskyand and a graduate of West Allegheny High School. Witgen is the son of Frank Witgen and a graduate of McDowell High School. Gittis, who has been with Westminster College since 1976, earned his undergraduate degree from Temple University and his master's and Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

NEWS

Unusually heavy snowfall causes winter problems

By Sheri Parson
STAFF WRITER

Winter has reared its ugly head in New Wilmington. Thanks to the repeated, severe weather conditions of freezing rain and snow, there have been several leaks in many buildings on campus.

Custodians were called out Sunday to help with water damage to room 403 at Hillside. Reportedly there was water damage to the ceiling, floor tile and a rug that belonged to the residents. No personal belongings were damaged. According to Sarah Tolk, resident of 403 Hillside, the leak was a minor hassle.

"The water leak wasn't stopped very quickly, and it has been an inconvenience, but the physical plant sent buckets to help catch the water and they helped clean up the damage," she said. "They also sent someone to shovel the snow off the roof. I feel that the physical plant was very helpful and efficient."

The snow and ice also affected Browne Hall. Connie Petrocelli and Heather Bullers, room 307, both felt it was an inconvenience. Along with the adjustments of the new semester, Heather now has to move to dorm because the roof above their room caved in last week. Because of previous problems with leakage, the occupants of room 307 said they felt the roof should have been monitored better, so as not to have this problem.

"A section of roof at Hillside was replaced over the holiday break. Unfortunately, with the bad weather, the roof was unable to be finished where the most troubled areas are," said Tracey Black, custodian of Hillside. "It will take time to replace the remaining troubled areas. We at physical plant are trying our best to accommodate the students that are having problems," she said.

Ed Petrosky, supervisor of the crafts department, explained that the continuous ice, sleet, snow, ancient roofs and their poor condition has contributed to the campus-wide problem. A condition known as "ice damming" occurs when there is so much ice in the gutters, he explained. When thawing begins and the ice starts to melt, there is no place for the water to go. The water cannot go down, because of the ice blockage, so the water is pushed up under the shingles, causing water damage.

"So not to interrupt students progress, with their entering, exiting and their safety, the work to the roof is usually done during breaks or holidays, when the students will not be hindered by the contractors", Petrosky said.

In addition to leaking roofs, the snow and ice also are problems to the college. The grounds crew has been working to keep the sidewalks and roads clear, with moderate success. Since January 1, the college has been bombarded with at least thirty inches of snow, according to Physical Plant.

Crews of four in two shifts have worked a total of 350 hours to clear the twenty-five miles of roadways, six miles of sidewalk, and 27,866 square yards of asphalt parking lots on campus. Fifty tons of salt and twenty-five tons of anti-skid material have been used so far. That's already exceeded the total used in 1998. And more winter weather is undoubtedly on the way.

"Due to the longevity of the storm there has been salt shortages through out the nation, but due to the good planning of Westminster, we have only reached a critical shortage once, for two days, during the student break," said Steve Connel, grounds supervisor. "That was due to delivery with the local roads."

The snow that is removed is hauled to the field behind Hoyt parking lot. When classes are in session, it makes it harder for the crews to maneuver around vehicles to remove the snow from the parking lots.

Photo by Courtney Behm
Willemina Zwart

Zwart enjoys work with CCO, student affairs

by Katie Brentzel
STAFF WRITER

As a neighbor of Canada, the United States shares many things. Because of the boundary between the two nations, we share parts of Niagara Falls. For the past six years, we have shared Director of Residence Life, Willemina Zwart, native of Ontario.

After graduating from Calvin College, Zwart received her Masters of Higher Education from Geneva College. While at Calvin, she was encouraged to join the Coalition for Christian Outreach. Zwart came to Westminster not as a student, but with the CCO as the Resident Director of Shaw Hall where she would remain for three years.

"I really enjoyed that position," she said. "I loved working with freshman women."

Because of those feelings, it was a difficult decision for Zwart to become the Director of Residence Life. Now in her third year, Zwart has grown to love her current position also.

"I love working with students. I try to treat students with respect while upholding policies," Zwart said. "I really enjoy working with the Residence Life program. It is rewarding to see those a part of the program take hold of leadership and blossom."

When she is not working, Zwart enjoys reading and exercising. She also teaches a ninth-grade confirmation class and is a member of an adult bible study at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.

As Zwart's parents originated from the Netherlands, she and her four older siblings are considered first-generation Canadian. After the completion of this academic year, Zwart will rejoin her family in Canada. She will leave Westminster to attend seminary in Vancouver, British Columbia.

After her time there, Zwart has hopes of returning to the college setting.

"I love the atmosphere of a college campus. After seminary, I hope to return possibly as a college chaplain," she said.

McGill computer lab schedule extends hours, depending on student workers

Students planning to use the computer labs this term need to realize that lab hours may fluctuate until the student worker class schedules have stabilized. Also, the McGill computer lab will be open when the library is open, and it will close 15 minutes before the library closes.

The Patterson computer lab will be open in hours similar to last fall term. Sunday it opens at 1:30pm. Monday through Thursday the lab will be open to general users for 24 hours, except between 5:00pm - 9:00pm; Friday the lab opens at 8:00am until 4:30pm, and Saturday - 1:30pm - 5:00pm.

Finally, when a lab machine is repeatedly shutdown improperly it will cause system reliability to degrade. This can cause applications to function improperly and the lose of data. To reduce the chances of this happening and the high temperatures in the computer labs, when you have finished using a machine, please shut it down using the procedure outlined on most lab markerboards.

Students reminded to drop/add classes

The last day to add a class is today. However, students have until Feb. 5 to drop classes. Both schedule alterations require payment of a $15 fee to the business office. The deadline for changes without a fee expired on January 22.

To make schedule changes, students must pick up a drop/add card at the Registrar's Office. After obtaining the card, students must list the course(s) they wish to drop or add, and they must also get signatures of both class instructors their student advisor and then return the card to the Registrar's Office.

No schedule change is complete until the student brings the Drop/Add card directly to the Registrar's Office for processing at the computer terminal, and all schedule changes must be made within the deadline dates.

Drop/Add cards must be processed for all schedule changes, including courses, labs, section changes, band, choir, physical education, independent studies, and internships.

Registration for the first semester of the 1999-2000 school year will take place from April 13-16.

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Haleakala, and then spent the day hiking 12 miles along the volcano crater trails. The group went to one of Maui's red sand beaches, and hiked Waimoku Falls through a rainforest of bamboo, ending at a 400-foot waterfall.

Many of the students snorkeled the Molokini Crater, a small off-shore island, where they saw hundreds of tropical fish and octopus.

A whale-watch was also part of the day, and the students saw many humpback whales that have migrated to Hawaii to calve and breed.

Oahu was the final destination on the trip. Pearl Harbor was the first stop, where the students learned about America's involvement in World War II, and got to see the Arizona Memorial.

There was ample opportunity for students to shop and explore Waikiki. The group toured Coconut Island, a small island off of Oahu, where the beginning of "Gilligan's Island" was filmed.

On the island, the students toured the University of Hawaii's marine biology research center, where they saw hammerhead sharks, fish, and octopus.

Students took turns sailing a Polynesian sailing canoe, much like the canoe that the Tahitians used during their original migration to Hawaii in 1200 A.D.

The final day of the trip, the students visited the Dole Pineapple plantation and went to the North Shore, the beach where surfers from around the world come to surf.

The last stop was the Bishop Museum, where they discovered Hawaii's history and culture.

After 16 days, the students returned home, bringing with them unforgettable memories of Hawaii's ecology, geology, marine life, culture, and history.

Religion and history professors assist in writing book chapters

Jeffrey J. Kripal, associate professor of religion, has co-edited a book with T.G. Vaidyanathan from Bangalore, India.

Vishnu on Freud's Desk traces some colonial, post-colonial and postmodern complexities of psychoanalytic thought as it has been variously applied to Hinduism. The collection of 17 essays spans close to a century of creative, sometimes radical, and always controversial thought about the psychological and theoretical riches of Hinduism.

The project began with Vaidyanathan who won a Ford grant to pursue the topic. After hearing about Kripal's book, Kali's Child, Vaidyanathan asked Kripal to join him as co-editor. Kripal worked with American authors world, while Vaidyanathan worked with the Indian authors.

"The entire project took three years to complete and was accomplished almost entirely through the internet on the College's computer system," said Kripal. "Vaidyanathan and I have never physically met one another. We know each other through our work and countless messages relayed around the world through our computer screens."

Dr. Verena Botzenhart-Viehe, associate professor of history, has written two chapters for Notable U.S. Ambassadors Since 1775, which won an "Outstanding Academic Book of 1998" award from Choice.

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Botzenhart-Viehe, who wrote about 19th century American ambassadors Andrew White and George Bancroft, uses her research in class to teach how a historian researches and writes biographies, as well as how these diplomats succeeded in the international political arena.

Botzenhart-Viehe also wrote the biography of the Argentine statesman Luis Maria Drago, who battled the United States at the world court in Hague. It was published in the book, Statesmen That Changed the World.

Botzenhart-Viehe has been with the college since 1990.

Weekly Announcments

A partially completed schedule of Tuesday Morning Fellowship meeting dates and speakers for the spring semester is as follows: Feb. 2, Joe Hopkins; Feb. 9, Hope Cummins; Feb. 16, Floyd Zehr; Feb. 23, Camila Lopez; Mar. 2, Timothy Wooster; Mar. 16, 23, 30; Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27; and May 4. Other speakers will be announced at a later date.

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We will have an organizational meeting for all Westminster women interested in participating in track. We will meet at the Fieldhouse in the classroom on February 1, (Monday) at 4:00 PM. No practice - just organization. If you can't be at the meeting but are still interested in being on the club, please e-mail me or call at 7250 and leave a message.

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The School for Field Studies has information on environmental field programs around the world. Call Jackie Meade (CC).

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The YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, a conference center located in the mountains of western North Carolina, is currently seeking both supervisory and non-supervisory staff to work in the following departments for the summer of 1999: food services, guest services, maintenance, conferences services, housekeeping, aquatics, environmental education, gift shop, crafts, and child care. All positions are paid. Further information is available at ILUCKBRA@aol.com or (808) 669-8422. Website is www.blueridgeassembly.org.

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Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade (CC).

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The College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania is offering an internship award for students of color. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full time in a Pennsylvania college or university, have reached sophomore status, and be a member of a racial minority. March 1 is the deadline to submit applications, available at (CC).

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Choate Rosemary Hall, an independent, coeducational secondary school located in Wallingford, Conn., is offering a summer teaching internship. Interns assist two senior teachers in two major courses, live in a dorm as a house advisor, supervise an afternoon athletic program for two days a week, and supervise off-campus social trips. See Jackie Meade (CC).

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The First Church of God on Euclid Ave. in New Castle is currently searching for a youth intern. This paid position has a negotiable salary based on 15 to 20 hours per week. Interested students should send a resume and references to: Joyce Houk, 12 W. Euclid Ave., New Castle PA 16105.

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SPORTS

Swim team beats Grove City in non-division game

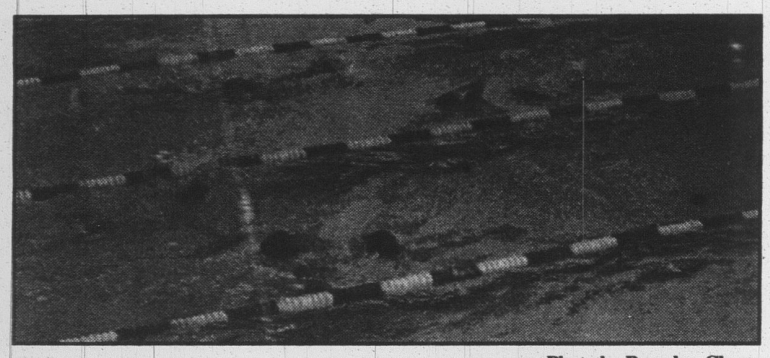

Photo by Brandon Cleary
The swim team triumphed against Grove City.

By Mark McKenzie
STAFF WRITER

The Titan swim teams took a short deviation from their regular GLIAC schedule to conquer the long-time rival, Grove City Wolverines, at Grove City last Thursday.

The Titan men overwhelmed the competition, posting a 117-76 triumph, while the lady Titans equally bruised their foe, at 138-96.

Head Coach Rob Klamut said he was satisfied with the performance of both teams.

"Even though we've switched over to the GLIAC, we're still trying to keep some long-standing rivalries alive with the Westminster swim team, and one of our biggest rivalries is definitely Grove City," he said. "Last night we saw some outstanding times on both the men's and women's teams."

The swim teams' times were indeed outstanding. The men's team charged out of the gate at the starting gun and never looked back. Junior Dave Gesacion harnessed a pair of individual victories in both the 50 and 100 freestyle. Freshman Brian Lytle also captured two convincing wins in the 500 and 1000 freestyle. Other winners included Greg McAtee in the 200 freestyle, Glenn Giles in the 200 butterfly, and Kurt Rotthoff in the 200 breaststroke. Greg McAtee, Kurt Rotthoff, Mike McPeak, and Brian Lytle also teamed up to achieve an equally notable victory in the 400 medley relay.

The Lady Titans cut through the water with unbridled fury, surprising many at how completely they dominated the Wolverines.

"It was predicted that the women's meet would be particularly close," said Klamut. "But the women really stepped it up and swam well to beat a strong Grove City squad soundly."

Sophomore Kelly Vernal blazed through the 200 breaststroke and 200 individual medley, posting victories in both. Freshman Gretchen Burwinkel also grabbed wins in the 500 and 1000 freestyle. Other winners included Jaime Sell in the 200 freestyle, Chrissy Jardine in the 200 butterfly, and Sarah Weaver in the 200 backstroke. The combination of Sarah Weaver, Kelly Vernal, Chrissy Jardine, and Steph Dawson also grabbed a key victory in the 400 medley relay.

Over the break, both teams scored victories against Rollins College Jan. 9. The men won by a count of 116.5 to 70.5 and the women's team snatched a 122-81 win. On Jan. 16, the Titans battled the Tartans of Carnegie Mellon but unfortunately fell short. The men suffered a 119-84 defeat and the women were beaten 115-90.

The Titans also took a training trip to Florida over the break that Klamut described as "very successful." With that training, and a big win against Grove City, the Titans seem in good position to contend for a conference title. Being four weeks away from the GLIAC championship, Klamut said that the Titans are in the "final phase" of their season.

"We'll be changing our training up by cutting back on our workload, focusing more on race strategy, pacing, and fine tuning parts of our races."

Klamut also said he's optimistic about the rest of the season.

"Since the Rollin's meet, both teams are swimming incredibly fast times for this point in our season," he said.

Lady Titans struggle in tough league games

By Coley Donegan
STAFF WRITER

Following disappointing league losses to Saginaw Valley, Northwood, Lake Superior, Hillsdale, and Findlay over semester break, the Lady Titans basketball team watched their losing streak stretch to 10 games and their overall record slip to 1-12 and 0-9 in the GLIAC.

Despite the losses, several players posted solid performances during their two weeks of play.

On Jan. 5, the Titans were on the road facing Saginaw Valley. In the 80-44 loss, junior Becky Snyder netted a team high 10 points, while freshman Omadee Curry led the team in rebounds with five.

In a 79-49 home loss to Northwood Jan. 7, senior guard Jonelle Kish tallied 11 points to lead Westminster as senior center Karin Urbaniak grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

The ladies were in action at home again two days later against the powerful Lake Superior State. Despite a disappointing 80-37 loss, freshman guard Robin Thayer set a new career-high with 16 points on 7-19 shooting in 36 minutes of play.

Following this game, the team took to the road in the middle of an ice storm for a three-day trip, during which they faced Hillsdale and Findlay.

The Lady Titans were topped 74-49 at Hillsdale on Thursday the 14th before falling 80-49 to Findlay on Saturday the 16th.

In the loss to Hillsdale, Thayer was the lone Lady Titan to score in double-figures, posting a team-high 11 points. Once again freshman forward Omadee Curry came off the bench to snare a team-best eight rebounds.

During Saturday's contest at Findlay, Thayer and Kish teamed to lead the squad with 12 points each, while Curry again grabbed six boards to lead all rebounders. The Lady Titans shot 100% from the free throw line.

The team snapped its losing streak Jan. 19 when they defeated backyard rival Grove City 71-59. After leading by only two at the half, the Titans came out on fire, outscoring Grove City 42-32 in the last 20 minutes of play.

The game saw Thayer, Kish, and Urbaniak all post double figures in scoring with 19, 14, and 12 respectively. Kish and Thayer also grabbed six rebounds each to lead the team in its second victory of the season.

In their losses over the break, the team suffered from the absence of senior leader Dena Streit, who was out for all five games due to a variety of injuries. Streit came back strong in the Grove City victory, however, to contribute to the team in scoring and leadership.

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UNTREATED DEPRESSION
#1 Cause of Suicide

Men's basketball team picks up pair of victories

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team picked up two victories over the break. But these wins over Michigan-Dearborn and Lake Superior were offset by five losses, one at home and four away from Ridl Gymnasium.

The Titans started the break at Heidelberg College for the Tiffin Kiwanis Holiday Classic. In an 86-78 loss to non-conference opponent Huntington (Ind.), four Westminster players scored in double-digits. Henry Klinar scored 16 points while Andy Wormsley added 14. Sophomore Chad Phillips chipped in 13, and team scoring leader Ryan Sturgess scored 11.

In the consolation game of the tournament, Andy Wormsley scored 16 points and earned All-Tournament honors as the Titans defeated Michigan-Dearborn 68-55. Leading rebounder Bryan Conrad got a double-double, scoring 12 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in the win. Sturgess again chipped in with 15 points.

After New Year's, the Titans returned to games against GLIAC opponents. Their next game at Saginaw Valley State was delayed several days due to bad weather. Finally, thanks to 30 Titan turnovers, the Cardinals beat Westminster 75-67. Wormsley again led the Titans' attack with 21 points. Klinar added 14 points, and Sturgess tacked on 12.

Not even a return to Ridl Gymnasium could help the Titans against GLIAC North leader Northwood. The Titans led by six at halftime after holding Northwood to 29 percent shooting.

But the Timberwolves scored 52 points in the second half to grab an 82-67 victory. Wormsley was again the leading scorer with 20 points. Klinar added 14 points, Phillips tallied 13, and Sturgess totaled 12.

Finally, the Titans got back on the winning track against Lake Superior with a 78-74 home win. Wormsley continued to play well, scoring 20 points, but Sturgess led the team with 21. Klinar added on 13 points and Conrad scored 12.

The Titans then took to the road against the Hillsdale Chargers. Klinar led the Titans with 16 points and 12 rebounds in a close 70-69 loss after trailing by four at halftime. Sturgess added 14 points, J.P. Masczak scored 13, and Wormsley tallied 11.

At Findlay, the Oilers won their 10th straight home game defeating Westminster 82-71. The Titans got within three points (65-62) with 2:10 left after trailing by 14. But the Oilers went on a 7-0 run and earned a victory.

Sturgess led the Titans with 22 points. Wormsley chipped in with 17 points, and Masczak added on 11 to drop the Titans' mark to 8-7, 4-5 GLIAC.

Mihok earns college's first NCAA postgraduate scholarship

Senior defensive tackle Brian Mihok has been selected as one of just 13 NCAA Division II and III football players nationwide to be selected to receive an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. He is the first football player in Westminster history to be awarded the $5,000 scholarship, which can be used for postgraduate study at the university or professional school of his choice. Mihok plans to follow in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Gerald Mihok, and attend medical school beginning in the Fall of 1999.

Mihok, a two-year letterman for the Titan football program, made an immediate impact in his first season starting at defensive tackle in 1997. He posted totals of 61 solo tackles and 29 assists for 90 total tackles (good for fourth on the team) while adding five pass breakups, one interception and one fumble recovery. Westminster finished the 1997 campaign with an overall record of 9-2, including the program's record 17th NAIA National Playoff appearance. Following the regular season, he was tabbed to the Mid-States Football Association (MSFA) All-Conference Honorable Mention team. In 1998, Mihok recorded 38 solo tackles, 24 assists two pass breakups, three tackles for losses and one sack for the Titans in their inaugural season in the NCAA Division II MIFC Conference.

Academically, Mihok has been every bit as impressive. He currently holds a cumulative grade-point average of 3.849 on a 4.0 scale majoring in biology. Mihok is a Westminster Scholar (a $5,000 per year scholarship recipient) and a Dean's List student. Earlier this season, Mihok was one of just 10 Division II players nationwide to be selected as a Burger King Scholar Athlete of the Week.

For Mihok's efforts both on the field and in the classroom, he was lauded with numerous national conference and local honors following both campaigns. He is a two-time GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America College Division selection (1998 First Team, 1997 Second Team) on the defensive line, while also earning GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District II First Team laurels both years. Mihok was also selected as an MIFC Scholar-Athlete in 1998 and an NAIA Scholar-Athlete and MSFA Conference Scholar-Athlete in 1997.

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OPINION

Question of the week

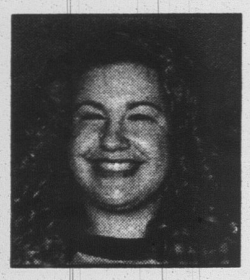
Should Westminster hold classes on nationally celebrated holidays such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Labor Day, etc.?

Janis Whalen, sophomore "No, we should have it off as a memory for those the holiday celebrates."

Brad Dell, freshman "No. For some reason (probably a good one), the government thought it necessary to place the business of the nation at a hault. Why don't we?"

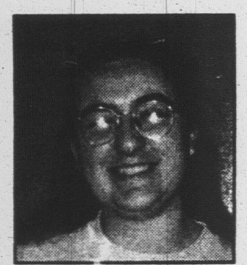
Nathan Rodgers, freshmen "No. It's a holiday."

Vic Kaplack, junior "No because I don't want to have class."



Sarah Malanowsky, freshman "I think we should follow the example of other schools.

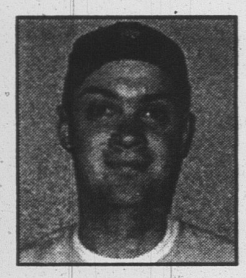
JD Maszozak, sophomore "I say no. I mean it's understood that holidays are a time for a break and to just relax and reflect on what the holidays are about.



Holly Love, freshman "We should close when the post office closes."

Katie Brentzel, sophomore "No, if we celebrate a holiday like Christmas, we should celebrate all of the holidays."

Melissa Nalli, senior "I think yes, but if we DO celebrate one we should celebrate them all."



Jason Ingersoll, senior "No, I think if it's enough for our government to set aside these days as national holidays, our educational institutions should as well."

Tom Gainor, freshmen "Yes, 'cause you can show your appreciation for those days in other ways while school is still going on. You can still celebrate."

Photos by Kristen Kress

Our View: MLK day handled well

With the incredible amount of publicity the college received on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, everyone basically knows what happened. However, congratulations are in order for a number of people who have helped the campus deal with the fuss over the federal holiday.

First, the Black Student Union must be recognized for planning the march around campus and the time for sharing in the chapel. The spirited march proved that apathy does not grip every student on campus.

We also have to admire Dr. Betsy Ford and Dr. William McTaggart for joining the student protest. It was encouraging to see professors support a cause they believe in despite colleagues' disapproval.

The inquiry professors also deserve a round of applause for spending the day discussing King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail." If no one else was able to incorporate King or the civil rights movement into their curriculum, then at least the freshman learned something about the history of the holiday.

President Williamson must be commended for his interaction with students and the press. Williamson presented the college in a positive light without making the students who participated in the march look bad.

He also attended the BSU's events as well as the Powers Program events. Although the calendar could not be changed at the last minute for this year, Williamson's presence showed his appreciation for students' concerns.

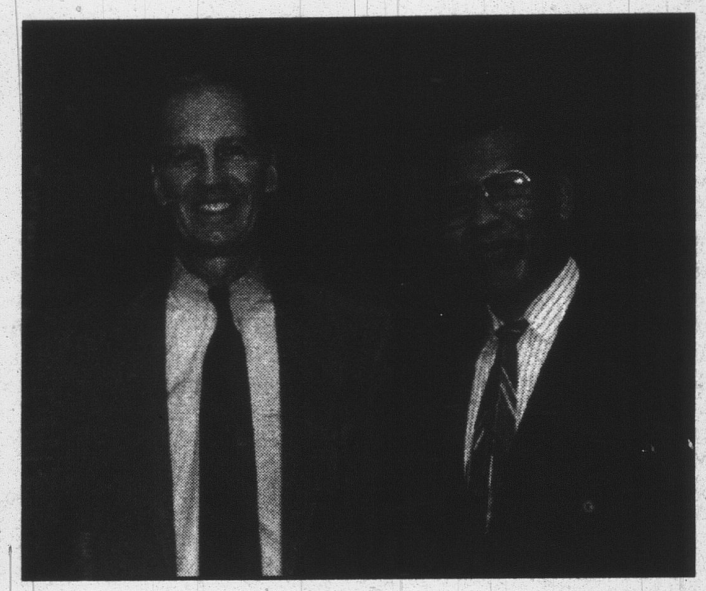


Photo by Laura Butchy

President Williamson welcomes Rev. Ralph Newell.

Rev. Philip King also presented a nice program featuring Rev. Ralph T.F. Newell, pastor of the Greater Morris Chapel of Farrell and a Powers Program speaker in Youngstown.

The best result of the holiday was the meeting between Williamson, the COC, and students to discuss the way the college should celebrate the holiday.

Students and faculty agreed that the college should consider changing the class schedule to reflect all federal holidays. As we heard someone else phrase it, "We disrespect all the holidays equally."

If some sort of policy change is made to include the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, then a change needs to be made with Labor Day, too. If not, we hope to see forty faculty members marching across campus in September singing, "We Shall Overcome."

Hopefully, MLK Day will include more educating about the civil rights movement in the future.

For example, the majority of students would not be able to quote anything King said beyond "I have a dream." Screening the actual speech in the chapel would offer students the opportunity to see what inspired students of King's generation.

Of course, King is not the only important figure in civil rights. Watching any number of historical or popular movies could open up discussion among students about why we celebrate the holiday.

Westminster World

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Many Westminster students may already know that several residence hall rooms were broken into during Thanksgiving break of the 1998-1999 school year. Unfortunately, I am one of the victims whose personal space had been violated.

On moving day in the fall, I noticed that the screen door latch on my window was bent, preventing me from locking the window. That same day, I asked my resident assistant if he could place a work order to have the window fixed; he said he would, but physical plant never showed up to fix the broken latch.

Upon returning to my room after Thanksgiving break, I noticed that my second home had been broken into, with the perpetrator(s) gaining access through the window. With the arrival of campus security, both the security guard and the residence director of Eichenauer tested the screen door and were able to pop it open using a ball point pen. The Assistant Dean of Campus Security assured me that someone would check to see if there was ever a work order placed to have my window fixed. I have yet to hear the result. The Assistant Dean of Campus Security also informed me that the college would not be responsible for the robberies and no form of compensation would be made.

It is a fact that the residence assistants on campus along with the physical plant department are entities of the college and are employed by the college. Therefore, it is easy for anyone to understand that the college is indeed at fault and should be held responsible. Based on the college's actions, it has become clear to me that this institution does not care about this incident and I encourage all students to be aware that Westminster College's number one priority is itself.

Jason K. Jaskey

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Justin Craig's letter in the last issue [Dec. 3] of The *Holcad*. Once again, someone has taken it upon himself to attack the Binge Drinking Task Force. Frankly, as a member of the task force and someone who has seen the serious effects of binge drinking, I am tired of these attacks. Furthermore, I wish that before people publicly attack the organizations, views, or administration on this campus, they would check their facts.

Granted, alcohol, among other substances, has always been abundant on college campuses. However, the fact that something has always been around does not make it good, or even okay. But whether or not drinking is okay is not the issue here. Mr. Craig said that "instead of trying to eliminate drinking, why not institute programs that teach people how to drink responsibly?" Good point. Enter, Binge Drinking Task Force. If Mr. Craig had asked beforehand, he would have been informed that the BDTF's primary objective from the start has been not to eliminate drinking completely, but rather to eliminate the abuse of alcohol (ie. "killing a bottle of hard alcohol"). Hence the name, **BINGE** Drinking Task Force.

Furthermore, is it coincidence that an off-campus party was busted that same night? It must have been since it was state, not local, police who did the "busting."

Finally, I want to address one last comment that Mr. Craig made. Mr. Craig asked, "What else is there to do on this campus?" Let's see: How about watching a movie, going to the new coffee house and listening to some music, attending the shows given in the Down Under, going ice-skating or bowling, or just hanging out with your friends sober. I am not about to tell you that I never drink. Frankly, I enjoy having a few beers socially on occasion. In fact, I've probably had a few with you, Justin. But my social life is not dependent on drinking. And to suggest that mine, or anyone else's on this campus is, seems insulting to me. So, please, have a few beers socially if you please. You are twenty-one and old enough to make your own decisions. But don't attack a campus organization that is attempting to educate students, as well as to prevent serious illness and possibly death, because you are misinformed.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Boyd-Morin, senior

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Dear Editor,

The December 24th issue of *The Globe Leader* contained a letter regarding boycotting of clases at Westminster College because the college holds classes on Martin Luther King Day. The boycott is being led by the Black Student Union and questions the college's image of multiculturalism and diversity.

After reading the letter I wondered why the college would permit a "Black Student Union" on campus. Isn't this racist? I also wondered if there is a White Student Union, a Mexican Student Union, a Jewish Student Union, etc.

It is my understanding that the college holds classes on President's Day, Columbus Day, and Veteran's Day. Are the students boycotting this practice?

And, finally, I am wondering if the students have considered that the minority movement has had on justice in this country. As they study history they will find that, unfortunately, man's inhumanity to man has been prevalent througout the ages. It cannot be absolved by giving preferential treatment to any one group of people. Two wrongs don't make a right.

My appeal to the students of Westminster and all the colleges across the land is to transfer their energies from boycotting to working at understanding their neighbor and learning about the universal laws of abundance, karma, and love. Mankind's future depends on it.

Sincerely,
Nancy Hutchison

Dear Justin:

[Re: Dec. 3 issue]

As has been stated many times, the Binge Drinking Task Force is not targeting drinking, but rather binge drinking - the behavior that leads to traffic fatalities, broken families, lost careers, and a host of other avoidable outcomes of alcohol abuse. Rest comfortably that no one is out to put an end to your drinking.

Regarding your comment about the "bust" in town. Again, you can put your mind to rest that neither I or anyone else in the Office of Student Affairs had anything to do with the police intervention. Rarely, if ever, are we apprised of undercover operations off campus by the state's Liquor Control Board. The same holds for on-campus undercover work by State enforcement agencies. They, for obvious reasons, work very clandestinely and will carefully avoid communicating with others about their work.

My understanding of what occurred in town was the result of a party that must have gotten out of hand. Someone whose privacy was disturbed probably contacted either the police or LCB. I have since learned that the renters of that apartment had hosted several parties during the year prior to this confrontation. The LCB does not swoop down on a party without having received prior complaints.

Moreover, the Office of Student Affairs is not in the business of spying on or reporting to legal authorities the actions of its students. In fact, Dean Darlington has spent more time accompanying our students to court over the years than you would ever care to imagine. He is the first to step in when we learn of a student's arrest. We serve as advocates to our students and will do all we can to assist them through the legal process. It's no day in the park for anyone, believe me.

The lesson in all of this is that enforcement agencies work separate and apart from our college. They respond when requested by the community to do so. Westminster can not and will not stand in the way of those agencies. The college expects of its students, who represent this institution, what I presume you expect of yourself - that we abide by the standards set by the communities in which we live.

I encourage you to speak with Chief Hanna about what occurred in town. He may have more information than I.

Sincerely,

Neal Edman
Dean of Student Affairs

Dear Editor:

Let me begin this letter by thanking all who attended the Alpha Psi Omega fall production of *Prom Queens Unchained*. Your support was greatly appreciated, and we only hope you enjoyed the show. Over the two-day, three-performance weekend, approximately 600 students, faculty, parents and friends attended. While the attendance numbers were a surprise to all, an even bigger surprise was a group that did not attend. It was both surprising and saddening that not one single instructor in the Department of Music attended the show. I feel this is a problem that cannot go unnoticed. Something must be said.

I must say there was a lack of support for this production by the Department of Music from the beginning. When I first decided to submit this show for production in June, I phoned both Drs. Starr and Broeker, simply asking for their feedback on the idea of a musical. I received no reply. I went ahead and submitted the show and received approval. That was in September. Rehearsals began and ran through the autumn months. The Department of Music kept quiet. Then, one week prior to opening night, I was told through a member of the production crew that Dr. Broeker was upset with the show. It seems she was concerned for those students in the show that had to sing at Christmas Vespers. Finally, the department speaks! I only wish she had expressed these concerns back in June.

The show opened in "previews" two days prior to opening night. Those persons who could not attend the actual performances were invited by the cast and crew to see the show. The show opened with a midnight performance on 4 December. A matinee and evening performance followed on 5 December. These performances, coupled with the two preview shows, totals five performances. Now, I am certain the instructors were busy with Christmas Vespers, the trip to Europe, music juries, etc. However, there were five performances in which to catch a glimpse of this show. It is because of that number that I cannot comprehend why no one from the department attended. Perhaps they just did not feel it to be worth their time.

Although I am upset at these recent events, I won't lose sleep over it. I suppose the reason I am writing this letter is for my cast. They were so looking forward to showing their talents to the very people that taught them what they know. Each performance, cast members asked around to see if any of their professors were at the production. Each time they asked, they were simply told "no." As teachers, you get paid to educate. It would seem to me that you would be proud of the students you teach, that you would want to watch them showcase their talents. It boggles the mind that you avoided us like the plague from day one. I understand there is bad blood between the Music and Communication/Theater Departments, but this production was student-run. I don't think there is any excuse to your actions other than you just did not care. What a slap in the face to those who look up to you.

Sincerely,
Stephen Dovutovich
Senior
Director, Prom Queens Unchained

OU professor touched by King's dedication

By David Altstadt
The Post (Ohio U.)

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio The year was 1954 - the same year Brown vs. Board of Education outlawed segregation in schools. But the Supreme Court case still was struggling to change state laws.

A third-grade boy saw a sign posted near local courthouse bathrooms and drinking fountains in a southern state far from his small West Virginian town.

It read: "Whites only."

At the time, the boy was unaware of the racial tensions surrounding him. He was an average kid who fought his fights with his fists. Little did he know, his life was about to take a drastic change.

After reading the posted sign, Thomas Hodges looked at segregation with a "playground temperament."

"I thought to myself, 'That's just not fair,'" said Hodges, now an Ohio University associate professor of journalism.

Hodges watched his local school integrate slowly. As an adolescent, he attentively watched the coverage of bus boycotts on television. He attended speeches and marched in parades.

For him, protesting racism made sense.

"The difference between blacks and whites is only skin deep," he said.

Hodges said Martin Luther King Jr. taught him how to protest discrimination peacefully. The nonviolent approach was hard to swallow at first because of his bad temperament, he said, but he soon realized the need to love those racists that despised the cause.

"If King had not come around, I probably would be in jail right now," he said with a grin.

During the time when businesses still refused service on the basis of race, Hodges worked against discrimination through his college organizations, he said. He was kicked out of clubs and lost friends for holding firm to his nonracist beliefs, Hodges said.

"I would not stand for a group that would not allow African Americans to join our group or friends that would not let blacks play on our football team," he said.

Now as a professor, Hodges encourages his students always to act in a nonprejudice way.

"Resolve first never to act personally on the basis of prejudices," he said.

Today's discrimination is more subtle than the legal segregation years ago, he said. With the assassinations of King, John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, Hodges said he was heartbroken because he finally believed the country was on the right track politically and socially only to have someone change that with a gun.

"I see all the changes we were going to make and realize that we still have a long way to go," he said.

King not worthy of national holiday, day off

By Mark Pritzlaff
The State News (Michigan State U.)

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — Another year, and another Martin Luther King Jr. Day at MSU.

However, this year was markedly different from those in the past. For the first time, classes were canceled to allow students "to pay tribute" to King. Once again, good intentions set the stage for dreadful results. This action was wrong and should be exposed for the sham it is.

Yes, the first argument the leftists will try to make is that it was necessary to cancel class so the MSU community could celebrate King's life. Who are these people trying to fool?

Let's face it. For a majority, the King celebration began at noon when people actually woke up. Next, the celebration continued throughout the day with multiple viewings of Jerry Springer. Finally, the camaraderie was capped off at night with a pizza delivery or two. What a fitting tribute indeed.

Almost all people sat on their duffs and enjoyed the day off. They did not take part in any special events.

This reason alone should have killed the pure thought of getting the day off. However, the administration couldn't care less about reality. Yes, the administration decided to avoid the charges of racism and bigotry by giving in to the various minority groups that lobbied for the day off.

How many more days are we going to get off? How many more special interest groups need to be satisfied? At the current trend, St. Patrick's Day and Flag Day may be up for grabs, too. Also, I am sure that if anyone besides the tree-huggers and environmentalists knew when Arbor Day was we could get that off as well.

Look, if MSU is going to institute more days off, then at least pick more important people to honor. Sad but true, there are Americans who did so much more for America than Martin Luther King Jr. ever could have.

For example, the Founding Fathers created this great nation that allowed King to speak and protest. Yes, these slave-owning Founding Fathers did have some good to them. Without these intellectual giants, freedom and democracy would be nothing but ideas — not reality.

Over the years, liberals have elevated King to position of near sainthood. They have blurred reality, thus making it look like the world would have ended if King had not lived. The man was not perfect, and indeed had his fair share of personal problems.

The most-documented and talked-about would be that of King's trouble with women. The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, King's successor to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, revealed in his memoirs that King spent the night before he was killed in a sexual liaison with a female friend.

Also, it has been known for years that the FBI frequently investigated King. Numerous liberals claim that this was just another tactic by "white racists" to try to destroy King and his movement. In reality, the FBI was investigating close aides of King who had communist ties. Many details of the investigation can be found in David Garrow's 1983 book "The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr."

Like any man, he had his flaws. It is shear stupidity to look only at certain parts of a person in order to make a fair historical assessment.

By this point, I have been branded a racist and another "evil white male." In reality, there is nothing that could be father from the truth. I truly believe that Martin Luther King Jr. did contribute a great deal toward all Americans, especially blacks.

However, does anyone out there truly believe that King himself would have supported the day off? The answer can only be no!

The Second Annual Variety Show

is scheduled for

Friday, February 12th, 1999

at 7:00 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

Dr. McTaggart MC's the PCMEA sponsored event.

Tickets will be available at the door.
$2 with ID and $3 without.

Resolving to resolve some resolutions

For 1999 to be the most productive, exhilarating, and critically acclaimed year possible, I've decided that I need to come up with a blueprint that could lead to a year of satisfaction and personal triumph, catapulting 1999 into that fabled "Super Year" stratosphere where few other years dare to tread. In order to achieve such glory, I concluded that a collection of well-pondered-over New Year's resolutions would be the most effective method to achieving such desired ends. Therefore, I have carefully constructed this list of resolutions that promise nothing less then three hundred and sixty-five days of pure goodness with all the delicious fixins.

Wear more sunglasses, strut more.

I really need to look like I'm making a "happenin' scene". I figure if I strut more and bob my head around violently, while pointing in the general direction of people I probably don't know, I'll look like the slickest hombre on the scene. Then everybody will think I'm headed to the hottest party on the planet even if I'm just going to coat my garage with polysynthetic butter.

Showcase my stylish underpants.

Seriously, I think I have some phenomenal pairs of underpants that nobody's ever seen because "society" says I have to wear pants all the time. But just maybe I'll wear my pants really loose so that they "just happen" to "accidentally" fall down in public. Then I'll just soak in all the admiration and accolades as onlookers "ooh" and "ahh" over my wonderful underpants.

Quit gambling on professional soccer.

Who hasn't, at some point in their lives, fallen for the undeniable allure to the glitz and glamour of professional soccer? But there comes a time when it's just not feasible to put any more cash down on those unpredictable chaps of the Pittsburgh Spirit.

Keep not wearing overalls.

As far as I can tell, I am not currently an R&B superstar, nor do I regularly perform various versions of "Farmer in the Dell" at grammar school ice cream socials. To wear overalls without involving myself in either of these activities would undoubtedly ignite a political firestorm that could rock this nation to its very foundations. Secret note- I'm currently working on a cut with Wrex-In-Effex and the Zack Attack for the soundtrack to the new Muppet Babies movie.

Yell "Chow Time!" and vigorously pump fist in the air before eating.

I used to be a big fan of grasping a knife and a fork in each fist, bashing them violently on the table, and chanting "Grub, grub, grub, grub..." at the top of my lungs. But apparently certain corporate bigwigs and their immense capacity for double talkin' jive don't appreciate such consumption enthusiasm at the dinner table. Hence, I've settled on a nice controlled fist pump accompanied by a quick and spirited tip of the hat to my fine chef and dinner staff.

Use more phrases that imply satisfaction or excitement in every situation.

I will utilize statements such as the often overlooked "Uh-huh", the classic and always appealing "That's the stuff!", and the blue ribbon prize winner for Most Promising New Artist at the 1972 Satisfying Phrases and Artificial Fish Expo in beautiful downtown Eugene, Oregon: "Now we're peelin' carrots!" to express satisfaction or excitement in whatever situation I happen to find myself in. Even if I'm really just shoveling sewage out of an abandoned mine with an old hollowed-out cat skull.

VIEW POINTS

Across Campus: In class exercise is an eye opener

The following excerpts are from a Journalism II in-class assignment, given by Mr. Jim Raykie. Students were asked this question and asked to respond: If Dr. King were to come to your hometown, and look around and listen, what would he say about the nature of race relations in 1999?

Emily Thomas

Butler isn't a lily-white community, but it may as well be. There isn't a lot of diversity in the municipality. If Dr. King were to come to Butler, PA, I think that he would approve of the race relations in the city. However, this is an opinion coming from a 20-year-old white girl who is open-minded.

The high school graduates about 600 students per year, and only about 15% of them are non-white students. This isn't because of discrimination; the numbers just aren't there. During my four years of high school, I was never a witness to racial problems - minor or otherwise. Dr. King would be proud of the students and teachers I believe.

I suppose that the community has a long way to go with race relations, but what community doesn't? Of course there are areas of the town that are principally black and a little run-down, but there are also areas of town that are populated with expensive homes that house black families. The same conditions also exist for white and Indian families.

As a community bordering on being moderate in size, Butler does pretty well in race relations.

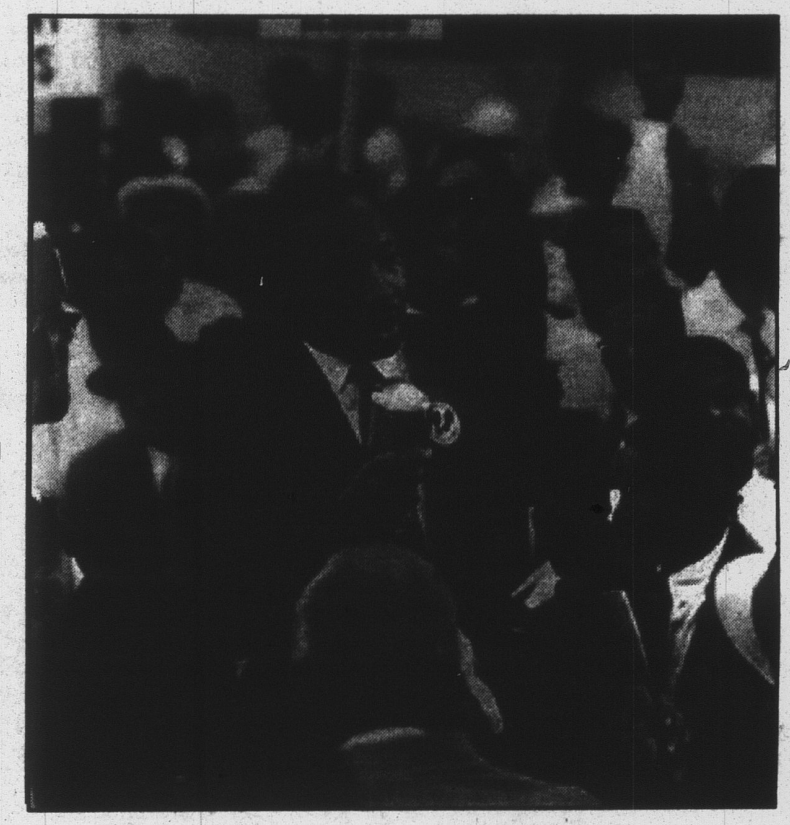
Erin Kirkby

As Martin Luther King, Jr. approaches the Silver Creek exit . . . [t]he first thing [he] notices is a sing that proclaims, "Silver Creek, Home of a lot of Nice People." Little does [he] know that when the town speaks about being nice, they refer to those like themselves.

King stops at the only affordable middle-class restaurant and receives curious and cold stares from customers and staff. He gets seated and waited on but feels under close watch from the "town" people. Even though King's famous speech went down in history, most of the community fails to recognize him and labels him as an outsider.

The high school . . . students and staff look at King with amazement. As the outsider walks down the hall with the principal, all eyes remain focused on his black complexion. As a guest for the school, the students treat him with respect. Silver Creek knows when to keep their comments to themselves or at least at a low volume to where a minority cannot hear. The students and teachers probably learn a lot about slavery, struggle for acceptance and equality, and the events in the 1960s. However, most have been raised by their ancestors to believe that white skin is better than black skin or yellow skin. The overall attitude toward minorities does not change.

After the period bell rings, the teacher accompanies King down the hall to the teacher's lounge. The same students who said they weren't racist shout, "greasy Dago" to an Italian and refer to blacks as "monkeys," as they crack jokes about their race. The Indians congregate on one side of the hall threatening the white boys and girls while they, in retaliation, throw back hurtful names and comments. As King reaches the tollbooth of the Thruway, he thinks about how America has changed and realizes that the laws may have changed but that racism still exists today.



Lindsay McClearn

New Middletown, OH is a small town located approximately 15 minutes outside of the city of Youngstown. Our Springfield Local Schools graduate around 100 students per class each year. Unfortunately if Dr. King would visit the schools he would immediately be pinned as the "outsider" because of his looks. It is almost impossible not give a second glance to a new face, let alone if the individual is of a different race. It is a shame this would happen, but the town has been geographically secluded for so long that anyone considered to be different is not welcomed by some.

Ignorance is the basis for racial tensions. Many people in my town do not agree with the obvious split of society which has occurred, but there are those who despise the thought of "their" little town becoming a home for someone who is different in their eyes.

Maybe the future will find my little town opening into the arms of interracial mixing. Maybe someday those who are of a different race will be able to claim their home in New Middletown. For now, however, this is only a thought. For now, those who are ignorant in a domineering way will continue to make people of a different race who try to call New Middletown home feel uncomfortable and unwanted. As the saying goes, "it only takes one bad apple to spoil the bunch." Dr. King would leave knowing some of society is still ignorant.

Autumn Mentzer

When I think of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I not only think of the civil rights leader and Negro activist, but I think on a non-violent man who acknowledged every race, denomination, and person who has been inflicted by the wrath of discrimination. As I watch Dr. King walk around Kennedy Square in downtown New Castle, his face frowns as the sight of segregation and poverty that still exist in a town whose population consists largely of black civilians. In town, violence and despair are still evident among the places where blacks reside. Although blacks and whites are seen walking and talking together, it is apparent that neither race truly embraces the other.

As he approaches the West Side of downtown, it occurs to him that racism and ignorance still plague a town that was once a booming manufacturer. Projects and slums are predominantly filled with blacks who are still discriminated against because of the color of their skin. In a nation where racism still exists, it is evident to King that New Castle still contains individuals who are unable to work together.

Darcie Yobp

If Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spend a day in Logan's Ferry Heights I think he be disheartened by many inhabitants' racism, but would be pleased to find kindred spirits, many of them members of a new generation.

I live in a neighborhood completely composed of white people. Many residents are old and stuck in their narrow-minded ways. They live in great fear of 'the blacks' from New Kensington (a slowly dying town about a mile away) invading, bringing crime, drugs, noise, and trouble into their white suburbia.

Some of these fears are substantiated. New Kensington's crime rate is much higher than the isolated Logan's Ferry. Drugs are not uncommon and poverty is high. Unsubstantiated is the undercurrent of hatred; racism is still very alive in many of my neighbors.

Growing up, I was always slightly concerned about bringing black friends home with me. Although no physical harm would come to them, I could never be sure that neighbors or passers-by would not harass my friends. And my God help the black person who happened onto 'the Hill,' as Logan's Ferry is referred to, on his own. A thorough interrogation can always be expected, even from the police officers who live there.

But as I have great respect for Dr. King, I am fairly sure that we would no overlook the rising minority (of youth, especially) who have broken through their parents' and grandparents' stereotypical bigotry. Though he may be saddened to see the stagnancy of 'the Hill's' elderly, I think he would still have great hope and confidence in its youth.

Katie Brentzel

"I Have A Dream." The title alone allows the reader to see that in this most famous speech, Martin Luther King Jr. not only was attempting to make the public aware of racial equality, he was trying to express that for all of those concerned, majority or minority, there was an optimistic ray of light.

Now, 36 years later, I am willing to say that if King were to appraise the racial equality of my hometown, some of the optimism would diminish. Looking at Harrison City through Dr. King's eyes, he would see a primarily Caucasian community, with a few colored families segregated into one section of town. I feel this would be a huge disappointed to him. Is it the white people who make the people of color feel unwelcome, or is it that there is a certain amount of safety and comfort that comes from surrounding oneself with familiarity and similarity. Either way, someone isn't making the effort. Are no race relations bad race relations? The fact that no one is making the effort clearly suggests that relations leave much to be desired.

I also feel King would look to the past in order to measure the progress of the present. I do feel we have come a considerable distance regarding race relations. But is the definition of race relation tolerance, ignorance, or a quality community environment? I feel Dr. King would see my community as taking the easy way out and not dealing with the issue.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Weekend includes second annual Mardi Gras festivities

By Beth Nastal
COPY EDITOR

Beginning at 6:00 tonight, in lobby and mezzanine of Orr Auditorium, the Student Alumni Association hosts its annual Mardi Gras celebration. With the overwhelming attendance of almost 700 people at Mardi Gras '98, the SAA once again brings members of the community to our campus. Students, faculty, children, and local schools are welcome to attend and enjoy the activities of a New Orleans Mardi Gras festival. Activities include carnival booths sponsored by campus organizations, a place for games and refreshments, Mardi Gras mask decorating and judging, a strolling magician and balloon artist, live broadcasting from 89 FM. The celebration also includes live band performances, including the Clarks, who take the state at 8:30 p.m.

History of Mardi Gras:
A French explorer, Pierre le Moyne, who established settlements in the Louisiana territory, first mentioned Mardi Gras. In 1699, Moyne and other French explorers that were camped along the Mississippi River, celebrated the French holiday of Mardi Gras.

The term, Mardi Gras, means "Fat Tuesday." Fat Tuesday is designated as the last day before the Christian season of Lent, and Fat Tuesday celebrations are held to say "farewell to flesh." Mardi Gras falls on February 16 this year, but the Mardi Gras season begins two weeks before then.

The New Orleans masked balls and parties associated with Mardi Gras began in 1718 with the French. Once the Spanish government took over, however, the parties and street dancing were banned. However, the right to party in mask was restored in 1827, when Americans took control.

Traditions:
The balls held during Mardi Gras are private and formal affairs for the "krewe." Krewes are masquerading groups traveling through different parts of New Orleans in their own parade.

Admiring the krewe, women dress in ball gowns with hopes of receiving a "call-out" card. If fortunate enough to receive a card, the woman waits her turn to dance with the krewe member who sent her the card.

Attendance at the older, more aristocratic balls is by invitation only. In the past, invitations were die-cut and printed in Paris. Today, invitations continue be colorful and valuable works of art.

The king and queen of Mardi Gras work all year for the spectacular event. Their identities are guarded until the night of the ball.

Throwing trinkets to the crowds began in the early 1870s. Then, in 1884, the King of the Carnival, Rex, began throwing medallions instead of trinkets. The medallions represent the doubloons used today. Doubloons are aluminum and depict the parade's theme on one side and the krewe's emblem on the other. Other popular items thrown during Mardi Gras include stuffed animals, long pearl beads, and bikini underwear.

Another tradition associated with Mardi Gras is the king cake. A cross between a coffeecake and a French pastry, the oval king cake hides a tiny plastic baby inside. The king cake symbolizes the Epiphany; the day the infant Jesus first showed himself to the world. When the king cake is sliced, each person looks to see if his or her piece contains the plastic baby. If so, that person is bound by custom to host the next Mardi Gras party.

The three colors of Mardi Gras; purple, green, and gold; were chosen in 1872 by Mardi Gras King Rex. According to Rex, purple represents justice, green stands for faith, and gold symbolizes power.

Celebration:
More than one million people celebrate Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Sixty-five colorful parades take place during carnival season, along parties, dances, masquerade balls, and concerts. Mardi Gras party-goers fill up 25,000 hotel rooms and generate over $487 million in revenue.

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Kristen's Corner: Roberts delivers in hit film Stepmom

Greetings A & E fans! I am the new A & E Editor, Kristen. I've been working on this section of the Holcad, and I want to know if you love it. I also want to know what entertaining things you do around. So send all the necessary info along with your name and campus extension to Holcad A & E- Box 1605.

Over our exceedingly long Christmas break, I saw about three million movies. Well, maybe not that many, but I saw a lot. My favorites include *Austin Powers*, *The Wedding Singer*, *Pallbearer*, *Phantoms*, *Children of the Corn V*, *Disturbing Behavior*, *Something About Mary*, *The Prince of Egypt*, *Primary Colors*, and the Kevin Smith trio: *Clerks*, *Mallrats*, and *Chasing Amy* (you like one, you have to watch all three).

If you have a car, New Castle offers a few decent movie stores. If you're stuck in New Wilmington, Movies and More can offer less choices but some good flicks.

While on break, I also got to the theater to catch some new movies. The best one I saw was *Stepmom*, starring Julia Roberts, Ed Harris and Susan Sarandon.

Isabel (Julia Roberts) is a young woman attempting to juggle a relationship with her boyfriend Luke (Ed Harris), her new role as a mother figure to his two young children, and her career as a photographer. But the most challenging of all these feats is trying to maintain peace with Jackie (Susan Sarandon), Luke's ex-wife.

Compared to Jackie, Isabel is a complete mess. She is a disaster as a mother who continually tries to make things work with Jackie and the children, with little success.

The actors give respectable performances in this delightful tear-jerker. The producers were aware of the best way to play the audience's heartstrings, plucking a carefully composed song. I loved it!

Foreign Film Festival planned for spring 1999

All films will be shown at 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays, in the Down Under. There is no admission charge. Free popcorn and soft drinks will be served before each show.

The first film of the season is in English, but the theme is an international one. All the rest of the films are subtitled in English. For further information, call Ext. 7259.

Feb. 2: ***Swing Kids*** - A film set in the Nazi-Germany period. In 1939 the government demands conformity from its youth. A group who calls themselves the Swing Kids rebels against this decision by adopting the "swing" music from America. The film stars Robert Sean Leonard (Dead Poets Society) and Christian Bale (Empire of the Sun) as two friends who must choose individual freedom or loyalty to the Third Reich. In English. PG-13 App. 114 minutes.

Feb. 16: ***Murderers Are Among Us*** - A story situated in Germany following the end of World War II. A young woman returns from a concentration camp to find that her apartment is occupied by a doctor, a former officer in the German Army, who is suffering from the traumatic experiences resulting from the atrocities of his superiors. The two form a friendship in an effort to get their lives back to a state of normalcy. This effort is complicated by the encounter with the doctor's former commander who seems to have prospered in the aftermath of the war. In German. B&W. 1946 edition which has been mastered from a new 35mm print. Directed by Wolfgang Staudte. App. 84 min.

March 2: ***Tampopo*** - A satire about food and sex which parodies American westerns and Japanese samurai films. Tampopo is the story of a young widow, who with the aid of a truck driver, attempts to create the perfect bowl of noodles to serve the customers in her restaurant. A film of colorful characters and witty humor. In Japanese. Directed by Juzo Itami. 1988. App. 114 minutes.

March 1: ***Le Chambon*** - A film which deals with the attempts of a small French town to hide Jewish children from the Nazis. The town, Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, was originally inhabited by farmers of Huguenot descent. Having experienced persecution in the past, the villagers, under the leadership of the local pastor, are determined to protect the Jewish children. French with some German on occasions. 1994. App.118 minutes. Winner of International Emmy for Best Drama.

April 6: ***El Super*** - A touching view of Cubans living in New York following their exile during the Castro regime. The film is the story of Roberto, the superintendent of an apartment building housing Cubans, who dreams of his homeland and has great difficulty adjusting to the new culture and to the weather of New York in winter. Spanish. 1979. App. 80 minutes.

The film festival is sponsored by the Department of Modern Languages.

Concerts, comedians part of CPC schedule

By Meghan Duda
STAFF WRITER

What do The Clarks, Browny Mary and Ben Folds Five all have in common? Besides each being the name of a band, all have played at Westminster. Many students have enjoyed the concerts, comedians, and entertainers at the Down Under on weekends.

But who is responsible for booking these events? The Campus Programming Committee, which has been bringing acts to the college for about 10 years.

The entertainment is chosen at the biannual National Association of College Activities conference where numerous bands, comedians, illusionists, and other entertainers gather to perform for college activity organizers.

The CPC is responsible for both the selection of the group and the set-up and clean-up of equipment and necessary props for each show. This committee is also involved in the planning of Lil' Sibs weekend, Marti Gras, and Volley Rock. As a standing committee under SGA, the CPC has about 25 members.

"I only wish there were more people on the committee," said CPC chairman Megan Alrutz. She explained that bands are the most difficult to get ready for, but the committee can always use help.

Besides wishing there were more volunteers, Alrutz also said she would like more people to attend CPC events.

"A lot of people say there isn't a lot to do on the weekend. Well, I know first hand there is," she said.

PA ski areas offer new advantages this winter

Whether you're an experienced skier of snowboarder looking for the excitement of a big mountain, or a non-skier looking for tubing thrills on a downhill run, Pennsylvania ski areas can turn excursions into memories that last a lifetime.

The state's ski areas offer beginner, intermediate, and expert runs as well as snowtube areas, snowboard and terrain parks, halfpipes, and cross-country trails. Overnight accommodations are also available on-site and nearby.

Pennsylvania is ranked as the third largest ski state in the east with an estimated three million skiers. According to the National Ski Areas Association, there are 10.4 million skiers in the United States.

"Two contributing factors to the success of skiing in the state are the price values and the convenience visitors have learned to expect from Pennsylvania resorts," said Gregg Confer, the President of the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association. "A ski vacation in Pennsylvania means skiers spend more time on the snow and less time on the road."

Resorts are scattered throughout the state and are easily accessible by major highways. The majority of the ski areas in the state offer discounts through group vacations, weekday skiing, night skiing, ski club memberships, and ski packages that include special rates on lodging and equipment.

The major factor to the success of skiing in Pennsylvania is the snowmaking capabilities of the ski areas. According to Confer, the ski resorts in the state recognized early on that if they were going to have good quality consistent skiing in Pennsylvania, they had to have powerful snowmaking systems. In fact, many of the state's ski areas have greater snowmaking systems than New England and 24 ski areas in Pennsylvania have 100 percent snowmaking capability to assure quality snow conditions all season long.

Seven Springs Mountain Resort in the Laurel Highlands, near Pittsburgh, remains the largest ski and year-round resort in the state. The numerous amenities that continue to delight guests of all ages at Seven Springs include lounges with nightly entertainment, roller-skating and roller-blading, indoors swimming, miniature golfing, and bowling.

Hidden Valley, near Somerset, will open new terrain this season with the addition of two novice trails, five intermediate slopes and one advanced run in the North Summit area. The North Summit's quad-lift will service the new terrain.

Blue Knob Ski Resort, in the southwestern region of the state, is Pennsylvania's highest skiable mountain (3,172 feet) with terrain like no other area in the mid-Atlantic region. The resort offers 34 slopes and trails. Blue Knob is currently in the first phase of the $3.5 million snowmaking improvements that include an expanded Kinderski Program and training area. The plan also includes a snowtubing park, expanded night skiing, adult ski team racing programs and rental additions.

For a complete list of ski areas in Pennsylvania and all of their amenities call

1-800-VISIT-PA for a free copy of the Pennsylvania Visitors Guide, highway map, and Current Events Guide or call the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association at (717) 443-0963.

American Music Awards honor Billy Joel with Merit Award

By Matt Prossen
STAFF WRITER

The 26th annual American Music Awards were held Jan. 11. Many of the top performers in the music industry were in attendance as winners, entertainers, and presenters. Past AMA award winner Brandy and actress Melissa Joan Hart of the ABC hit "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," co-hosted the ceremonies.

Highlights of the evening included musical performances by some of the hottest stars of today. The Goo Goo Dolls, The Dixie Chicks, and Brandy all sang their newest releases while entertaining the audience.

Another highlight of the awards was the announcement of the 1999 Merit Award winner. This year the award was given to Billy Joel. He was recognized for his 25 years of hard work and dedication to music. During his career Joel has sold over 90 million albums worldwide; however, it is not his musical success that is most noted. In 1987, at the front of Russian glasnost, Billy Joel became a pioneer as the first American rock & roll star to perform in the Soviet Union.

Humor-scopes

Jan. 30 through Feb. 4

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Rub-a-dub-dub, love's waiting in the TUB. Wait in the food line for every meal all week long. Refuse to leave the line when they close for the weekend.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Due to minor lymph-node infection, several dangerous toxins will shortly be released into your bloodstream. Not to worry—you'll survive, and the only permanent brain damage will involve an enthusiasm for polka music. Professors will not consider this an excused absence.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You will have a nightmare this week in which you find yourself dangling from the ceiling in TCF waiting to plummet to your death surrounded by brightly colored paper maché animals with glowing eyes. Refuse to participate in Spanish class activities involving Pinatas for a while.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Having trouble sticking to that diet? It's even harder when you see all those enticing commercials for fast food on TV. Just remember the dining hall food—you're weight loss will improve vastly.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Good week for napping.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
You will find a small stone figurine while walking across the quad. If you set it on your television and put a small bowl of fruit in front of it, those unsightly warts should clear up in a week or two.

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
This will be the best week of your life, if you can remember the name of the person you um..."met" at the last party you attended.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
You will have a completely boring, uneventful week. Then you'll go home, eat the same thing you always eat, watch a re-run, and go to bed. Then you'll be abducted by aliens, who will perform dastardly experiments on you.

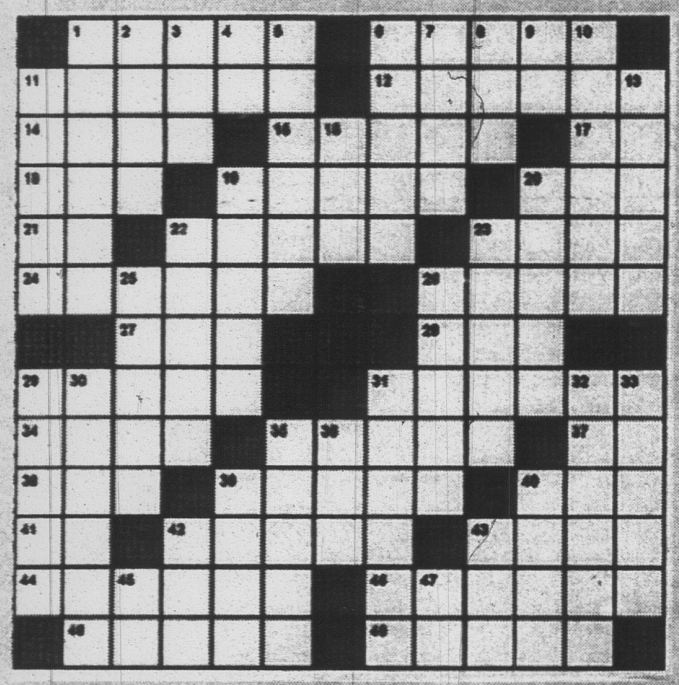
Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
Beware of celery.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
After much deliberation, you will decide inflatable boxers are not only impractical, but also uncomfortable. Buy cream for the rash, and apply liberally three times a day and once at night. Wait until your roommate isn't around.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
You will be on your way down Market Street today when you will be struck by an odd thought. Fortunately, it will bounce harmlessly off you as usual.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
It's a good week for you to discuss bean farming with retired people at a diner or family style restaurant (a.k.a. Isaly's). Or at least, it's a lot more fun than what you'd be doing otherwise.

Crossword Challenge



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22 Circles
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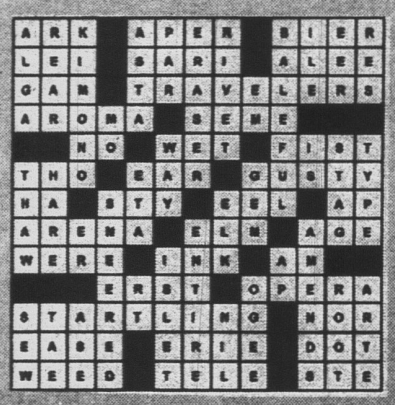
Last week's answers



Quest, Process, Good to Go, Up newly released

By Kristen Kress
Entertainment Editor

Four CDs newly released this month were sent to the Holcad for reviews. As the new A & E editor, I was volunteered to listen to the CDs and comment on them. The first student to correctly complete this week's Holcad crossword puzzle will win one of the new CD's! Put your name, box number, and phone number on the puzzle and send it to Box 157. Here are the new CDs rated on a scale of headphones. (Five being the best.)

Syrva - The Quest

Reminiscent of the alternative band Pearl Jam, only with a bit more of a rock and roll sound, this CD had some good lyrics and for the most part isn't too offensive. It's alternative and loud, but you can still listen to it with your grandma. If you like alternative music like Pearl Jam and Stone Temple Pilots, try this. Four headphones

Shanda Brash - Good to Go

Shanda's music is an attempt at some kind of rebellious rock. She has some cool ideas, but her raspy voice sounds like she may have throat cancer. If you like the sound of Alanis, this CD may be for you. Two headphones

Kevin O'Donnell - It's a Process

Infectious lyrics and guitar on this older gentleman's newest album had me tapping my feet and singing along. He has a nice sound, which is pretty mellow for the most part. I heard someone comment, "This sounds like John Denver," so if that excites you...Four headphones

Ani DiFranco - Up Up Up Up Up Up

Yes, that's six uppers on solo album #12 by Ani. Let's call it Funkadelic. This album resembles the sounds of Jewel, Sarah McLaughlin and Alanis: a lot of whining about stuff but never doing anything to change anything. Her first song is called "Angry Anymore," which should give you some indication. Emotional intensity pretty much sums it up. Two headphones

Brewery tours are becoming tasty business in Pennsylvania

The business of brewing beer is one of tradition and history. In all, there are over 80 large breweries, microbreweries, and brewpubs in Pennsylvania, and there is a special history behind every one.

Jones Brewing Company is just one of several breweries that you will find here. The company was the vision of William B. "Stoney" Jones. In 1907, Jones, a Welsh immigrant, fulfilled his dream of brewing the finest brew possible when he built what was then known as the Eureka Brewing Company.

Shortly after its introduction, Jones found that immigrants were having trouble pronouncing the brand name Eureka Gold Crown Beer. Instead of asking for the beer by name, they began to ask for one of "Stoney's" beers. Realizing their difficulty, Jones changed the brand name to his nickname "Stoney," and the name has stood to this day.

"This brewery represents all that is right about Pennsylvania, said Barbara Chaffee, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Center for Travel, Tourism, and Film. "[It's] a successful family owned business that's steeped in history and producing a product that Pennsylvanians can be proud of."

"Jones Brewing Company is a popular tourist attraction for visitors of Smithon," explains Gabby Podlucky, president and owner of Jones Brewing Company. "As an older brewery, tourists are fascinated by the traditional beer-making equipment that is still being used to make Stoney's."

Visitors can sample the fresh, traditional taste of Stoney's, Stoney's Light, Stoney's Black & Tan, or Harvest Gold when they take a guided tour of the brewery.

Pennsylvania is also home to "America's Oldest Brewery," D.G. Yuengling and Son. This historic treasure, established by David G. Yuengling in 1829, is located in Pottsville, Schuylkill County. Originally named Eagle Brewery, the name was switched to D.G. Yuengling and Son after David's son Fredrick joined his father as a partner.

Yuengling has experienced a tremendous growth in sales over the past ten years. Currently, the company produces over 500,000 barrels of Premium, Porter, Chesterfield Ale, Amber Lager, Light and Black & Tan on a yearly basis. In 1997, about 32,000 people toured the facility located on Fifth and Mahantongo Streets. The brewery offers free tours year-round.

The Pittsburgh Brewing Company has been satisfying the thirsts of "Steel City" residents since 1861. Edward Frauenheim and Leopold Vilsack founded the brewery under the name Frauenheim and Vilsack Brewery. Not soon after the name was changed to Iron City Brewing. In the late 1800s, Iron City Brewing merged with 20 other local brewing companies to form the Pittsburgh Brewing Company. Its' signature brand, Iron City, is a reflection of the culture and blue-collar work environment of the city of Pittsburgh, past and present.

Just a short drive from the Pittsburgh Brewing Company, on the corner of Troy Hill Road & Vinial Street sits the Pennsylvania Brewing Company. Founded in 1986 by Tome Pastorius, this brewing company was the first microbrewery in the state.

The brewery is authentic German, from the food, music, and entertainment to the beer-making style. Visitors can stop by the brewery to sample authentic German cuisine, listen to live entertainment, and sample one of their six beer flavors: Penn Pilsner, Penn Dark, Penn Gold Lager, Penn Oktoberfest Bier, and Penn Weizen.

Peter Straub, founder of Straub Brewery, immigrated to the United States in 1869 at the young age of 19. He made his way to Pennsylvania and spent almost a decade learning the finer points of brewing at four different breweries. Straub married the daughter of Francis Sorg, owner of Benzinger Spring Brewery, and in 1878 he purchased the brewery from his father-in-law. Straub ran the brewery until the early 1900's when his three sons came onboard to take over the operation. The Peter Straub Sons Brewery was able to remain solvent during Prohibition, and was incorporated in 1947 as Straub Brewery, Incorporated. Presently, the forth generation of the Straub family carries on the 120-year tradition of producing all natural beer using five natural ingredients.

Although it is only one of a few family-oriented, independent breweries left in the country, Straub still manages to brew 145 barrels or 4,500 gallons of beer per day.

This is just a small sample of Pennsylvania's breweries. There are several other breweries across the state including: Hopper's Brew Pub in Erie; Appalachian Brewing in Harrisburg; Barley Creek Brewing Company in Tannersville; Old Lehigh Brewing in Allentown; The Lion Brewery in Wilkes-Barre; and Stoudt Brewing Company in Adamstown.

"Pennsylvania is continually growing in the beer-making industry," said Podlucky. "Pennsylvania has more local breweries than any other state."

At the Down Under

MEL GIBSON
DANNY GLOVER
JOE PESCI

LEATHAL WEAPON 4

SATURDAY, JAN. 30
@ 8 P.M.

STARRING...

Ryan Phillippe
Salma Hayak
Neve Campbell
Mike Myers

SATURDAY, JAN. 30
@ 10:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JAN. 31
@ 9 P.M.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Pope speaks about abortion, euthanasia in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) Pope John Paul II arrived in St. Louis Tuesday for his fifth visit to the U.S. mainland and immediately compared America's old battles over racism and slavery to new ones over abortion and euthanasia. "America faces a similar time of trial," he said.

Recalling the U.S. Supreme Court's 1857 Dred Scott decision, which reduced slaves to property, the pope said there is Tuesday "a culture that seeks to declare entire groups of human beings ... considered 'unuseful' to be outside the boundaries of legal protection."

At the airport ceremony - the start of a 30-hour stay in St. Louis, following his triumphant five-day trip to Mexico - he also called upon Americans to "open wide your hearts" to less fortunate people.

The pope was greeted by President Clinton. "For 20 years you have lifted our spirits and touched our hearts," Clinton said. "For 20 years you have challenged of us to think of life not in terms of what we acquire for ourselves but in terms of what we give of ourselves."

The president quoted a Polish phrase that means, "May you live a hundred years and more." And he added: "May you continue working and teaching and lighting the way. Welcome to the United States."

Then the pope and the president met privately in a hangar, while Hillary Rodham Clinton greeted cardinals assembled for the pope's visit.

The pope has criticized U.S. policy on the death penalty, abortion and economic sanctions against Cuba and Iraq, and on Monday the Vatican condemned an American missile attack on Iraq. In a statement, spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the bombing "confirms once again" the pope's view that military measures "don't resolve problems in themselves, rather they aggravate them."

The differences shouldn't dampen the pope's welcome for the visit. As many as 600,000 people were expected to turn out; more than 530,000 Catholics live in the St. Louis area.

When the papal plane landed at Lambert Airport, young people waiting at the Kiel Center to join the pope in a youth rally this evening reacted with a rousing cheer.

The rally is a fitting event because the pope is counting on young Catholics to battle what he calls a "culture of death."

On Wednesday, he is scheduled to celebrate Mass before 104,000 people at the Trans World Dome. He also is to take part in an evening service at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis before departing Wednesday night.

His departure from Mexico City was an emotional one.

Spectators at the airport burst into tears, waving white and yellow handkerchiefs and chanting: "Let him stay!" Schoolchildren, religious officials and members of the crowd rushed onto the red carpet to kneel before the pope and kiss his hand as he made his way toward the plane.

Tens of thousands of people lined the pope's route from the Vatican's nunciate, or embassy, to the airport, waving pennants emblazoned with the pope's portrait and the word "adios."

"God bless you Mexico, for the loyalty and love your sons give to the church," the pope declared at a departure ceremony attended by President Ernesto Zedillo.

The pontiff also received a rousing farewell Monday evening inside the giant Azteca Stadium, where he decried drug trafficking, corruption and other evils of modern society. There, the frail, 78-year-old pope rose from his chair and held up his arms to the crowd of 110,000 that chanted "John Paul II, the world loves you."

In the course of his five days in Mexico, John Paul outlined church strategy throughout the Americas for the start of the new millennium. He signed a declaration containing that strategy. It also condemned the evils of exploitative capitalism, abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment.

Senate votes to hear witnesses testify in trail

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Republican-led Senate voted Wednesday to summon Monica Lewinsky and two other witnesses for testimony in the impeachment trial after refusing to dismiss the perjury and obstruction of justice charges against President Clinton.

Both decisions were along party lines with a single

exception: Wisconsin Democrat Russell Feingold voted with the Republicans. Though the Democrats lost, the ballots showed the Republicans were still well short of the two-thirds majority, 67 votes, that would be needed to convict Clinton.

"The president will not be removed from office," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said moments after the votes. "It is time to move on."

The identical 56-44 votes authorized subpoenas to summon the three witnesses for videotaped depositions and rejected a motion by Democratic Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia that would have dismissed the case brought by the House against the nation's 42nd president.

Senators immediately recessed the trial to discuss among themselves how oo proceed next. Republicans had offered plan that could end the proceeding within 10 days if the White House does not seek witnesses.

Democrats, who are pressing for a censure alternative, offered their own plan and Daschle predicted "we can achieve some compromise procedurally."

At day's end, Majority Leader Trent Lott said the two sides were narrowing their differences and that the final plan would likely end the trial by the President's Day holiday in mid-February. They expected to have a

final plan Thursday when the trial reconvenes. "Both of the proposals bring us to a final vote in an expeditious manner," he said.

The White House pleaded for a quick end. "Today's events make clear that the votes are not there to convict and remove the president from office," special counsel Gregory Craig said. "Any proceedings from this day forward only serve to delay the final resolution of this matter and run counter to the best interests of the Congress, the presidency and the American people."

Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., said he believed "the impeachment process would have been abused" if the case had been dismissed Wednesday.

"What we're trying to seek out in this trial is the truth and to prematurely dismiss that would have been extremely disappointing to me," he said.

The votes authorized House prosecutors to question Lewinsky, White House adviser Sidney Blumenthal and presidential friend Vernon Jordan about the president's efforts to conceal his affair with the former White

House intern. After the depositions, House prosecutors conceded they didn't have the votes to convict but hoped the witnesses' testimony might change minds.

"At the present time there are not the two-thirds votes necessary, but I think it shows that on both sides they're looking at the facts, they're stating the facts," Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., said.

Feingold said he joined Republicans on the votes Wednesday because he believed dismissing the case would "improperly short-circuit the case" before House prosecutors could examine witnesses. But he also said his votes should not be construed as a sign he had decided to convict Clinton.

"I have not reached a decision on that question," the Wisconsin Democrat said.

The senators stood, one-by-one, as their names were called to announce their votes to the packed, hushed, chamber. House prosecutors and presidential lawyers sat at their desks keeping their own tallies of the votes.

Under the GOP plan, the depositions of the three witnesses would begin as early as Thursday and would be videotaped. Each deposition would last six hours, equally divided between the White House and House prosecutors .

The videotaped sessions and transcripts would be distributed Monday to senators, who would then vote Tuesday on whether to permit live testimony. The timetable would allow for that testimony and then closing statements from the House managers and White House lawyers.

California whale carcass needs caretaker

SAN DIEGO - And you think your job stinks? One unlucky lifeguard has been assigned to guard the smelly, rotting carcass of a gray whale that washed up at Devil's Cove beach in La Jolla. The surveillance is necessary to keep vandals from spraying graffiti on the whale or stealing the ropes and pulleys attached to it. The 40-foot whale has become somewhat of a spectacle in this posh oceanfront community north of downtown San Diego, with neighbors complaining about the stench and curious tourists plugging their noses to take a gander at the expired mammal. The problem is lifeguards don't know what to do with the 30-ton whale. Efforts to secure the corpse and pull it out to sea were stymied when authorities discovered that someone had cut off the tail.

Fan pays for yanking down an opponent's shorts

AKRON, Ohio - With Copley High School leading Wadsworth by only two points in a crucial basketball game, a Copley fan made a defensive maneuver surely not addressed in Wadsworth's playbook. Just as a Wadsworth player was about to throw an inbounds pass, the 16-year-old Copley student pulled the player's shorts down to his knees. Copley held on to win, 65-60. The Copley prankster, whose name was withheld because of his age, was arrested after he tried to run away. He was charged with misdemeanor counts of disrupting a lawful meeting and disorderly conduct. That wasn't good enough for Principal Bill Steffan, who suspended the boy for an unspecified number of days and banned him from extracurricular activities.

Valentino

February 12
8:30-midnight
A semi-formal event with casino games, desserts, and dancing
$5 single, $8 couple
RSVP forms are available in the
Chapel office.

Va. legislators give thumbs up to dirt

RICHMOND, Va. - Virginia legislators, who had earlier spent hours debating whether to make the eastern box turtle the official state reptile, have moved a step closer to designate an official state soil. Del. Joe T. May's bill honoring .

Pamunkey soil won preliminary approval on a 53-37 vote. Del. George

Grayson introduced the reptile bill last year on behalf of a group of children who brought an injured turtle to his office. The House, facing time constraints,shelved the bill until this year. Delegates voted 52-45 to kill the measure. "Is this really a suitable symbol for the great commonwealth of Virginia?" asked Del. Leo Wardrup. As the debate wore on, delegates chortled and a muffled cry of "turtle power!" floated across the chamber. A frustrated Speaker Thomas W. Moss Jr. had to gavel the House to order. A few minutes later, the House advanced the Pamunkey soil bill without debate.

U-WIRE NEWS

Dream rooted in dignity and non-violence

By John Cleveland
The Oracle (U. South Florida)

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. The urgency and utter seriousness with which Martin Luther King Jr. pursued his program of civil rights for African Americans is now somewhat lost.

This lack of urgent feeling may be due to the fact that most of us have been born too late for the beginnings of the civil rights movement.

In fact, there are many Americans for whom the segregation of blacks is but an ephemeral dream (nightmare).

To put this plainly, I have no idea what it would be like to live in a society with institutional segregation, not to mention slavery. I have no idea what it would be like to see bathrooms, water fountains, and lunch counters differently marked "white only" and "colored."

I simply have no experience of getting on a bus, where I sit up front and black people sit to the rear. Such a world is strange.

The strangeness of that world does not necessarily mean that it was but a mere passing moment of history, like all such chronological passing moments.

Nor does it mean that the struggle is over and the victory is won. King's gift to the civil rights movement was to make clear that more than just the laws needed to be changed.

His clarion call was to change the hearts and minds of white people, and black people.

It is at this point that we recognize some of the elements of the civil rights movement as articulated by King.

I contend that to rightly understand both King and the early civil rights movement as it applied to African Americans, it is necessary to understand the power and significance of non-violent resistance.

Such an understanding sees that power as rooted in the Christian gospel story, of which King was a preacher.

Moreover, the acts of non-violent resistance effect a change, not only among white people, but significantly among black people as well.

I believe that King relied less upon American civic ideals, but rather mined from the rich tradition of the black church experience that he had inherited from his father and grandfather.

The civil rights movement began in 1955 with the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and this boycott evinced the immense power indicative of the movement. King understood power as "love implementing the demands of justice."

Ironically, the power of non-violent resistance is its power to move. King made clear that non-violent resistance is not inert; it is active, not passive.

Yet, its activity does not undercut the necessity of being non-violent. King put into action what Michel Foucault could only theorize about: that power does not necessarily manage itself top-down.

In addition, there is no such thing as power that is merely raw power. Power is always and already the operation of discourses; and it is through King's sermons and addresses that we are allowed to experience the discursive elements of the civil rights movement.

One of the most important features of non-violent resistance is its power to awaken a sense of shame in the oppressor.

The vehicles that were creatively used during the civil rights movement were staged to "dramatize an evil to mobilize the forces of good will." Such dramatic portrayals have an unrelenting pull on the oppressor.

King was quite confident in the power of non-violent resistance to heighten white people's consciousness.

The view that is effected through non-violent resistance is bilateral; that is, there is a dual transformative effect that non-violent resistance can have upon white people, in addition to its way of raising African Americans to a height of dignity.

King knew that progress and change could not come about if African Americans nested a deep-seated sense of inferiority and victimization.

Regarding violence, King warned of it even when espoused and used in the name of justice.

He told the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1967, "Through violence you may murder a murderer but you can't murder murder. Through violence you may murder a liar but you can't establish truth. Through violence you may murder a hater but you can't murder hate."

King derives his insistence and outlook on non-violent resistance from the Sermon on the Mount, preached by Jesus Christ.

To ignore the significance of King's pastoral relationship to Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is to disinherit the substantial content of non-violent resistance from its vehicles.

His narratives were very powerful and able to instill within the African-American community a sense of dignity.

In this way, Martin Luther King Jr. was much more than just an artist and drum major for his people he was a prophet.

Many college students agree with Clinton

By Steven Cook
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa As the struggle to define sex continues to hover over the impeachment proceedings, it appears that the president has at least one group agreeing with him — college students. And some UI students say they concur.

According to a 1991 study that was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association last week, a majority of college students have a similar definition of sex to the famous one drafted by the lawyers for Paula Jones — the definition under which President Clinton famously said, No.

Of the 599 students surveyed, 59 percent answered "No" when asked, "Would you say you 'had sex' with someone if the most intimate behavior you engaged in" was oral-genital contact, according to researchers with the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction.

"It's not the same as sex," UI junior Peter Alexander said. "It's less personal." But UI senior Julie Neff said the results of the study could also be read another way: The president has the "mentality of a college student."

Mickey Eliason, director of the UI sexuality studies department, said the results of the study didn't surprise her.

"Definitions broaden as people get older," she said. "They've heard more and seen more things."

The editor of JAMA was fired after the publication of the study.

Alternative ideas could begin to settle animal-testing debate

By Erin Lindeman
The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH, Penn. In the often-contentious debate over using animals in medical research, one side insists the practice is vital.

"Investigations on acid rain is not an experiment many people want to have done on humans," said Dr. Art Levine, Pitt's senior vice chancellor of health sciences and dean of the medical school.

Those who oppose animal testing debate its necessity.

"Dissection is a bit dated. It is no longer the centerpiece of biology like it was in the 17th century," said Dr. Jonathan Balcombe of the Humane Society of the United States.

Opponents of animal testing suggest that scientists embrace alternative research methods, which they insist are simultaneously effective and fair to both animals and researchers. While advocates of animal testing agree that alternatives exist, they say those options can't go far enough to meet researchers' needs.

Balcombe, who serves as associate director for education and animal research issues for the Humane Society, said there are three main alternatives to dissection: computer simulations, 3-D models and observations of live animals.

Studying live animals allows students to look at an organism holistically, observing animals' movements in their natural environment rather than picking apart an individual liver or spleen.

Balcombe added that computer programs and simulations are an exceptional method of learning anatomy. The programs are self-paced, interactive and often allow study of the cellular level of an organism. For example,

computers can demonstrate how the eyes get moist through the tear ducts.

He also suggested charts, videos and 3-D models as alternatives. But without dissections, it would be more difficult to know what the internal organs of an animal looked like to make a simulation.

Balcombe agreed that no alternative to dissection can simulate the entire human body. "Yet, we can't simulate a human body by using a rat's either," he said.

Growing tissue from animal samples, as well as from yeast and fat cell cultures, can help bridge the gap. Computer models and lab cultures aren't the only alternatives, though. The Humane Society has developed a new program with a goal to eliminate all animal pain and distress during testing.

In the past, colleges and universities across the nation used "dog labs" as part of anatomy education. In these labs, students gave dogs anesthesia and performed highly invasive and fatal surgical procedures.

Balcombe said that 50 percent of American colleges have abandoned dog labs over the years in favor of a technique similar to that of the medical school at Harvard University.

At Harvard, students are required to actively observe and participate in cardiac operating rooms. In this situation, students learn to use the same tools and machines as in the dog labs. And, Balcombe said, this method has advantages.

"Students get to experience a patient's post-operative maintenance as well," he said.Levine said there is considerable value in using animals for educational purposes, such as dissection.

"Medical students must learn anatomy," he said. "And their first exposure can't be a human cadaver." And Pitt spokesman Ken Service said that in some cases there are no alternatives to dissection.

"If someone's ultimate goal is to be a veterinarian, I don't think someone would want their dog being the first actual dog the physician has encountered," he said.

Researchers have plenty of reasons to take good care of animals they use in their experiments. Since stressed animals give unreliable results, researchers inflict very little pain.

The government has also established laws and regulations that set guidelines regarding the use of animals in research. The Animal Welfare Act set standards for animal care in water and food requirements, air quality, minimum space, acceptable temperature range and building codes for animal facilities.

The United States Department of Agriculture inspects facilities and enforces regulations governing humane care and use of laboratory animals.

Going beyond the rats, dogs and monkeys involved in the debate, Balcombe said he was concerned about students' points of view. He spoke out against animal testing when he was a graduate student at the University of Tennessee, discussing alternatives with students during lectures and before lab sessions.

One alternative for students is the Choice Policy, a policy in which students are informed of animal use at the beginning of the course and given the option of using alternatives instead of actual animals.

"Even being squeamish is a legitimate reason for not participating in lab," Balcombe said. "The thought of purposefully harming a creature can make anyone's stomach turn."

Balcombe said a student should not be penalized for not participating but instead should be graded based on alternative work.

Service said that while pre-med majors have to participate in the dissection of animals, biology majors don't face as rigorous a demand.

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Calendar of Events

Friday, Jan. 29
Last Day to ADD ($15 FEE)
Fresh Start Applications available: Student Affairs
Mardi Gras - Orr
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Rob Dietrich '99
5 p.m., Swimming at Fairmont State College
6:30 p.m., Chapel Drama auditions - Chapel

Saturday, Jan. 30
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
1 p.m., Chapel Drama auditions - Chapel
1 p.m., W Basketball vs. Wayne State, MI (H)
3 p.m., M Basketball vs. Wayne State, MI (H)
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel

Sunday, Jan. 31
3 p.m., Fresh Start Interviews Round 1 - TUB Lounge
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Vespers - Chapel
8:15-10 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

Monday, Feb. 1
Spring Phone-a-thon Begins - Thompson House
On Campus Recruiting begins - Career Center
Phi Mu Pink and White Week
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Cross Trainers Recruitment - Chapel
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Alycia Schaeffer
noon, Red Cross Blood Drive - TUB Lounge
5 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi meeting - Alpha Sigma Phi House
5:30 p.m., Panhel meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m., ZTA meeting - TCF 116
5:30 p.m., Zeta Tau Alpha meeting - TCF 116
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6 p.m., Phi Mu meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m., Kappa Delta meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
7 p.m., BSU meeting - PH 231

Tuesday, Feb. 2
File your FAFSA!
Groundhog Day
7 a.m., Tuesday Morning Fellowship, Joe Hopkins - Lindley Dining Hall
11 a.m., Faculty meeting - Beeghly Theatre
6 p.m., Interview Workshop - TUB A/B
6 p.m., Career Center Workshop - TUB A/B
7 p.m., W Basketball vs. West Liberty State, WV (H)
7:30 p.m., Gospel Choir Exec. Committee - TUB A/B
8 p.m., Foreign Film Festival, Swing Kids - DU
8:30 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Rush Informational meeting - HSC 166
9 p.m., Circle K meeting - TUB A/B

Wednesday, Feb. 3
High School Theatre Festival - Beeghly
Fresh Start Round 2 Interviews - TUB C
11:30 a.m., Faculty Forum, Carolyn Cuff, "The History of Probability: Some Facts, Some Myths and Lots of Missing Pieces" - PH 131
1-3 p.m., Master music classes, Daniel Shapiro - Orr
5 p.m., Student Alumni Association Meeting - TUB A/B
6 p.m., Resume & Cover Letter Workshop - TUB A/B
6 p.m., Career Center Workshop - TUB A/B
7 p.m., All-Beethoven piano recital, Daniel Shapiro - Orr
7 p.m., SGA meeting - TCF 116
8 p.m., CPC meeting - TUB A/B
8:30 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Rush Informational meeting - HSC 166
8:30 p.m., Pre-Law Student Interest Group meeting - PH 114
8:30-9:30 p.m., SAVE meeting - TCF 111

Thursday, Feb. 4
Fresh Start Round 2 Interviews - TUB C
5:30 p.m., W Basketball vs. Hillsdale, MI (H)
7 p.m., IFC meeting - TUB A/B
7:30 p.m., M Basketball vs. Hillsdale, MI (H)

Friday, Feb. 5
Last Day to DROP ($15 FEE)
Fresh Start Round 2 Interviews - TUB C
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Ken Long
8 p.m., Celebrity Series - The Oak Ridge Boys - Orr

Saturday, Feb. 6
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
11 a.m.-4 p.m., Screenings for PCMEA Variety Show - Orr
1 p.m., Swimming vs. University of Finlay (H)
5:30 p.m., W Basketball vs. Findlay, OH (H)
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel
7:30 p.m., M Basketball vs. Findlay, OH (H)

Sunday, Feb. 7
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Vespers, Wayne Nickerson, Communion - Chapel
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
8:15-10 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

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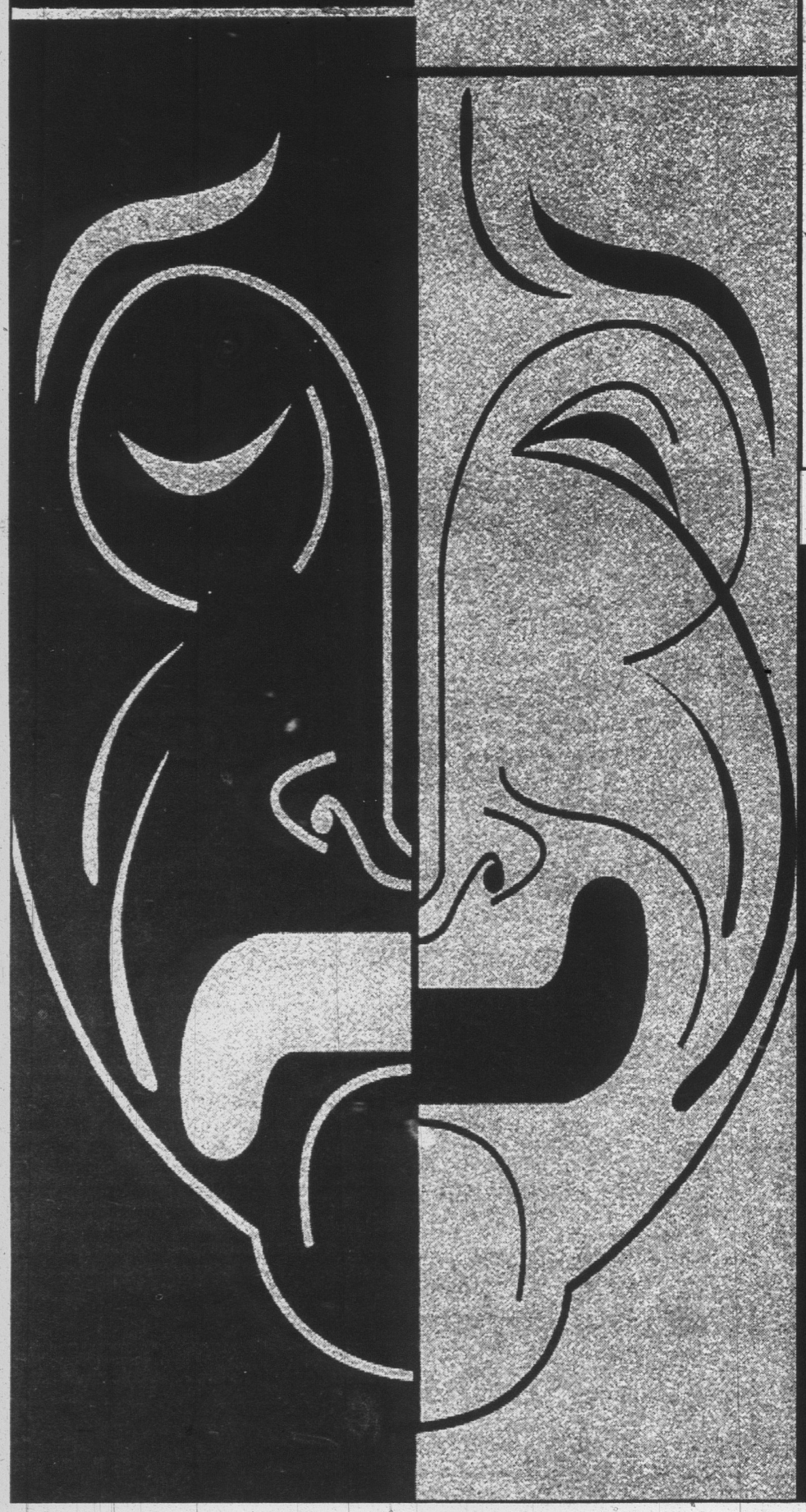

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Thompson Clark Freeman old, but not neccessarily a health risk

By Nancy Ayala
STAFF WRITER

Jenifer Nolan, editor of the *Scrawl*, received a scare after she put in a work order for a major cleaning of the magazine's office in TCF. She was told the office was unsafe because of asbestos.

The *Scrawl*'s faculty advisor, Dr. Ross Wastvedt, told Nolan that the Physical Plant could not perform a major cleaning of the office because of health risks involved with the asbestos floor tiles in the office.

"I was told this after I had been working in there for almost two weeks," she said.

The *Scrawl*, an annual student-submission literary magazine, is published in the spring. For many years, the magazine's office, located on the first floor of TCF, has not been used. Nolan decided to put the office to use this year rather than share space with the *Holcad*.

Although the TCF building is one of the oldest buildings on the campus, several experts and well-informed sources interviewed for this article feel Nolan has little to worry about.

Yes, sources say, there is asbestos in the building. But then, asbestos is in many older buildings. It is not a danger to health as long as it is in good condition and not damaged.

Asbestos is a mineral fiber that occurs in the environment naturally, and since the late 1800s it has been used commercially in the U.S. by many industries. Construction industries used it to strengthen cement and plastic, as well as for insulation, fireproofing, and sound absorption.

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File photo
Like much of TCF, the *Scrawl* office remains unused.

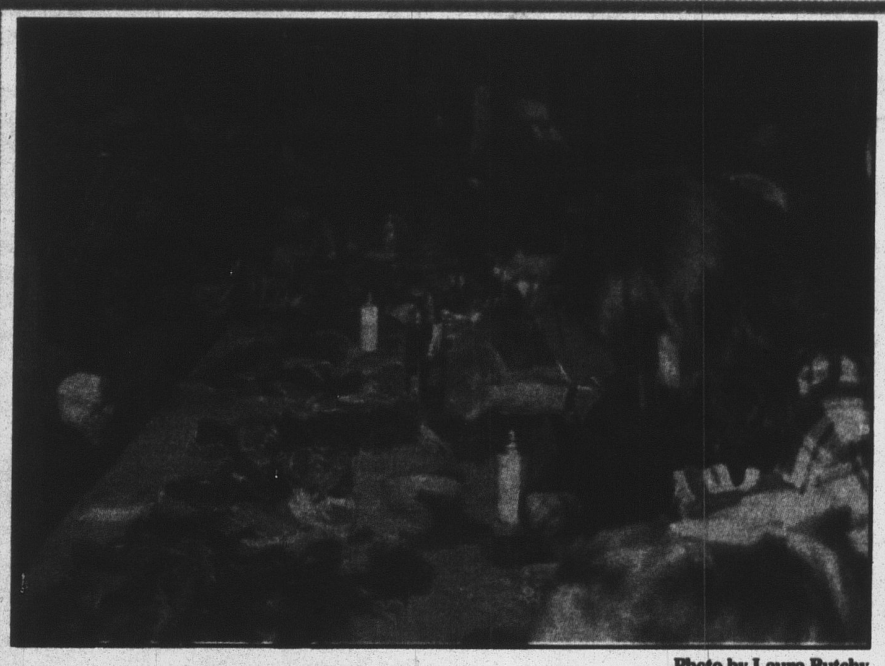

Photo by Laura Butchy
Students and community members decorated masks at the campus Mardi Gras.

New wing for the field house progresses well

By Kory Freshwater
STAFF WRITER

The projected completion date for the first phase of field house renovations is Feb 19th. Coach Scott Renninger said, "The current renovations to the field house are moving along smoothly."

The new wing to the field house will be used as classrooms; however, it will temporarily be used to house the coaches' offices, while their current offices and the field house lobby are renovated.

The original plan for the field house was to renew the building in three phases. Phase I was originally to increase the size of the locker rooms.

"We don't have nearly enough space for our varsity teams, much less when we entertain visiting teams," said Renninger.

However, the second phase was started first. A time limitation on a grant from The Hoyt Foundation in New Castle required the school to use the grant immediately.

The current addition was originally designed as Phase II, The Thomas B. Mansel Education Wing. Since the school desired to use the Hoyt grant, the locker room renovation will be Phase III.

"We hope to make it a club house atmosphere for our varsity teams," said Renninger, when discussing his future hopes for the new locker rooms.

The renovations in the lobby are expected to be complete by the time students return to campus in the fall semester. The starting dates on the other two phases are still unknown.

Bookstore buyback prices not determined by college alone

By Don Shelenberger
and Sandy Shearer
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

As a service to the student body, the bookstore offers students the chance to sell back their used textbooks to the bookstore or a used book company several times during the academic year. The most recent buyback occurred at the end of the fall semester, and another is scheduled for February 4 and 5 for students who missed the December buyback and still wish to sell their books.

The most important point about used book buyback is that this service is entirely optional. The procedure is simple: the student's books are evaluated, prices are offered, and the student either agrees to sell or keep their books.

Used textbooks will generally fall into one of three categories.

The first group is books from a current edition that are scheduled for use again the next semester. These are books that the bookstore staff will be able to purchase for their own stock.

All faculty members are asked to place their book orders well in advance of the buyback dates so the staff knows what texts will be reused for each semester. In this case the student is offered 50% of the current price of the book if the book was bought new or 50% of the used book price paid by the student if the book was bought used.

The bookstore then resells the book the next semester for 75% of the current retail price, the margin earned covering the costs for the buying and reselling activity.

The second category is books in a current edition of value to the used book company but

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CAMPUS LIFE

Ruckel studies abroad for German major

By Rebecca Snyder
STAFF WRITER

Many people dream of spending time in a foreign country, traveling to new places, and immersing themselves entirely in a different culture. For Barbara Ruckel this was not just a dream.

Ruckel spent last fall, the first semester of her junior year, studying in Heidelberg, Germany. Although she was obligated to study abroad to fulfill the requirements for her German major, Ruckel feels the experience was priceless.

"The best part was being totally submersed in the program," Ruckel said. "My German improved 400%."

Ruckel got the opportunity to study abroad through a program called the American Junior Year at Heidelberg, an exchange program available to students all over the country.

Studying at the University of Heidelberg and the Max Weber House, a branch of the University, Ruckel had a vigorous schedule. Her classes at the Max Weber House prepared her for the DSH, the tests used for obtaining students' full admittance to the university.

During her time there, Ruckel carried a course load of seven classes, including pronunciation, reading, comprehension, and culture.

But Ruckel did not spend her entire trip studying. She also had several opportunities to travel throughout the semester. She went to Munich for Oktoberfest, Frankfurt, Berlin, Cologne, and Copenhagen, Denmark.

Her semester also included some unique experiences. She heard the former Chancellor of Germany, Helmut Kohl, speak before he was voted out of office. She also visited many castles and palaces throughout Germany, including Neushwanstein, the model for Disney's Cinderella castle.

Ruckel recommends studying abroad to anyone and summed up her entire experience in one sentence: "It was amazing."

Contributed photo
Barb Ruckel poses next to the Olympic torch in Berlin.

Instrumentalists honored at state, national level

Seniors Christina Andrae and Chaleen Shephard have been selected to perform in the National Collegiate Honors Band. The band will perform as a part of the Collegiate Band Directors National Association Convention in February, in Austin, Texas, and includes the finest collegiate musicians from across the country.

These two musicians are two of only three students selected from Pennsylvania. They will perform under the baton of H. Robert Reynolds, the highly esteemed director of bands at Michigan.

Andrae and Shepard are members of the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and student Woodwind Quintet.

Gabrielle Bero (flute), Chaleen Shephard (clarinet), Rebecca Hall (clarinet), Lisa Steiner (French horn), Allyson Parks (French horn), Leslie Baylor (trombone) and Dan DiDesiderio (tuba) have been selected for the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band, to be held March 19, 20, 21 at Mansfield University.

This band is chosen from all colleges across the state. The guest conductor for this event will be Dr. William Wakefield, Director of Conducting Studies Director of Bands at the University of Oklahoma.

Celebrity Series presents dinner theater

The college Celebrity Series will present a campus and community Valentine's Day dinner theater on Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. The program titled "What We Do For Love," will be held in Russell dining hall.

The well-known John Holt Enterprises of Pittsburgh has planned the musical evening. The songs will include Gershwin and Sondheim numbers as well as pieces from The Fantastics, Les Miserables, and Man of La Mancha.

This will be the second dinner theater presented at Westminster by Holt Enterprises, but a first time Valentine event.

The resurgence of Holt enterprises was made possible by the first dinner theater held in November.

The two dinner choices will be orange roughy, $25 a plate, and grilled Filet Mignon, $30 a plate.

Students will receive a $2.25 dinner credit with their I.D.

The first 192 reservations will be accepted and each table will seat a party of eight. Reservations can be made by calling the Celebrity Series, Ext. 7345.

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not to the bookstore because they are not being used the next semester. In this case, the bookstore buys the book for the used books company, using its pricing guide to offer a price to the student. Note that the used book company, not the bookstore staff, sets the repurchase price.

The used book company knows the market for the books and sets its prices accordingly. The used books bought for the used book retailers are packed by the bookstore staff and shipped to the company's warehouse. The bookstore makes no margin on these repurchase transactions; the staff provides the service so students may sell books they do not want to keep.

Sometimes a faculty book order for a title sent back to the used book company is received after the buyback period is over. In this situation a student receives only the used book company price for the book instead of the higher value the book would have had if the faculty order had been received before the buyback.

Students are understandably frustrated when they see a title they sold to the used book company on the following semester's book list. One of the bookstore's tasks is to encourage timely book orders from the faculty so that the occurrences of this situation are few.

The third category is books that are being revised and have a new edition planned for release by the next semester. In this case, neither the bookstore nor the used book company wants to use the latest edition and of course the used book company does not want to be burdened with inventory that cannot be sold.

Today, publishers are revising texts with increasing frequency, a trend that our faculty and bookstore staff can readily confirm. Unfortunately, the student must bear the cost of this planned obsolescence by the publishers. Students often get angry when they learn their book has no resale market; the point is the bookstore does not benefit from the student's loss.

As mentioned earlier, the student always has the option of keeping his/her books and trying to resell those that are marketable to his/her fellow students the next semester. The service the buyback provides is to exchange books for cash.

Students must consider the amount offered at buyback against the amount they think they may be able to negotiate with another student. Many students prefer the convenience of selling their books back at market prices. Others choose to put the extra effort into their own sale for higher prices. Buyback is offered as an optional service and the choice is the students'.

Wrestling fans donate clothing to Salvation Army

By Kristen Kress
Entertainment Editor

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon hosted wrestling in the Down Under for the second time this past weekend.

President Brad Russo said "It seems like wrestling is something everyone is interested in, it's fun and it's a great way to get clothing for the Salvation Army."

The first wrestling event drew nearly 130 WC students. This event, not as successful due to advertising failure, drew about 60.

Initiated by brother Chad Riddle, the Sig Eps thought wrestling would be a good idea to get clothes for their philanthropy, the Salvation Army. By donating an article of clothing, you can see the stars of the WWF grapple and beat each other to bloody messes with chairs free of charge.

One brother said, "The addition of Direct TV to the Down Under was a great investment, making events like these possible."

"Plus," another brother added, "we have a pool table, darts, play station, food, drinks and we just shined these railings."

The guys say they will continue to host these events throughout the semester so bring out your old clothes and join them for some knock down, drag out fights. The next brawl will be on Valentine's Day, February 14.

Professors work on new book material, journal editorial staff

Communications instructor named to Editorial Staff of professional journal

Cary W. Horvath, visiting instructor of communication studies at Westminster College, was invited to serve as a member of the editorial staff of *Communication Teacher* by its editor.

This peer-reviewed quarterly publication of the National Communication Association, read by more than 7,000 communication scholars, is designed to feature ideas and resources for communication instruction for teacher preparation, high school, and college.

Horvath, who has been with Westminster since 1996, earned her undergraduate degree from Youngstown State University, and her master's from Kent State University. She is currently a doctoral candidate at Kent State University.

English professor presents material for new book

Dr. James A. Perkins, English professor at Westminster College, will present his material gathered for his new book Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Walton-Mayne Union Building rooms A/B as part of The George Bleasby Colloquia.

Perkins will focus his talk on Robert Penn Warren's various uses of the Cass Mastern material, which will be the subject of his new book scheduled for publication by the Louisiana State University Press.

Perkins, a Fulbright Scholar and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, has taught at Westminster since 1973. He earned his bachelor's degree from Centre College, his master's from Miami University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee.

Perkins recently co-authored Southern Writer's at Century End with Jeffrey J. Folks, and has also written several short stories and non-fiction books, including *Snakes, Butterbeans, and the Discovery of Electricity*.

The George Bleasby Colloquia is a series of literary events in honor of Bleasby, who was chair of Westminster's English Department from 1954-75. In 1979, Bleasby founded Friends of the Library, a group that encourages gifts to the Westminster libraries.

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absorption.

In the 1970s, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission started banning the widespread use of asbestos because of the hazardous asbestos fibers released into the environment.

In 1996, the college consulted and hired AGX, an air quality control and monitoring company for the removal of asbestos, to inspect all buildings on campus.

Mark Porter, with AGX, who personally inspected all the buildings including TCF building, is confident that it is not a health hazard.

"I went through every area and crawl space in the building," Porter said.

"AGX did conduct the air monitoring and oversaw the company that did the actual removal of some asbestos from the upper floors of the building," he added.

Porter's report to the college concluded that the building was structurally sound and that there was no asbestos in the cement. However, the company did find asbestos in floor tiles and pipe insulation.

In the rooms that are in use, the floor tiles and insulation are in good condition, well-maintained, and well-encapsulated.

After AGX did the inspection and filed their report with the college, "there was a panic among some of the faculty in the building," Porter said. "We came out to the college and gave an in-depth lecture on asbestos to assure everyone that all the public areas were safe," he added.

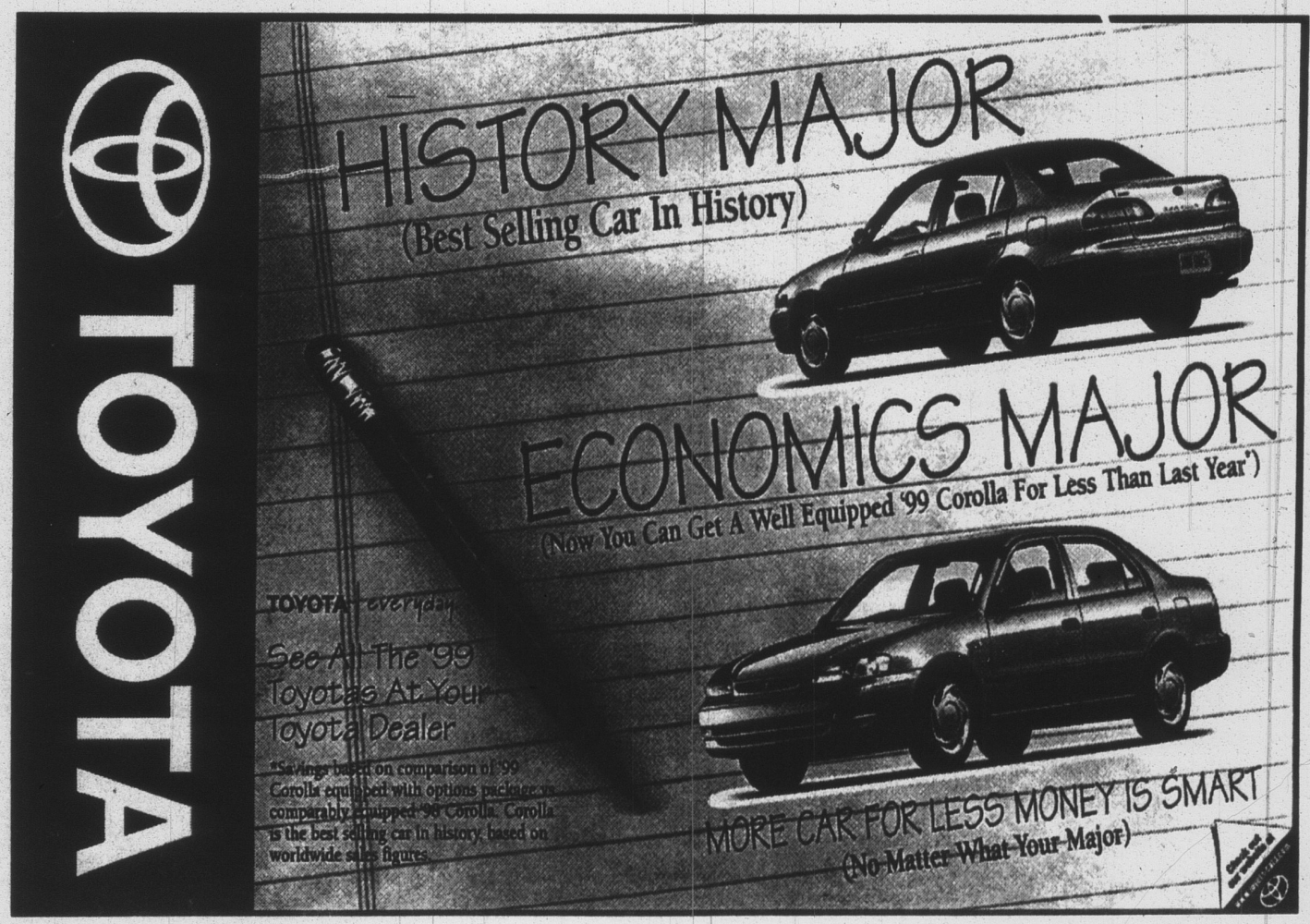
Over the years it has been established that asbestos is actually safe in buildings as long as it is in good condition and has not become dry and easily damaged. It is only the inhalation of the microscopic fibers of asbestos in the air that can cause cancer. When asbestos is not properly removed, and the fibers are released into the air, it becomes a health hazard.

Ronald Pennington, custodial supervisor of the Physical Plant, was unsure why Nolan felt the building was unsafe or the *Scrawl* office dangerous.

"We just try to keep everyone as safe as possible," Pennington said. "The problem in that office is the floor tiles. If we were to go in there and start washing and polishing the floor, it could cause the tiles to break up even more, which would cause the release of asbestos."

As for the upper floors of the building, there has been a good deal of water damage from roof leaks. Although the roof has since been repaired, there is also some floor tile and pipe insulation that could be a problem.

"We keep on top of asbestos removal when needed for safety reasons," Pennington said.



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NEWS

Y2K presents international problems, not for college

By Kristen Kress
Entertainment Editor

When the year 2000 arrives, many companies will be hit by the infamous "millenium bug," and some may be put out of business.

Nobody knows for sure how much trouble will occur at the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31, 1999, when computer clocks roll over everywhere. Some technology experts say they will avoid flying commercially on January 1. Others say they will pull their money from banks and investments just before 2000.

A planter in South Dakota is leasing plots for a Y2K survival colony, while a psychic in New Jersey is exorcising the glitch from home systems at a lofty fee.

The Y2K problem is simple to understand. Many of the world's computers (around seven billion) cannot recognize a year beginning with "20" instead of the familiar "19" because, to save space and money, programmers used only the last two digits to refer to every year in the 20th century. When the millenium arrives, these computers will think it is the year 1900 and that they haven't been serviced in over a century, causing them to just stop working all together.

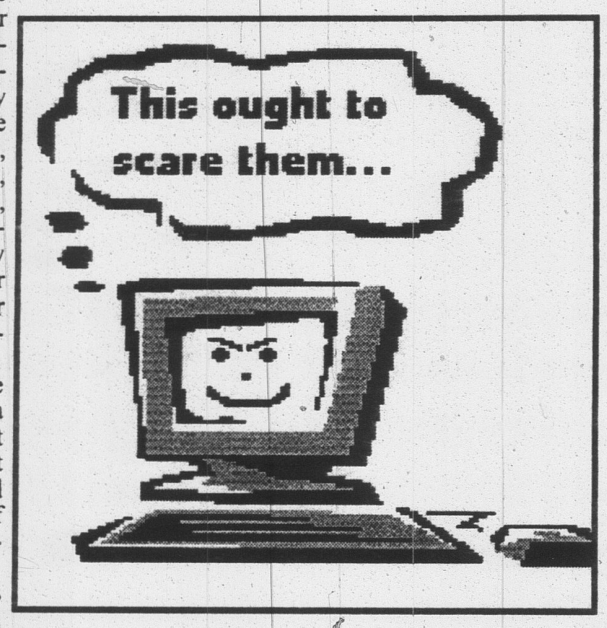
Fixing the Y2K problem is not as simple. Someone must examine every line of code, in every computer, locate the date instructions, and rewrite them to accept 2000 as a year designation.

Despite computer specialists' repeated warnings on how crucial it is to fix the problem and do it now, surveys indicate that businesses and governments just aren't listening. "We have plenty of time," they say.

"No, they don't," say computer experts, "in fact, for some it's already too late."

The Federal Aviation Administration, which is responsible for nationwide air traffic control, only completed its initial inventory in March. Computer auditors say "at its current pace, the FAA will not make it in time."

Only nine of 24 government departments and agencies are on-schedule for fixing their mission-critical systems by January 1. Five of the nine - Education, Defense, Transportation, Labor, and State - won't be ready until 2002 or beyond if their current pace continues.



Among large companies, a study shows that only 42 percent have finished inventories of their critical computer systems.

Progress is even slower in small and midsize companies. A survey found that 61 percent of small businesses have not yet come up with a Y2K compliance plan. Late starters are in big trouble, because testing can take as long as fixing the software.

Larry McArthur, President of Ascent Logic, a corporation that does Y2K risk assessments, said, "Firms only now beginning to tackle the Y2K problem should be thinking about triage. They need to ask themselves what systems are essential or will keep them from going bankrupt and they really need to look at this from a survival standpoint."

A major uncertainty is the impact of Y2K on global financial markets, where $3 trillion changes hands electronically each day. If Y2K isn't fixed overseas, cautious trading or delays caused by bad data could cause profit losses across the entire global financial system.

A common question raised amongst businesses and governments is, "If the solution to making systems Y2K compliant is so easy, why does is it take so long?"

There will be some quick fixes for certain software, but thousands of programs and reams of software exist. At least 600 different computer languages are in use throughout the world, containing several billion lines of code.

Earlier code that has survived throughout the years doesn't adhere to any standard that can be scanned by a fix-it program. The old programmers were as much artists as technicians; they simply created their own style.

A programmer might use the name of a girlfriend or daughter as a code word to designate a date field, making it virtually impossible for another technician to tell from the program language which words refer to date codes and which don't. The only answer is for trained technicians to read the line of each code and find the critical bugs.

Y2K "boot camps" are proliferating, where everyone from college kids to single moms gets crash courses in COBOL. Meanwhile, companies nationwide are raiding one another's staffs for programmers, who can command up to six-figure salaries.

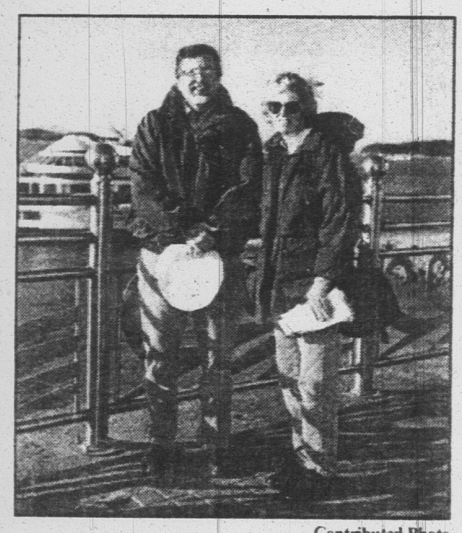
Some aren't worried about the new millennium. Historian Lance Popanvillotagh said laughingly, "Look, everyone is over-reacting. We will be fine...raising a nationwide panic is not the answer."

Some wonder how this problem affects Westminster. The college has been Y2K compliant and ready for the millennium to arrive since the beginning of the year. The concern now is not for our campus, but for those systems we interact with on a day to day basis.

College technicians are assured that they have taken the necessary precautions to make sure the college stays up and running through the millennium.

Some students who own PC's however, may not be so sure. They are advised to see if they can upgrade their systems or find out from their computer companies which systems are already Y2K compliant and which need repairs. All Macintosh computers built after 1997 are compliant.

Perkins travels, teaches English on sabbatical in Seoul, Korea



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Dr. Perkins and Jane in Inchon, Korea.

By Erin Kirkby
STAFF WRITER

English and public relations professor Dr. James Perkins returned to campus after spending four months teaching at Seoul National University in Korea.

He never thought about traveling to Asia until the Fulbright program offered him a lectureship position there.

His wife, college librarian Jane Perkins, encouraged him to accept the invitation.

"[Her reaction was] It's quite an honor to get one of these," Dr. Perkins said.

Perkins and his wife knew nothing about Korea before relocating there for the four months. They immediately noticed culture differences between Korean and American societies.

"They have tremendous respect for age and education," Perkins said.

"I was one of the revered individuals there," Perkins said. "I found it quite comforting to be respected by students and colleagues."

Korea's society reflects the ideas and values of Confucius. This patriarchal society places great value in respect for authority and the importance of family. The value of education, along with technological and electronic advances, reflects the outstanding Korean work ethic.

"The [Korean] kids are more eager to learn," Perkins said. "In their country, their future depends on what they do in college and how well they perform."

Perkins taught three classes in the department of English and literature at the most prestigious university in Korea. His wife worked one day a week at a high school library.

On days off, the couple enjoyed taking trips and joining museum and historical tours as they took in the beautiful scenery. Although new to the country, Perkins and his wife felt safe and comfortable.

"I never felt endangered there," Perkins said. "There were about 30 policemen within half a block in Seoul.

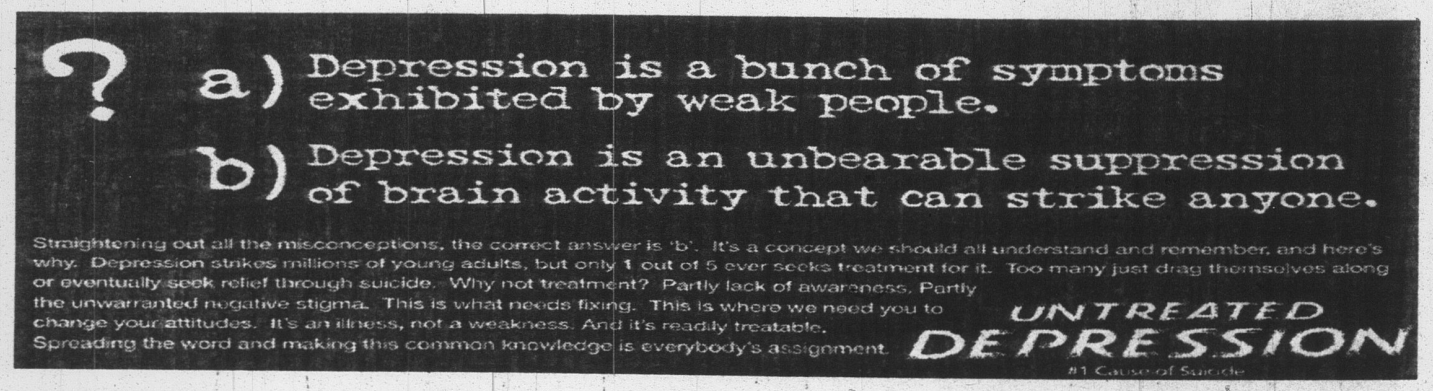
"It's a fascinating country," his wife said, "and the people are so remarkable and polite. They draw you back."

Perkins agrees. "They are always happy to talk to you and to help so that they can practice their English."

Perkins hopes to return to Korea for the publication of a Korean poetry book that he has worked on with Suh Ji-moon, an award-winning translator. Perkins is taking the English translated prose and turning it into poetry.

Perkins also hopes to teach again in Korea.

"I would have been happy to stay," he said.



Punxsutawney celebrates Groundhog Day

Internet File Photo

Punxsutawney celebrates Phil's big moment.

By Amy Shuluga
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 2, Groundhog Day was a special celebration in Punxsutawney: the famous groundhog Phil didn't see his shadow.

The tradition of Groundhog Day has been going on for centuries. The Romans carried this tradition to the Germans during the Roman invasion. The tradition also stems from this Scottish couplet:

If Candlemas Day is
bright and clear,
there'll be two
winters in the year.

Therefore, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow on February 2nd, the country is in for six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, spring is right around the corner.

Phil's predictions started in the United States in 1887 with the first official trek to Gobbler's Knob, the site of Phil's predictions. The predictions are recorded in the Congressional Records held in the National Archives, as well as in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

The town of Punxsutawney has a population of approximately 7500. On Groundhog Day though, the number of people swells to near 25,000. Each year, people come from all over the world to see this famous animal.

People start to pour in two or three days in advance to get settled into the town, and usually leave two or three days after the event.

"We don't have school and many people skip work that day," said native Kelly Parise. "It is always a lot of fun."

Another native of Punxsutawney, Jay Lundy, has a special connection to the festivities on Groundhog Day. His father is in the group of men called the Inner Circle. The Inner Circle is in charge of everything that happens on this day.

The approximately 20 men in this organization take all year to plan the Groundhog Day festivities.

"People start showing up at Gobbler's Knob about midnight on Groundhog eve," said Lundy. "You have to get a good view."

The ceremony itself lasts only about 20 minutes. Following a small ceremony including traditional readings, Phil the Groundhog is lifted high into the air, ending the ceremony; a year's preparation for only 20 minutes of ceremony.

Throughout the year, the Inner Circle sponsors other events, such as the Groundhog Picnic. There Phil is given a special drink that gives him the strength to live another year. In the summer there is the Groundhog Festival, followed by the Groundhog banquet, which is held one week before Groundhog Day.

Although the ceremony takes place at the knob, Phil's home is in the Punxsutawney Memorial Library. He lives there with his girlfriend Phyllis and guests can see them all year long.

Habitat prepares for annual Valentino

Imagine a fun-filled evening of games and snacks, and imagine that the admission fee is helping a great cause. "Valentino" is an evening of Casino card games, fine desserts, and dancing.

Admission for the event on Friday, February 12, will be five dollars for singles and eight dollars per couple. The evening will begin at 8:30 p.m.

It's a wonderful way to celebrate that most dangerous of holidays, Valentine's Day. You know what I mean.

"It started a few years back as a kind of 'social alternative,' said Wayne Nickerson, Dean of the Chapel. "A way for people of various sub-groups on campus to get together and have fun."

When students arrive at the Down Under, they each receive a certain amount of "cash" to place bets with. For the majority of the evening, students play various casino games, trying to win the largest amount of "money."

After the games end, awards are presented to the student betters who won the most during the evening.

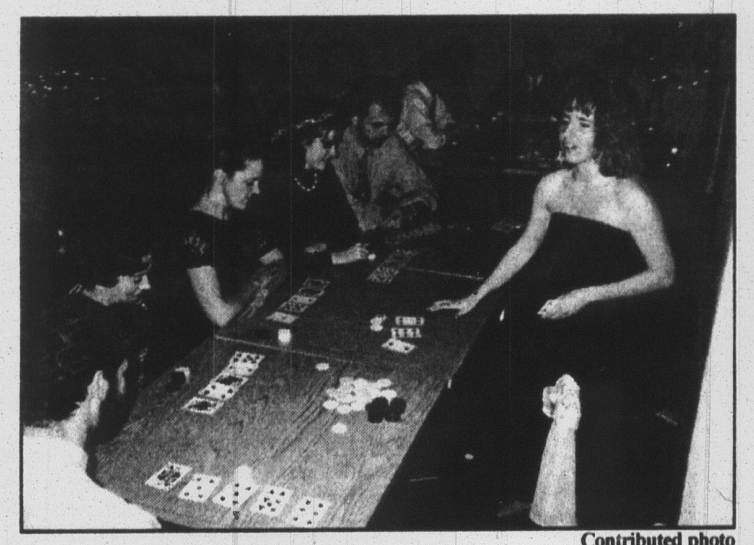
"I'm not much of a card shark," said Nickerson. "A little poker and maybe black jack, but people seem to get into it!"

Past Valentinos have been a great success in providing students with a fun, unusual activity on campus and raising money for a good cause.

All proceeds go towards the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity, which is trying to raise $10,000 this year. The money will be sent to Habitat work in Nicaragua and Honduras. Hurricane Mitch has left thousands homeless and Habitat hopes to help.

Senior Lara Hoffman attended Valentino last year. "It was fun because we got to choose the game we wanted to play," she said.

"Valentino is a great reason to get dressed up."



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Habitat for Humanity prepares for Valentino once again.

Weekly Announcements

The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, New Castle, is seeking a college student to compile a business directory. Work will involve calling businesses, gathering data, entering data, and completing the directory. Minimum wage. Jackie Meade at Ext. 7343 / Career Center.

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The Lawrence County Planning Commission, New Castle, is offering a college student the opportunity to take on a research project to identify the need for additional public transportation in the Lawrence County area. The ideal candidate is a mature student who is interested in statistical research, and could design the survey, implement it, compile the information, and produce the report. This is an invaluable way to gain experience (CC).

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Summer Job/Internship/Community Service Day, scheduled Tuesday, March 23, in the TUB lounge, will have representatives from approximately 60 organizations on campus to interview students for summer jobs, internships, or community service. This is an excellent way to find work in your career field. Students who plan to interview must sign up for an interview appointment and submit a resume for each interview to the Career Center, located on the second floor of the TUB. A list of participating organizations will be available in the Career Center in mid-February. Students who need help with a resume or more information, should call Jackie Meade, Ext. 7343.

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The Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, is seeking Westminster interns or volunteers for the summer. Work is available in a variety of areas including exhibits, children's tours, etc. (CC)

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Lambda Sigma is selling raffle tickets for a free phone card for $1 each. The card is worth up to $50. The drawing is Feb. 25.

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R.A. Applications are available for all interested students in the Student Affairs Office.

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Order your Westminster College Hometown Collectibles Series 1. Purchase "Old 77" or the "Titan Mascot" from any member of the softball team. Deliveries arrive within four to six weeks.

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A partially completed schedule of Tuesday Morning Fellowship meeting dates and speakers for the spring semester is as follows: Feb. 9, Hope Cummins; Feb. 16, Floyd Zehr; Feb. 23, Camila Lopez; Mar. 2, Timothy Wooster; Mar. 16, 23, 30; Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27; and May 4. Other speakers will be announced at a later date.

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The School for Field Studies has information on environmental field programs around the world. Call Jackie Meade (CC).

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Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade (CC).

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The College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania is offering an internship award for students of color. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full time in a Pennsylvania college or university, have reached sophomore status, and be a member of a racial minority. March 1 is the deadline to submit applications, available at (CC).

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Choate Rosemary Hall, an independent, coeducational secondary school located in Wallingford, Conn., is offering a summer teaching internship. Interns assist two senior teachers in two major courses, live in a dorm as a house advisor, supervise an afternoon athletic program for two days a week, and supervise off-campus social trips. See Jackie Meade (CC).

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Subway, located at the intersection of routes 208 and 18, has a unique plan for part-time employment. Any student who works for this Subway for a minimum of 250 hours between July 1 and the following June 30 will receive help towards tuition in the amount of $1 per the number of hours worked during that time. In addition, students earn $5.15 per hour. For more information and application forms, call Jackie Meade (CC).

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The Keystone Blind Association, Sharon, is offering a paid summer internship for a computer science or computer information systems major to assist in the development of computer program applications and reports for use withing the association and other similar agencies. The Intern will assist in the maintenance of the agency's WEB page, and with some computer support staff computers. The candidate for this internship must be accomplished in the use of data bases, queries, Microsoft Access, and have general knowledge of Microsoft Office. The salary is $5.15 per hour. Interested students should send a resume and cover letter to: Mike Nichol, Information Systems Manager, Keystone Blind Association, 1230 Stambaugh Ave., Sharon, PA 16146.

SPORTS

Men's basketball loses to Wayne State in tough game

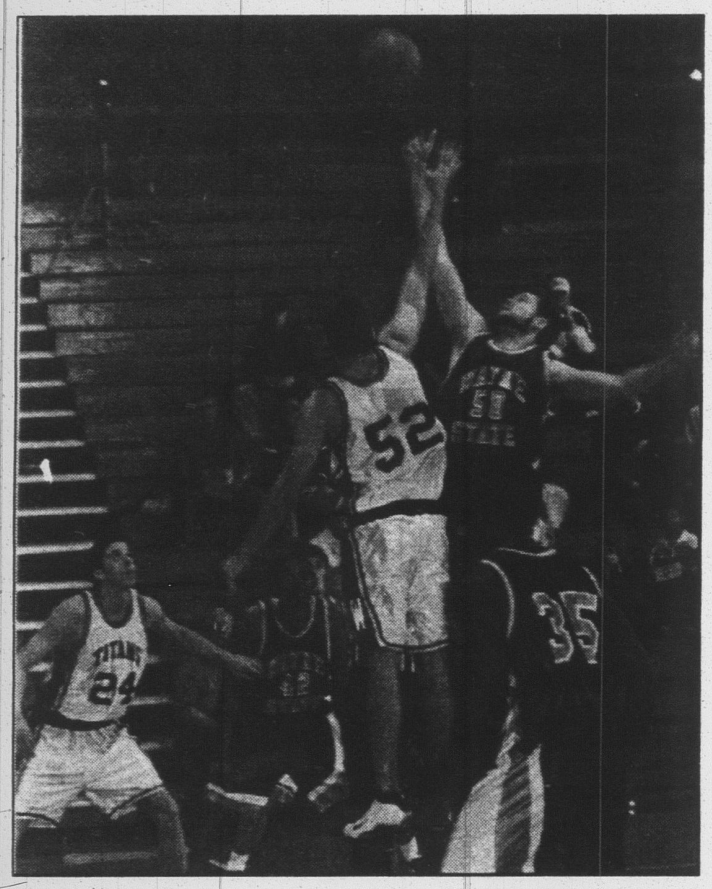


Photo by Courtney Behm

Sophomore Henry Klinar (#52) challenges a Wayne State player for the jumpball.

By Chris Cappabianco
STAFF WRITER

For a while on Saturday afternoon, the men's basketball team flirted with an upset against highly touted Wayne State University.

Coming into the game, Wayne State posted a 16-2 record and ranked third nationally in NCAA Division II. One of their two losses was a four point defeat to Division I, Detroit Mercy, who advanced to the second round of the NCAA tourney just a year ago.

On paper, this looked like it would be an easy win for Wayne State, but the injury-plagued Titans jumped ahead early, leading by 12 points in the first half. Senior guard Ryan Sturgess hit a variety of off-balance shots and three-pointers. Wayne State then responded with a late first-half run to take a 37-32 lead at the half.

The second half was a back-n-forth affair, as the two teams traded the lead. Wayne State, using their experience, forged ahead down the stretch and held on for a hard-fought 70-66 victory.

"I was really proud of our guys," said Sturgess. "All week in practice we worked hard and convinced each other that we could play with these guys; that they put their pants on the same way as we do. But it still would have been nice to get the W."

Sturgess led the Titans with 17 points. Junior center, Bryan Conrad, charted 15 points and sophomore forward, Henry Klinar, chipped in with 12 points.

Tony Goins tallied a game high with 18 points for Wayne State. Lewis Lequient and Charles Lesure each added 10 point efforts.

Basketball teams will help fight cancer

The Titan men's and women's basketball teams will participate again this year in the Coaches vs. Cancer IKON 3-Point Attack program.

Team members solicit pledges for each 3-point shot made by the two teams during the season, and the money raised goes to the American Cancer Society.

Although the season is nearly completed, pledge forms have just been received for this year's program. To date, the two teams have combined to hit 199 three-pointers.

Through the support and generosity of the college community, Titan basketball has raised over $5000 in the past two years. This has been one of the top efforts among all NCAA Division II, Division III, and NAIA schools in Pennsylvania.

Both Titan teams dedicate their involvement in this program to the memory of former Westminster basketball great, coach and athletic director Buzz Ridl.

Pledges are collected at the end of the season by the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, and all funds raised stay in the local area to aid in education, patient services, and research in the battle against cancer.

People interested in supporting the teams' efforts can contact a basketball player for a pledge form, or pick one up at the field house.

Will Elway retire after Super Bowl triumph?

MIAMI (AP) - It was the perfect ending for John Elway. Now, is it the end?

Elway's not saying. But if you judge by his performance in Sunday's Super Bowl, hanging around might seem like a great idea.

"I am just thrilled to death that we won," Elway said after winning his second straight NFL title - and the Super Bowl MVP award, to boot - in a 34-19 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. "I am thrilled to death to be a part of this team, thrilled to death I can help them win. This is what we play for. To be able to do it two years in a row is unbelievable."

Which makes some people think it would be unbelievable for Elway to walk away. After 16 seasons, at age 38, to say he's had enough would be understandable. But to leave a "dynasty," as receiver Rod Smith dubbed the Broncos, could be too challenging for even Elway.

"If he leaves, God bless him," said Smith, who caught an 80-yard touchdown pass and had five receptions for 152 yards. "I'm all for it, if that's what he decides. But hopefully he will be back, because we need him. We want to make this a habit."

Losing the Super Bowl was Denver's habit for too long. The Broncos were 0-4 before they upset Green Bay last year. With Sunday's romp, they became the first AFC team to win consecutive league crowns since the Steelers won the 1979 and '80 Super Bowls.

No team has won three in a row. Nor has any quarterback. Sound tempting, John?

"Definitely, this will go into the thinking and throw a kink into the thinking on what I decide to do next year," Elway said. "But I am going to enjoy this win, because that is what I have been working for. That is what I came back for."

Elway will consult his family, coach Mike Shanahan and Broncos owner Pat Bowlen about his future.

"I've said all week and I said this year that it's a 90% chance I'm going to quit," he said today, "but the last thing I want to do is shut the door. I don't want to say that I'm done, then get into March or April and say that I can play one more year."

His 90% estimate is a reduction of the 99.9% guarantee he gave in June that 1998 would be his final season.

While Elway has erased all those painful losses with his consecutive championships, Dan Reeves remains winless as a head coach in the big game. He has been to an incredible nine, but the only victories came as a player or assistant coach in Dallas. That was before he took over the Broncos and failed in the 1987, '88 and '90 games. And long before he guided Atlanta's amazing turnaround from 3-13 two years ago to the franchise's first Super Bowl appearance.

The Falcons' sloppy showing Sunday should not obliterate their achievements this season. That is surely realized by Reeves, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery in December, but returned to lead the team to playoff wins over San Francisco and Minnesota.

"They all hurt," he said. "It's a huge disappointment. You get to this game for one reason, to win. I told them two weeks ago how difficult it was going to be and how bad you are going to feel if you lose it. They have an awful lot of things to be proud of. We've come an awful long ways."

But they forced themselves to have to go much too far against much too good a team on Sunday. The Falcons, who led the league with a plus-20 turnover differential, yielded three interceptions, two by Darrien Gordon, and a fumble. They also saw usually reliable Morten Andersen miss a 26-yard field goal and Jamal Anderson, the powerhouse runner, fall short on a fourth-and-1.

Safety Eugene Robinson, arrested Saturday on a charge of soliciting an undercover police officer for sex, was beaten on Smith's 80-yard bomb and had a rough night.

All of that is devastating against an attack like Denver's, which got 102 yards rushing from league MVP Terrell Davis; did not allow Elway to be sacked - he barely was threatened; and enjoyed a vintage performance from the quarterback, who went 18-for-29 for 336 yards.

"I feel pretty great right now," Elway said. "It was unbelievable [to be the MVP]. It's something that I had never done before, and winning the award definitely hit my heart."

While Elway was at the heart of Denver's big production, Davis didn't even get into the end zone. When the Broncos get close to the goal line, they almost always hand him the ball; he had 21 touchdowns rushing this season.

But the 2,000-yard rusher watched as fullback Howard Griffith scored on two 1-yard plunges.

"When you have a guy like Terrell in the backfield, it makes it easier to catch them off guard," said Griffith, who scored a grand total of no touchdowns on the ground this season. "Me getting the ball, [the odds] were pretty steep. What it comes down to is everyone being accountable for the things out on the field that they do."

What the Broncos do is beat you in every element that matters. Can Elway ignore that and head into retirement?

"I am not going to cross that bridge for a while," he said. "There is nothing that feels better than this."

Lady's swim team sinks Fairmont; men a stroke behind

The men's and women's swimming teams split a non-conference dual meet at Fairmont State University in Fairmont, W.V., Friday night.

The Lady Titans improved to 6-2 following a 107-98 upset of #17-ranked FSU. However, the #11-ranked Titan men were upset by Fairmont State 122-83.

The women captured the final three individual races as well as the final relay to earn the upset win. Posting individual victories were sophomore Kelly Vernal in the 200 breaststroke (2:35.10); freshman Sarah Weaver in the 200 backstroke (2:16.76); and freshman Jaime Sell in the 500 freestyle (5:25.74).

Members of the Lady Titans' winning 400 freestyle relay squad were Sell, junior Susie Kenyon, and freshmen Gretchen Burwinkel and Karen Faulhaber.

The lone winner for the Titan men was junior Dave Gesacion, who captured the 200 freestyle in 1:47.56.

The Titans swim against Findlay, Ohio on Feb. 6 at 1:00 p.m in the college natorium.

A view from the sidelines

There is no "I" in the word "TEAM" right?

By Jenny Grundy
SPORTS WRITER

Is John Elway the only player on the Denver Broncos team? Did he single handedly win the Super Bowl? It certainly appeared that way to me.

I could have come to that conclusion, after looking at the front page of just about every newspaper I read on Monday (*The New York Times, USA Today, The Pittsburgh Post Gazette, The Sharon Herald, and The New Castle News*). Then to turn to the actual story about the game in the sports section to find . . . you can probably guess, a 1/4 page spread of Elway. From these pictures, it looked as though John Elway won Super Bowl XXXIII all by himself.

Oh, I nearly forgot—I did see some wallet-size pictures of Rod Smith and Terrell Davis. They did earn those spots I suppose, after all, they did collect a total of 264 yards together.

My point is this: The Denver Broncos won the Super Bowl—not John Elway, so what about the rest of the guys on the team? Don't they deserve some recognition? Correct me if I'm wrong, but without an offensive line, Elway might have had a bit of trouble getting the ball in his hands let alone passing the ball to any of his receivers.

But where are the pictures of the offensive linemen?

Or the rest of the team for that matter?

It takes an entire team to win a football game. ALL 11 men on the field AT ALL TIMES. I think that the team out on the field Sunday deserves a little more credit than the press is giving them. The papers and television stations don't seem to care who made the holes for Elway to run through, or who made the blocks so that he could pass the ball. The Broncos of 1998 was one of the best teams the NFL has seen in a while, sending 9 players to the Pro Bowl later this month. So why wasn't there a picture of all of winning team instead of just Elway?

I do have the utmost amount of respect for John Elway. I realize that he's been in the NFL for 16 seasons and at 38, still has an arm of gold. I realize that he won the 'Bowl last year, and is considering retirement. I understand all of his hype the press is giving him. But I just don't understand where the rest of his team falls. They're getting slighted. Frankly, I object to the press making Super Bowl XXXIII out to be his victory instead of his team's victory.

Even when the Chicago Bulls won their first, then second, then third (and so-on), World Championship, the press made Michael Jordon the center of attention, but the press also made the point of including his team in well-deserved recognition. All of the Bulls received credit for the achievement, just as the Broncos should have been given.

I think it is fair to want to give credit where credit is due. Those men on the field on Sunday, with their quarterback, did a great job and deserve only the highest regards in my book. Great job John, and congrats to the rest of your team. Go ahead Broncos, give yourself a pat on the back, because I think you certainly deserve it, even if the press doesn't.

Wayne State challenges the Lady Titans

By Jonelle Kish
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball team saw its current loss streak run to four games on Saturday, as the Lady Titans were defeated by GLIAC foe Wayne State (Mich.) University 64-43. Westminster trailed by just five points at the half (31-26), but the Tartars took control in the second half to earn the league victory.

A pair of bright spots for the Lady Titans was freshmen Robin Thayer and Omadee Curry. Thayer scored a team-high 14 points in the loss, while Curry grabbed a career-best 14 rebounds for the Titans.

"It's so frustrating losing all of our games. One day were going to surprise some teams and stop being the butt of the GLIAC," said Thayer.

Frustration set in for everyone in the Wayne State game, including Coach Jan Reddinger. However, Reddinger took her frustrations out on a referee after a bad call, receiving her first career technical.

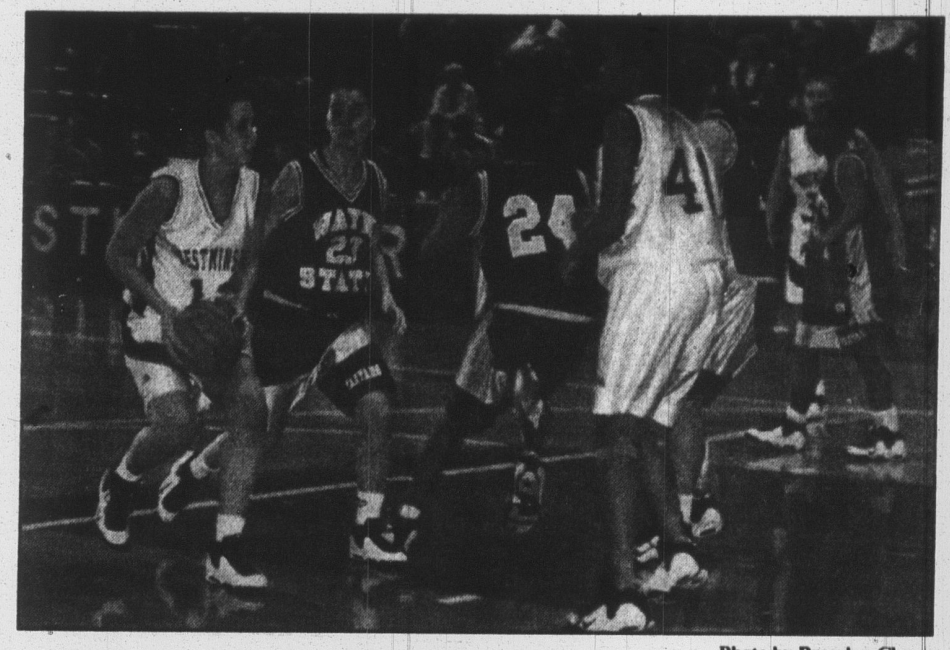


Photo by Brandon Cleary

The Lady Titans continue to struggle in game against Wayne State.

Rangers haunted as they try for the playoffs

New York — Should the Rangers fail to make the playoffs again this season, they will be haunted by games like Monday night's against the Washington Capitals. Games played at home against weaker opponents should not be a struggle at this crucial point in the season. And these games should not end in defeat.

But that was exactly what happened at Madison Square Garden, where the Rangers were dominated by the lowly Washington Capitals, who defeated them by 3-1.

A victory would have put the Rangers (19-22-7) back in the thick of the playoff race, just a point behind the idle Florida Panthers and Boston Bruins in the East. Washington improved its record to 17-26-4.

The Rangers pressed for the game-tying goal late in the third period, but a goal by Peter Bondra with three minutes left ended any threat.

"We should have won the game; there's no excuses, let's be honest," Rangers Coach John Muckler said afterward. "You think you're in a favorable position against teams we should beat, but this is not the first time we've taken two steps back when we should have taken a step forward."

The Rangers wasted an outstanding performance by goalie Mike Richter, who, one game after saving the Rangers against the Detroit Red Wings, kept his team in Monday night's match with an array of brilliant saves.

Richter's best stop was on Bondra in the third period, when he poked the puck away from the Capitals' sniper on a breakaway. Richter had 35 saves while his counterpart Olaf Kolzig was tough to beat, too, stopping 24 shots.

Wayne Gretzky missed the final 16 minutes of last Saturday's 3-2 victory over the Red Wings when he aggravated an old rib injury. He had insisted that the injury would not cause him to miss Monday night's game, but the soreness persisted Monday morning. So, he decided to take warmups 30 minutes prior to the game before choosing whether to play.

During the warm-ups, Gretzky looked stiff and seemed to be in some pain, skating slowly and grimacing every time he handled the puck. He was on the ice for only about five minutes before exiting.

To everyone's surprise, Gretzky toughed it out. He was cautious in the opening minutes of the first period. But a cautious Gretzky is still better than most NHL forwards. And, surprisingly, he played very well in the game's first 20 minutes. He set up several chances and even threw a few body checks.

There were several factors that may have affected Gretzky's decision to play. He had not missed a game since joining the Rangers three seasons ago, playing in all 212 regular-season games and 15 playoff games. And Gretzky, the NHL's all-time scoring leader, is nearing two milestones. He needs eight goals to reach 900 for his career and is one point short of his 1,071st point, which would tie him with Gordie Howe for all-time points in the NHL and World Hockey Association combined.

Despite controlling the game on both ends of the ice through the opening 20 minutes, New York trailed Washington by 1-0 at the first intermission.

Steve Konawalchuk scored for the Capitals at 2:35, batting the puck from out of midair and past Richter, who had made an initial save but didn't close his glove on the puck.

In the second period, John MacLean of the Rangers misfired on a wide open net as the puck dribbled across Kolzig's goal line. But Brent Fedyk beat Kolzig moments later, scoring his first goal of the season to tie the game at 6:10. Fedyk pumped his fists as if he had scored the game-winner. But who could blame him? His first was long overdue.

The Garden crowd was still cheering the Rangers' goal when Joe Juneau scored for the Capitals 25 seconds later, whipping a slap shot over Richter's glove. Adam Oates set up Juneau by passing the puck to him with a kick of his skate.

Aaron Borunda
Killed by a drunk driver on September 3, 1994, on Huntsville-Brownsferry Rd. in Athens, Alabama.

get the keys

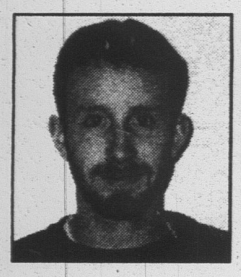
friends don't let friends drive drunk

OPINION

Question of the week

What does Y2K mean to you?

Sarah Stankorb, freshmen, "My mom is freaking out about it- like bottling water and stuff. From what I know though, it's been blown way out of proportion and everything will be fine."



Ed Sciulli, senior, "It is blown completely out of proportion. Life will go on, but maybe, just maybe, silver mylar clothing will finally come into fashion."

Joe Reinhart, senior, "It means more money in Bill Gates pocket."

Melanie Mehalik, senior, "Nothing bad, I hope. Everybody's exaggerating."

Brent Wilson, junior, "I don't think anything bad will happen, it's just a reason for crazy people to build shelters and hoard water. Everything will be fine."

Michele Szymanski, senior, "Personally, I don't think it will be as bad as they are predicting."

Sara Alexander, senior, "It's really scary, but I don't want to think about it."

Chris Cappabianco, senior, "Absolutely nothing."

Nikki Quimby, senior, "I never really thought about it. It means the coming of new technology and new things. After all the computers crash that is."

Meg Galbreath, sophomore, "Big trouble."

Amy Cross, senior, "Isn't that a character from the X-Files or something?"

Photos by Kristen Kress

Our View: Amish mocked unfairly

Mocking the Amish is not only commonplace in New Wilmington and Volant, but the college community also has no problem pocking fun at our Amish neighbors. As students and advocates of a liberal arts education, one would think that the students and faculty of the college would strive for a level of understanding of the Amish community.

Instead of trying to understand the Amish, the college community alternates between mocking them and exploiting them.

One of the most popular forms of mockery is a hat that was produced by the brothers of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. The baseball cap appears to be an item that one might find in the campus bookstore. A closer look reveals that the hat reads "The Fighting Amish" in place of our mascot "The Towering Titans." Many students wear their "Fighting Amish" hat with pride.

The attitude promoted by such slogans as the "Fighting Amish" causes some concern. Why does the hat entertain students so well?

Seemingly oximoronical, the phrase is humorous because it does not fit our stereotype of the Amish as a "quiet nature-loving people." But we might also suggest that the idea of a fighting Amish person is funny because we view the Amish as weak, nonthreatening, and submissive.

Unfortunately, the "Fighting Amish" baseball cap is not the only instance of this attitude being expressed by students.

About three years ago there was a campus-based band that often played at the Theta Chi fraternity house. The band was called "The Hostile Amish." Two years later, a section of the second floor of Eichenhower Hall was nicked named "The Amish Getto" by its inhabitants. The hall had posters on doors depicting Amish ride-by's—Amish people shooting guns out of horse drawn buggies.

Making a joke out of Amish people who are portrayed as threatening reinforce the separation between our community and theirs. These ideas also perpetuate a myth that our place in society is far superior to that of the Amish.

The Student Government Association takes a more playful approach to mocking the Amish. For the homecoming pep rally, the SGA sponsored an event called Amish Bingo.

A grid was marked in the quad and fenced off. A cow was then let loose in the fenced in area. Students were able to purchase a square in the grid and who ever was the proud owner of the square that the cow soiled won a prize, which is an interesting spin for a fundraiser.

But exactly what does it have to do with the Amish. A short drive around the area shows that not every Amish family owns a cow, much less gains pleasure from watching it defecate.

Perhaps the most blatantly ignorant mocking of the Amish by our campus community occurred last fall.

A broadcasting student decided to produce a TV sitcom to be aired on Cable 9. The planned story line was to follow the life of a young man who leaves his Amish sect to become a Westminster student. One need go no further than the title of the proposed TV show to see the bigotry and prejudice that are its root: "American Amish Boy."

The title suggests this boy was Amish, but since he decided to attend classes at Westminster he is now "American." What was this boy before he attended college if not American?

Not only does this sitcom focus on the separation between the Amish community and the college community, it also goes as far as to separate the two so much that the Amish are not considered a part of our country, let alone our neighborhood.

We belong to an institution of higher learning, which suggests we should all be educated to some degree. The college community, if unwilling to accept of the Amish, should at least avoid mocking their lifestyle.

Strangely enough, the college actually uses the stereotype of the Amish to promote the school. Visiting students and families are consistently reminded that New Wilmington is the quaint little home to our beautiful campus. Parents need not worry about their children because Westminster is nestled safely in the heart of "Amish Country."

Even so, members of the college community continue to mock the Amish and their traditions. Perhaps someday the community will be adult enough to recognize that our lifestyle is not the only legitimate way to live.

Westminster World

"How does that make me less likely to slip?"

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a student who returned our recent survey, blank, with a note about her concerns about the purpose and respectability of the *Holcad* survey.

The student asks: What do any of these questions have to do with the *Holcad* serving students?

First, one complaint we've received at the office more than once is that no stories deal with serious social issues affecting this campus. We've gotten complaints that, "nobody cares about ___, why don't you do a story about ___."

Other students have complained that the Question of the Week does not represent the campus accurately by asking only a few students each week. We believe a survey distributed to all students, many of whom have already completed and returned it, will give a better cross-section of the student body. But few students would respond (other than anonymously) to personal questions, like whether they've had unprotected sex, especially on a campus where everyone knows one another. Of course, the reaction of some students may be, "it's none of anyone's business." To them I would say, you're wrong; the spread of disease, and the problem of alcohol abuse, is everyone's business. We can't afford to stay quiet about these kinds of serious threats. In order to gauge the social climate here, as well as to solicit honest responses, we decided to distribute an anonymous campus survey.

Second, it does help us serve the community. For example, if the responses to the questions about smoking were overwhelmingly "who cares," (which, by the way, it has not been), the Holcad would probably not address smoking on campus in future issues.

The student also asks why the survey was not about the content or layout of the paper. The answer to that question is simple: we assume that any problems the campus has with the paper will be written to us as letters to the editor, or made as comments to our staff. We also made "what would you do to improve the *Holcad*" a Question of the Week.

Our concern, and the purpose of this survey, is not the appearance of the campus newspaper. Rather, we feel the issues in the survey are of significance to the campus community (and far more important to most students than the paper's layout).

Lastly, the concerned student calls into question our ability to make wise decisions at the Holcad. She then states that her respect for the Holcad has decreased since the distribution of this survey, and she would have responded to a more respectful survey. It is regrettable the student feels this way. However, addressing adult subjects does not make the survey disrespectful. We feel it is more important to write stories of social consequence (drug prevention, STD awareness, underage drinking) than to maintain the status quo and not risk offending the occasional student.

Students who feel that such a survey is an invasion of privacy may choose to disregard it.

Sincerely,
Rachel Jones
Managing Editor

Dear Editor,

In the beginninng of the year my roommates and I put our hard-earned money into buying a subscription to a magazine. As we arrived back at campus from Christmas Break, we planned on checking out the magazines we missed over break. To our disappointment, the magazines could not be found in our box. Matt Martin took his rage so far as to throw a chair. After we settled him down, we calmly asked the mail ladies what happened to our magazines. The mail lady replied " we just set whatever mail we got over break on a table, and whoever grabs them, grabs them."

Rather then throwing down with the mail ladies, we decided to take our power to the pen, and write the Holcad. We found the actions of the mail ladies very unprofessional. They set our private mail out on a table for everyone to read. We must say we expected more out of the mail department from a school as highly-regarded as this one. Are these actions even legal? Hopefully with this letter, someone can give me an explanation for the actions displayed by the mail department.

Yours Truly,
Matthew M. Martin, Brian C. Rigby, and Ronald A. Bird

Dear Editor,

I was walking back to Hillside around 2 a.m. last Monday when I noticed a man standing behind a mini van parked by Ferguson. I thought it odd for a man in his forties to be hanging out on campus at that hour of the morning.

When he saw me, he started walking up the 'fat man' trail along the road between Eich and Ferg. I followed him on the trail, walking slowly and trying to keep my distance. In case I wasn't already nervous, this guy stops walking, turns around and looks at me. So I stopped and said, "can I help you?" He replied, "I was just looking to see if I knew you." I yelled back, "No, I'm sure that you don't know who I am," and swung my book bag onto one shoulder and started to think about the punches I just learned in Tae Bo class. The man didn't say anything else. He turned and walked up Beechwood and I continued up the hill at a brisk walk, keeping an eye on him as I went. Then he stopped before the park entrance and watched me walk up the hill and into the front door. CREEPY!

When I got to my room, I thought that I should call campus security. I mean, it's not like this guy attacked me, but it's not often that forty-year-old men hang out outside the girls dorms at 2 a.m. asking questions. So, I dialed 7777. No answer, so I call back. TEN RINGS LATER a giddy dispatcher answered my call. I said, "Hello, my name is Amy and I was just approached by a suspicious man outside of Hillside." She replied, "O.K. sweety, I'll send someone right down." Click. She hung up on me! She didn't know my last name, my extension, or anything. So I went out to the front desk to wait for security (at this point, I wasn't about to hang around outside). I waited for 20 minutes and no one came. I can only hope that the dispatcher sent the campus security tracker on a mission through the parking lot-Lord knows that would scare away any hardened criminals in the area.

I am sure that time on the job for campus security guards and dispatchers doesn't resemble an episode of "Cops" — if it did I wouldn't go to school here. However, I would hope that if a student feels that he or she has a reason to call, campus security wouldn't just shrug it off. Why DOES it take 10+ rings for security to pick up? What if it had been an emergency? And shouldn't it be standard procedure to ask a person (especially calling about a security matter) his or her location and last name? And possibly what campus security could do to help?

New Wilmington is a relatively safe town, but that doesn't mean a crime could never be committed here.

Sincerely,
Amy Cross

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Peddling baloney in rubber town

By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

I have been an active participant in athletic competitions and an avid sports fan since the beginning of my existence. From the time I was knee high to a cat, I can remember my mother and father placing me in the front yard and steadily pelting me with a barrage of athletic equipment from various sporting endeavors until I figured out what to do with them. I was even known as Mark McKingman, in honor of the legendary Chicago Cube slugger Dave Kingman, by the neighborhood folk who watched and waited for the glorious day when I would blossom into the multimillion dollar athlete superstar I was destined to become.

But unfortunately my athletic career hit a few billion roadblocks, courtesy of certain blowhard corporate bigwigs and their lump sum payment of double-talkin' jive. Because of these unfortunate impediments, I have been forced to compete in underground sporting events such as "Throw Rocks at the Stop Sign" or "Throw Rocks at the Speed Limit Sign." Although these have been extremely rewarding careers, I find myself longing for the increasingly corrupt world of professional athletics, chock full of reckless spendthrift owners, whiney pampered athletes, and legions upon legions of deceitful agents and lawyers.

Luckily, I just happened to notice that the old boys down at the National Basketball Association seemed to have just settled a lengthy lockout that had significantly bruised their image with their formerly adoring public. Even more, their position wasn't exactly being helped by the recent retirement of that Michael Jordan fellow. Side note to Michael—ever hit a stop sign eight times in a row from ninety-two paces at the Throw Rocks at the Stop Sign National Quarterfinals in beautiful Newark, New Jersey? That's what I thought, six-title man. Blah, blah, blah.

So with all the extensive pondering I had been partaking in since this new information has come to light, I have been able to compile what I believe to be a seamless gem of a plan to win back the hearts of the NBA's distraught fans, develop a huge bilingual butter-churning robot, and ignite a political firestorm that could rock this nation to its very foundations.

See, NBA fans need a team that they can really believe in, like a basketball version of the Pittsburgh Spirit. They need a team that all of America would embrace like a huge embraceible item. They need the Akron Baloney Peddlers.

Now I know what you're saying, why Akron? Please, what better place to for an expansion basketball powerhouse than the hallowed basketball hotbed of Akron, Ohio, rubber capital of the central northeast? Now of course I'm going to need a sizeable loan to get the Baloney Peddlers in business, but the payoff will be enormous. I won't be employing your run-of-the-mill tall, talented basketball superstar, no sir. All of the Baloney Peddlers are required to be retired former chefs over the age of fifty-seven, be no more than five feet, five inches tall, and must exhibit a plump jollyness. They also will wear those giant baker hats as part of their uniform and will toss delicious sausages into the crowd at various intervals during their ultra-competitive games.

Meanwhile, I'll just sit back writing memos to people I don't know and frequenting celebrity cocktail parties as the money rolls in. Order will once again be restored to the NBA, my butter-churning robot will please toast lovers of America and abroad, and I'll have that seat I was destined to have at the head of the professional sports banquet table of glory. So I went to a luncheon, a high-class function, food is served and you're stone cold munchin'. Music starts up, people start to dance, but you ate so much you nearly split your pants.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Grease showing in Orr on March 3

Contributed photo
The musical classic Grease will be performed in Orr.

"We go together, like ram-a-lam-a-lam-a-ka-dingity-ding-d-dong, remembered forever like shoo-wop-sha-wod-a-wod-a-yippity-boom-dee-boom. Chang-chang, changity-chang-shoo-bop, we'll always be like one, wah-wah-wah-wa-ah."

Grease, made famous on the big screen by Olivia Newton John and John Travolta, is coming to campus. For one night only, March 3, the 1950s rock musical will roll into Orr Auditorium.

Grease takes a rousing look at growing up in the 50's when slicked back hair, skin tight pedal-pushers, pajama parties, and drive-ins were all the rage. The musical is filled with favorite golden oldies such as, "Greased Lightnin'," "Summer Nights," "Born to Hand Jive," and "We Go Together."

Grease is the most successful movie musical of all time and is ranked the fifth longest running musical in Broadway history, having opened in 1972, and clocking 3,388 performances until its close in 1980.

Grease debuted in movie theater in 1978 and grossed more than $340 million at box-offices around the world, becoming the biggest grossing movie musical in film history, a record that still stands today.

After 20 years, it still ranks as one of the top 10 video titles sold in the U.S. in 1997. So far, over 20 million double soundtrack albums have been sold (more than 1.2 million of those sales came in 1996 and 1997).

It has been in the top five on the Billboard pop charts for 244 consecutive weeks as of Feb. 1, 1998.

Its revival opened on Broadway in 1994 and is making its way to the College this spring.

In celebration of the *Grease* revival, the dining hall will host "Back to the Fifties" day, Feb. 10. The Celebrity Series crew will be there for t-shirt giveaways and fun fifties trivia. Be sure to participate in "Back to the Fifties" day in the dining hall and don't miss *Grease* March 3rd. For ticket information, call the Celebrity Series office, Ext. 7354.

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In Kristen's corner: Stern vulgar, tacky

By Kristen Kress
Entertainment Editor

I am sure many of you out there in WC-land are fans of Howard Stern's show. I, however, am not. I watched his show for the first time this week, and then I decided that the brain cells I had saved by not watching it before definitely outweighed any entertainment value his show MIGHT posses.

Stern is vulgar with a capital V. Why do people think he's funny? As a radio personality, he makes a mockery of broadcasting, and he offends or brings to tears each guest he has on the show.

I am a broadcast major and I know the rules of the airwaves. Howard is a horrible example of how radio personalities should conduct themselves on the air. If a normal DJ tried the stuff he pulls—forget it; he or she would be fired immediately. Rarely does a "Shock Jock," as the Howard-type is called, make it in broadcasting, and now I understand why.

Howard's guests last night included Fred the Elephant Boy, several strippers, and a porn star gone legit actress, Amy somebody.

The reason for the strippers appearance? They had triple breast implants. The one stripper, I think I remember, was a size triple K. TRIPLE K!

Anyway, after Howard brought them to tears with his rudeness and vulgarity regarding their personal choice to enlarge what God gave them in an effort to achieve fame and make a decent living, he went on to ask them to remove their shirts—to further humiliate them I suppose.

The girls complied, but only after receiving Fred the Elephant Boy's permission. After Howard felt good enough about himself, he dismissed the girls and called in his next guest, Amy. To my surprise, he told Amy she looked very nice, but then followed it up with, "you used to be so chubby and ugly . . .."

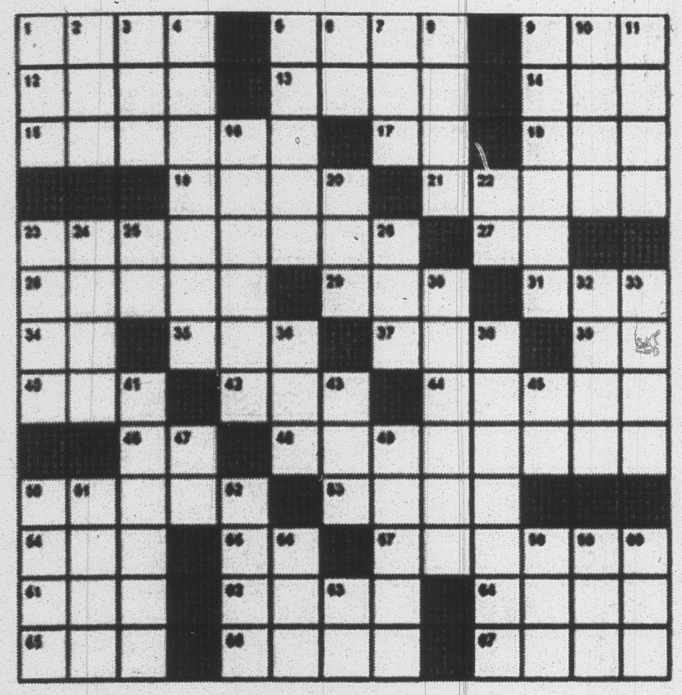
He then proceeded to give her an IQ test, asking her questions ranging from "Who's the VP of the U.S." to "Where is Napoleon from?" She could only answer maybe two of his questions correctly and only with a considerable amount of thought.

He laughed hysterically at her, telling her incorrect answers, to further confuse her. How great it must feel to revel in another human's humility.

After the IQ test, he went on to question her about her sex life with her ex-boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, who was killed with Princess Diana in the car accident. She told him she didn't want to talk about him and he responded with, "Why not? He's dead, dammit." Great show. I know this is just a television program, on for entertainment value, but whose?

I guess it just worries me that this man is a source of many people's entertainment. What does that say about our society? If this is the sort of thing people are amused by watching, no wonder there is a complete and total disregard for human life everywhere.

Crossword Challenge



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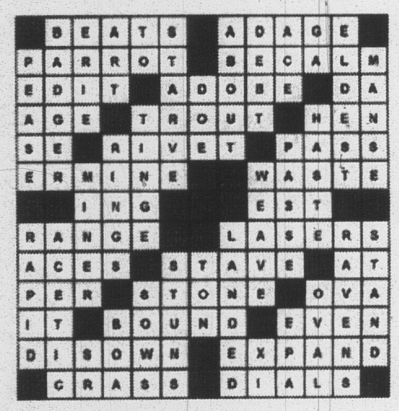

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Outpourings coffeehouse offers alternative

Looking for some place to just go and hang out that is actually fun? A place to relax and unwind? Maybe read a book or drink some excellent coffee? Have something to eat and listen to some great music while meeting new people? A coffeehouse would be great! Well, wait no longer. Outpourings Coffeehouse celebrated its grand opening last week. The coffeehouse will be open the last Friday evening of every month from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., staying open way past most bar closing times, thus offering a weekend alternative. Westminster students are excited about the new coffeehouse.

"I am glad there is a fun-looking coffeehouse opening because there is nothing of interest to me to do around here," said one student. "It is disappointing however that it will only be open once a month. I hope they can get off their feet and be open all the time."

The coffeehouse is located across from Eagle Chevrolet on East Liberty Street in Hubbard. Outpourings will be completely affordable, with just a $2 cover charge, and will be open for ages 18-30. The coffeehouse will feature live bands, DJ's, solo artists, appetizers, flavored coffees, and much more. Owner Brad Kauffman said he is excited about the new coffeehouse.

"There is a lot of vision for the place. It has to grow. We plan to build from one night a month to once a week and so on," he said. "Eventually, we want to have poetry and open mic. It's not your typical coffeehouse, it's more of a coffeehouse/nightclub. It's a great place to hang out."

Be sure to stop in Outpourings and check it out for yourself. For more information or directions, call (330) 782-1885.

Six Random things no one needs to know

1) The world's largest wine cask is in Heidelberg, Germany.
2) Lorne Greene had one of his nipples bitten off by an alligator while he host of "Lorne Greene's Wild Kingdom."
3) Cat's urine glows under a black light.
4) If you bring a raccoon's head to the Henniker, New Hampshire town hall, you are entitle to receive $.10 from the town.
5) St. Stephen is the patron saint of bricklayers.
6) The first song played on the Armed Forces Radio during operation desert Storm was "Rock the Casba" by the Clash.

FebruaryActivity Schedule for Lawrence County

6 - "Friends, Fables and Fun" -MUM Puppets
Hoyt's Children's Series 652-2882
7 - WBZY Women's Expo/Bridal Fair
The Cathedral 12 p.m. - 6p.m. 656-1200
12 - School House Rock - Thru 2/28
New Castle Playhouse 654-3437
13 - Penn's Woods West Folk and Art Festival
Mercer, Pa 662-4185
14 - Valentine's Dance - SNPJ 336-5180
19 - Lawrence County Builder's Association Home and Garden Show
The Cathedral 658-4432 Dan Troxell Thru 2/21
20 - Chili Open - Scotland Meadows Park
658-4766 Dan Harris N.C. YMCA
21 - New Castle Camera Club Exhibit
Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts 652-2882
26 - Secret Garden -Local Designers Art Exhibition
Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts 652-2882 Thru 2/28

Humor-scopes

Feb. 5 through Feb. 11

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Most people are aware that it's supposed to be good luck to toss a pinch of salt over your left shoulder. This week you will discover that it's even better luck to toss a carton of yogurt over your right shoulder, especially in Duff.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
This week you will see a free-floating full torso vaporous apparition! It'll turn out that your glasses are smudged from that fly that ran into them and died while you were studying in the TUB.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
This week you will buy a package of those birthday party confetti-blaster thingies, and will rig booby traps for several of your friends on your hall. One of them will die of a heart attack, due to surprise, and you'll be plagued with horrible undying guilt for the rest of your life. Plus, you will run out of toothpaste today, and nobody else in the dorm will lend you any since you're a murderer.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Strange things continue to happen. This week you will put on a long-sleeved shirt, only to discover that the sleeves now extend past your fingertips and that line drying in the hall is not a good idea. You didn't say anything inappropriate to an elderly British gentleman with strange green eyes, did you? Let's hope not.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Beware of celery.

Virgo (August 23 -Sept. 22)
This week you will invent a new type of automated squid sorter, for use by professional squid fishermen. You will call it the Squid Pro Quo. That will be a mistake and fish activists around the world will be after you.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
Sometime this week, the universe will stop expanding, and start contracting. You will be the only one who notices. Also, you will develop a strange desire to wear golf shoes. This is not going to be well accepted by your peers.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 -Nov.21)
The phrase "return your tray tables to the upright and locked position" will cycle endlessly through your mind all week long. It's not serious. (But you should probably consider cutting down on the honey-roasted peanuts.)

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Mid-week, you will become stuck in a wicker chair. This is what the Hawaiians refer to as a "sticky wicker", as it is an unfortunately common occurrence in their climate. You will have to go to class anyhow, wicker and all because this is not a valid excuse for absence.

Capricorn (Dec.22 - Jan. 20)
Good time to be happy-go-lucky! You'll find it works out a lot better than the sad-go-accident-prone you've been trying. After you got the nickname "CALAMITY" at the fraternity house this past weekend, you're definitely right to try a new approach.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 18)
You'll feel a little tired and run down this week. Just a hunch, but that could explain those tire tracks on your shirt, as well...even though your new sisters/brothers are lots of fun, take a break for yourself.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
This week will be a complete waste of time. You will at least learn to spell "equaminity"...er..."equanimbity" ...no...hmmm. You will learn to spell a word like that. Or, you'll go MAD trying.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Murder charge against pediatrician dropped, suit looms

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) - Prosecutors on Monday withdrew a second-degree murder charge against a veteran pediatrician accused of blocking an infant's breathing after the 3-day-old boy was declared brain dead.

The decision to drop charges against Dr. Eugene Turner came just as his trial was to begin and prompted a burst of cheers and applause from his supporters in the crowded courtroom. Turner, 62, could hardly speak through his tears.

Turner always believed "he did everything he could to save the life of Gonor McInnerney on Jan. 12 of last year," said defense attorney Jeff Robinson. "And he was right, and we think the decision today bears that out."

There was no evidence the baby's death was caused by "any criminal or even negligent act by any other human being," said the motion for dismissal filed by prosecutor Jim Townsend and approved by a judge.

The baby's parents, Martin and Michelle McInnerney, will file a negligence lawsuit against Turner, said their lawyer, Matthew Knopp. They have not decided whether to sue the hospital. The McInnerneys were not in court.

The couple "are going to be haunted forever by the image of what Dr. Turner did while he was alone with Conor that night," Knopp said.

"They believe that justice requires that they file a civil action in order to . . . make sure this type of thing doesn't happen again."

The charge can be refiled if new evidence surfaces, but such a decision would have to be made fairly quickly - within the next two weeks, said Snohomish County Prosecutor Jim Krider.

Turner was accused of stopping Conor's breathing with his hand on Jan. 12, 1998. The infant was declared dead twice after he stopped breathing at home and was brought to the Olympic Memorial Hospital emergency room by ambulance.

Turner said the breathing he stopped was reflexive "agonal breathing" that is a sign of imminent death - and said the infant was already brain dead.

Some experts and hospital staff - and the boy's parents - disagreed. But a trial would not resolve that disagreement, prosecutors concluded.

Townsend said he considered lesser charges of first- or second-degree manslaughter, his motion says. But he concluded a court could not make that charge stick either.

"The expert testimony on this issue is not consistent," he wrote, concluding the available evidence would not support a conviction "of any criminal act" in the baby's death.

Turner still faces a May hearing before the state Medical Quality Assurance Commission for alleged unprofessional conduct in the baby's death. The panel allowed Turner to keep his medical license until his case is heard, but ordered another doctor be present any time he attempted a resuscitation.

Turner voluntarily surrendered his hospital privileges but continued to operate his Peninsula Children's Clinic.

He said he believes evidence gathered for the trial will help before the commission.

"I think we can have some evidence to bring forth to the state board to indicate that things were maybe not as bad as they originally thought they were," Turner said.

Clinton orders assessment of China's espionage

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton has ordered a formal assessment of possible damage to U.S. national security after a congressional panel concluded that America's interests were harmed by China's military espionage, an administration official said Monday.

"We take it very seriously," National Security Council spokesman David

Leavy said. "And we're going to conduct a formal damage assessment."

He said the administration had not embraced the committee's conclusion that U.S. interests were harmed. Instead, he said, "We're reviewing the information that was gathered."

"We take this issue very seriously and we are organizing an interagency team including nuclear weapons and counterintelligence experts to conduct a formal damage assessment, which will be reviewed by a panel of independent experts," Leavy said. He said the panel would report its findings to Congress.

Clinton's action came in response to a study conducted by a special House committee investigating military and commercial deals with China. The panel, headed by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., concluded late last year that China has been pursuing U.S. military information aggressively for more than 20 years.

The panel's investigation began with an inquiry into the administration's satellite export dealings with China but looked beyond those transactions to Republican and Democratic administrations over the last two decades. In releasing the report, Cox had said that, "Based on unclassified information, we have found that nation security harm did occur."

Cox said transfers from the United States to China were not limited to satellite and missile technology, "but cover militarily significant technology." The committee, five Republicans and four Democrats, adopted the report without dissent.

China has dismissed the allegations as "groundless and irresponsible."

"The president agreed with the broad conclusions and recommendations of the (Cox) report and accepted in the bipartisan fashion in which it was offered to move forward on a comprehensive approach to maintain effective export controls and protection to U.S. exports worldwide," Leavy said.

The House committee made more than three dozen recommendations for legislation and executive action to remedy the problem. Leavy said, "In this regard, we support and agree with the majority of the committee's recommendations." Many of them already are being implemented, he said.

NASA seeks funding to fly airplane on Mars

It's an idea that's been tossed around at NASA for decades: an unpiloted airplane sails through the Martian atmosphere, cameras whirring, giving humankind an unprecedented aerial tour of the red planet.

NASA officials say the idea is admittedly far-fetched, but within reach — enough so that the agency has included the $50 million project in its 2000 budget request.

NASA hopes to launch the drone atop a French Ariane 5 rocket in 2003, the 100-year anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight.

An animated video played at a budget briefing Monday showed a small, pilot-less plane parachuting toward the sandy surface, unfolding its wings and propeller, and puttering off.

In actuality, many details about the plane remain to be determined, including actual design and means of propulsion and delivery to Mars, NASA AdministratorDaniel S. Goldin said.

Flying in Mars' atmosphere is like flying at about 100,000 to 130,000 feet altitude above Earth, he said, so much research needs to be done. A long-range jetliner flies at about 30,000 feet altitude.

There is also an eight-minute time lag for radio messages between Earth and Mars, complicating the control of the unmanned plane.

In addition to still and video cameras, the Mars airplane would carry a payload of science instruments on its three-hour, 1,100-mile flight.

A key goal of the mission, aside from testing new technology, would be to search for the best place from which to return samples — places where geology indicates the possible past presence of water or layered sediments, NASA said.

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Protesting toads anger park-goers

LOS ANGELES - Off-roaders are hopping mad over toads. The U.S. Forest Service last week closed about 3,000 acres of Angeles National Forest trails, streams and a campground until 2003 to protect the endangered arroyo southwestern toad. Off-road vehicle enthusiasts are furious. "We understand about the toad, but they're taking all the recreation out of the area. They're making humans endangered on public land," said Scott Moser of the desert community of Littlerock.

"The Forest Service has been trying to get rid of off-roaders for the past five or six years," said Jack Rosema of Lancaster.

"They blame us for the trash and all the damage here, but it's not us doing it."

Officials say it was necessary to close the trails because off-road drivers often crush the small toads, hikers injure them in shallow streambeds and noise from the Littlerock campground drowns out the toad's mating calls.

Mouse falls into dinner at restaurant

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Now landing at an Albuquerque airport: a baby mouse. A family eating at a Mexican food restaurant at this city's airport got something they weren't expecting - a live infant mouse that dropped from the rafters onto a plate of food. Both the airport administration and Garduno's Restaurant and Cantina are looking into where the rodent could have come from, city environmental health specialist Leo Bottos said. The health inspector who investigated said he believes the mouse fell from above the table rather than above the kitchen in the city-owned building. He said he found traces of mice droppings in the corner of a storage room near the patio dining area where the incident occurred. "It's a pretty isolated incident," Bottos said.

U-WIRE NEWS

Computerized GREs simplify testing and scoring

By Victoria St. Martin
(Rutgers U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The Graduate Record Exam (GRE), taken by most students after finishing college to gain admission to a graduate program, will officially change its format after April 10.

The exam, which is usually taken with a scantron and a number 2 pencil, will revise its format and switch to a computerized technique. April 10 will be the last time students will be able to take the GRE the traditional way.

By changing the format of the test, it will follow in the footsteps of other national scantron-based standardized tests that evolved in order to compensate for the ever-changing times, Roxanne Greye, a community outreach coordinator at The Princeton Review in Philadelphia, said.

"The rate of returns are faster on the computer and people can take it six days a week, 12 months a year," Greye said.

Greye said there were advantages to this high-tech trend.

"The computer recycles the questions. It is a cyber smart test - a very smart test. All of the standardized tests are going computerized and with e-mail you can now get your score immediately. There is less paper and the exams are much more broad."

Test preparation services such as the Princeton Review and Kaplan Testing said they are attempting to change their teaching strategies to accommodate students to the new format of the GRE.

"When you take apart a test you are in control and you can skip around. With the computer you must take one question at a time. That is a major format difference," Greye said.

The changes can pose problems in students test-taking methods.

"Even though we are a computerized society it is still very difficult for people to take a test on a computer," Greye said.The traditional tests have "questions (that) are just given to you in a random order and there are also experimental questions," Greye said.

Greye said the new test taking methods can help students who have a tougher time taking the tests."Taking the GRE is like attending a cocktail party," Greye said. "As the test continues, through the questions it asks and the person's answers, the computer gets to know you," she said.

"It is a smart test and it will give you more and more hard questions as it gets to know you. As it gets to know you better, it will discover what type of test-taker you are."

A lot of students are rushing to take the test in the traditional paper and pencil method because of the change of the GRE format. It has many students worried about taking the new computer formatted test.

"Now a lot of people take the paper and pencil because of lack of confidence. Our class takes apart each question. They can get over their fear by practicing on the format and essentially, if they are starting from scratch, they will learn the right way," Greye said.

Some University students said they are upset at the fact that they will no longer have a choice of which format of the GRE they may take. Others look at a more positive side and recognize the benefits that the new format of the GRE could bring.

"I think that the new format of the GRE would be better and easier to do," said College of Pharmacy sophomore Mark Alibrando. "I really don't like the traditional way because it makes me more nervous and puts pressure on me. The good thing is that you can take the test anytime that want, but you cannot change your answers."

Nude dancing in the union sparks U. Iowa stir

(U. Iowa)
By Erin Crawford

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — Nudity in the Union Wheelroom on Jan. 30 during a male dance revue has sparked an investigation by UI officials.

"Ladies' Nite: African-American All-Male Revue Dance Show," sponsored by the Black Entrepreneurial Association, featured five exotic male dancers from Chicago. According to an organizer and students who attended the event, several of the male dancers exposed themselves while on stage.

Depending on the context of the event, the frontal nudity may have been in conflict with UI policy, said Steve Parrott, associate director of University Relations.

A report has been made to Student Services, Parrott said, and administrators will now be gathering facts about the event to determine their next step.

The routine included stage stripping, and lap and table dancing for tips. Six dancers were scheduled to perform, including Cobra, Get it Wet, Extacy, Sexy Chocolate, Mystique and Chocolate Shake, but only five dancers trod the boards.

"They came out in clothes and went down to G-strings," said UI freshman Felicia Penza, who attended the show. "And then (the dancers) would whip it out for a couple of seconds."

Organizer Derick Mitchell said he told the dancers that there were certain Iowa laws and campus rules that had to be followed during the event. Despite his warning, the dancers exposed themselves.

"That surprised me a little myself," he said. "They were invited here and I told them specifically what I wanted them to do, but they got a little bit out of control."

Mitchell said the show drew a positive response from the several hundred women who attended. But, now that the show is over, Mitchell said he expects negative feedback from UI officials regarding the event.

"They did some things that they shouldn't have, some things I wasn't expecting," he said. "I tried to keep it down as much as I could, but once they did it, what can you do?"

Penza, who said she enjoyed the event, was surprised a show of this nature was held in a UI building.

"They would take the women up on stage, and (the women) were straddling them with their legs up in the air and (the dancer's) face in their crotch," she said. "I can't believe the university actually did something like that."

Laura McLeran, manager of guest and event services in the Union, said it's not common for UI officials to censor events; however, they do like to be informed of the content.

Students living in *Truman Show*

By Maggie Malone
The Miami Student (Miami U.)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Ohio — Feb. 1 marked the first day that the dorm lives of eight students, representing seven different New England universities, were broadcast on WebDorm.com.

The students each have a camera set up in their room that transfers their image and the image of the dorm room onto the Internet.

The Website is contrasting the immensity of the World Wide Web with the microcosm of a college dorm room on a three inch by three inch screen (your computer) broadcasted 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the remainder of the semester. Window to the world? Perhaps. Window to the college world? Definitely.

Exploring the Website, one may stumble upon "DogBoy" who isn't in his room, but the waning light of the day filters in through his window giving a clear view of his neat dorm room.

"So far it is a neat experience," "Dogboy" said. "I don't care about the people watching me and it doesn't make me nervous."

WebDorm.com is a branch of the larger CollegeWeb.com. The company attempts to promote a realistic view of college life for current and future college students.

"It [WebDorm.com] was a joint effort between the staff members," said Allison Mahoney, CollegeWeb.com employee. "All the staff is under the age of 25."

Feb. 8, five more WebDorm.com students will be introduced onto the Website. These students are all from colleges and universities in the Great Lakes Region of the U.S.

"Until the end of February they [the new WebDorms] are coming," Mahoney said.

Participants applied though an interview process conducted by CollegeWeb.com. The entire process lasted a month. After being accepted to the program students received a start-up packet and a camera from the company.

"We're looking for well-rounded, outgoing and responsible students," said Mahoney.

Cornell University's "Mr. Orange" enters his room and sits down. He immediately begins to talk on the phone. He is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering and at this very moment is laughing at something no one can hear, but anyone can see.

U. California graduate students plan to resume strike until they receive union recognition

(U. California-Davis)
By Sara Raley

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. — The teaching assistant strike that threatened to paralyze the University of California in early December will resume this quarter, according to graduate student representatives, who have not stopped vying for union recognition.

According to Scott Prudham, a Berkeley member of the Association of Graduate Student Employees, the timetable for the renewal of the strike is both undetermined and confidential. He added that the strike organizers hope to give administrators very little time to locate and hire scab labor.

"We will not be talking about timing issues until, strategically, we feel we can do so safely," he said, adding that "anything's possible."

The strike's 45-day "cooling-off period" that began Dec. 7 - after only four days of active striking - ended two weeks ago without an offer of compromise from university officials.

Instead, according to UC President Richard Atkinson, the University has decided to await the judicial review of a 1992 appellate court ruling which states that TAs are not "employees."

Obtaining this review is unlikely, according to AGSE union organizer Elizabeth Bunn, who noted that the same request was already declined in April by the California Supreme Court.

"For UC to go into those talks and not even make an offer at the end of them is completely disingenuous and in bad faith," Prudham said.

"We're outraged," he added. "UC's just reverting to its old tactics - they're stonewalling."

Atkinson did not indicate that he is aware that this legalistic maneuvering could strike graduate students as a method of stalling.

"We hope that the judicial process will produce a result that is consistent with the University's educational mission," said Atkinson in a recent press release. "In the meantime, we will continue our discussions with students, faculty members and other interested parties in an effort to promote dialogue about the issues involved."

Both graduate students and undergraduates returned to the routine business of teaching and learning one month ago, but the strike's aftermath and the unresolved issues that took center stage during December - concerns about workload, compensation, health care and basic employee respect - still hover over campus communities.

"It's not over," UC Davis graduate student Remington Stone said. "Now what we're going to see is the grad students striking again."

Although most TAs are taking the present standstill in stride, sixth-year English and women's studies graduate student Sonja Streuber is initiating a personal showdown with UC officials.

This extreme action was precipitated, she said, by an experience she had when teaching a standard course alongside a professor who had never taught the course before.

"I was in the unique position of giving advice to the professor," Streuber said.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

For Sale: Attention ZTA's. Two new ZTA sweatshirts, two new ZTA T-shirts, also 2 older T-shirts. Must sell. Price negotiable. Call Julie, Ext 6401.

For Sale: 13-inch Sharp color TV/VCR combo. with remote. Excellent condition. Still have all original packaging and books. Bought over summer for $270, asking $180. Call Nathan, Ext. 7492.

For Sale: Barrecrafters Ski Rack. Requires rain gutters on car. Asking $40, will negotiate. Call Steve, (724) 738-0807.

For Sale: Blaupunct car CD player/radio. Paid $325, asking $200. Call Jason 946-3715.

For Sale: 1985 Mercury Cougar, blue w/metal flake. New tires, heater core and water pump. Handle-less entry, runs great, passed Ohio E-Check. $1800 OBO. Call Michael, Ext. 7897.

For Sale: Beige, 9 by 11 carpet. 1-yr-old, looks brand new. Best offer. Amber Brkich, Ext. 6642.

For Sale: 85-gallon aquarium, $120. Two iguanas, $60 each. Call Ext. 7995.

For Sale: Blue loft with bottom springs, $65. Mauve loft with shelf and foam padding, $60. Both easy to set up. Call (724) 376-2108.

For Sale: 1992 white Ford Mustang convertible; 4 cylinder automatic, body in great condition. $4,750 OBO. Melissa Nosik, Ext. 7451.

For Sale: Red Jeep Sport Cherokee with grey cloth interior. Excellent condition, 43,000 miles. Carol Eberhart, Ext. 7190.

For Sale: Ford Taurus, many miles but reliable, asking $1000. James, 946-3720.

For Sale: Computer desk with overhead cabinets and printer stand, $75; price negotiable. Jennifer Boyd-Morin, Ext. 7406.

For Sale: Purple beanbag, $10, Flute—like new, $250. Krissi Duncan, (724) 667-0582.

For Sale: Sega Genesis + 6 games, Gameboy + 3 games, small flashlight, desk lamp, psychology research methods adn analysis book, books for children's lit class. Chris Mavrodis, Ext. 7840.

For Sale: 13-inch Philco color TV with remote, in good condition. Bought for $120, will sell for $80. Max Chen, Ext. 6464.

WANTED

The *Scrawl* staff invites you to submit a design for the cover of this year's 60th anniversary edition. The winning entry will receive $50. Submissions are due February 19th to Box 159. E-mail questions to NOLANJL.

Bands to play on Earth Day April 10. For more info call Josh Martin, Ext. 6503.

Glacier Park, Montana will hire 900 college students for summer jobs in all segments of hotel and hospitality areas. Jobs include hotel front desk clerks, room attendants, cooks, wait persons and tour guides. Students may also participate in guest entertainment, such as the American Cabaret Theatre, a Glacier Park tradition. Work begins early June-late September. Majors of particular interest to the company: accounting, music and theatre. Details: call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 207-2620 or visit their website: www.gpihr.com.

Hallmark Cards, Inc. takes summer interns for creative positions, visual arts positions, language arts, and sales. Contact Jackie Meade, Career Center, Ext. 7343.

Camp Cedar, a boys' summer camp in Maine, has counselor openings for staff members this summer. Counselors work with boys between the ages of 9 and 15. The camp offers a full range of activities including team and individual athletic and creative activities in an outstanding facility. Season begins the third week of June, which involves one week of orientation followed by an eight-week camp session. Call Jackie Meade (CC).

Ernst and Young LLP is seeking mathematics and/or statistics majors or minors who are interested in an actuarial internship during the summer of 1999. Opportunities are available in Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis, New York, Atlanta and Dallas. The company is focusing, but not limiting, its search to second and third year students. Contact Jackie Meade (CC).

The YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, a conference center located in the mountains of western North Carolina, is currently seeking both supervisory and non-supervisory staff to work in the following departments for the summer of 1999: food services, guest services, maintenance, conferences services, housekeeping, aquatics, environmental education, gift shop, crafts, and child care. All positions are paid. Further information is available at ILUCKBRA@aol.com or (808) 669-8422. Website is www.blueridgeassembly.org.

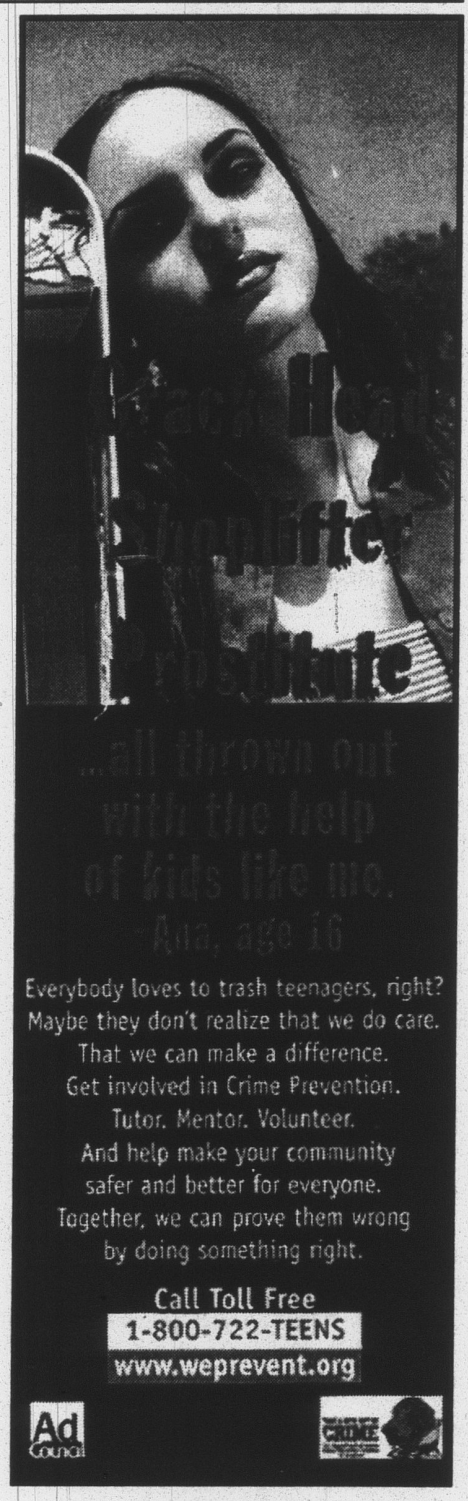
The Lawrence County Family Center in New Castle welcomes volunteers to work with youth in the community. Call Brian Walsh, (724) 658-8706.

Volunteers to work with youth in the community. Call Brian Welsh, Lawrence County Family Center in New Castle, 658-3767.

Youth intern. Paid position has a three-month probation period, and pays $50/week for up to 39 weeks. Work involves helping youth ministries staff person to teach Sunday School to junior and senior high students and assist in developing programs for youth. Contact Tawnya Drent, The First Methodist Church of New Castle at 658-5577.

RIDES

ISO rides to latrobe/Greensburg area occasionally on weekends. Will help pay for gas and/or drive. Matt Carlson, Ext. 6867.



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Calendar of Events

Friday, Feb. 5
Last Day to DROP ($15 FEE)
Fresh Start Round 2 Interviews - TUB C
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Dr. Ken Long
8 p.m., Celebrity Series - The Oak Ridge Boys - Orr
8 p.m., Lock-in, Theta Chi house

Saturday, Feb. 6
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
11 a.m.-4 p.m., Screenings for PCMEA Variety Show - Orr
1 p.m., Swimming vs. University of Findlay (H)
1 p.m., W Basketball vs. Findlay, OH (H)
3 p.m., M Basketball vs. Findlay, OH (H)
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel

Sunday, Feb. 7
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Vespers, Communion, Rev. Wayne Nickerson - Chapel
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
8:15-10 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

Monday, Feb. 8
Phi Mu History Week
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Fr. Bob Miller
5 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi meeting - Alpha Sigma Phi House
5:30 p.m., Panhel meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m., Zeta Tau Alpha meeting - TCF 116
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6 p.m., Phi Mu meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m., Kappa Delta meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
7 p.m., BSU meeting - PH 231

Tuesday, Feb. 9
7 a.m., Tuesday Morning Fellowship, Hope Cummins - Lindley Dining Hall
6-7 p.m., Career Center speaker - TUB A/B
6-7 p.m., Prepaid Legal Services Employer Information Meeting -
7 p.m., W Basketball vs. Point Park (H)
9 p.m., Circle K meeting - TUB A/B

Wednesday, Feb. 10
11:40 a.m., Faculty Forum, Dr. Bob VanDale, "Lessons Learned from Peacemakers" - TUB A/B
7 p.m., SGA meeting - TCF 116
7 p.m., Habitat for Humanity meeting - TUB A/B
8 p.m., Bleasby Colloquium, Dr. James Perkins, - TUB A/B
8 p.m., Lambda Sigma meeting - TUB A/B
8:30 p.m., Kappa Delta Pi meeting - Education Dept.
8:30-9:30 p.m., SAVE meeting - TCF 111

Thursday, Feb. 11
5:30 p.m., W Basketball vs. Gannon (H)
7 p.m., IFC meeting - TUB A/B
7:30 p.m., M Basketball vs. Gannon (H)

Friday, Feb. 12
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Erin Duddy '99
7 p.m., PCMEA All-Campus Variety Show - Orr
8:30 p.m., "Valentino" - Down Under

Saturday, Feb. 13
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
1 p.m.W Basketball at Mercyhurst
3 p.m., M Basketball at Mercyhurst
4-8 p.m., Sigma Phi Epsilon Pick-up Day Dinner
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel

Sunday, Feb. 14
Valentine's Day
Swimming (W-6-2, M-5-3) Splits at Fairmont State
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Vespers, Dr. Bradshaw Frey - Chapel
8 p.m., Senior Piano Recital, Matthew McCright - Orr
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
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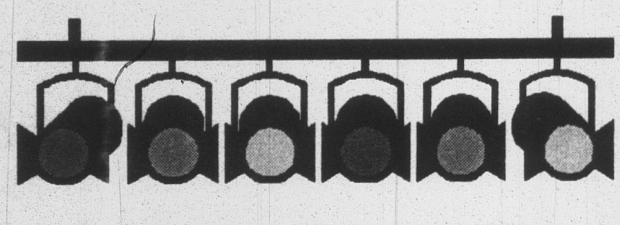
9 p.m., Down Under Movie



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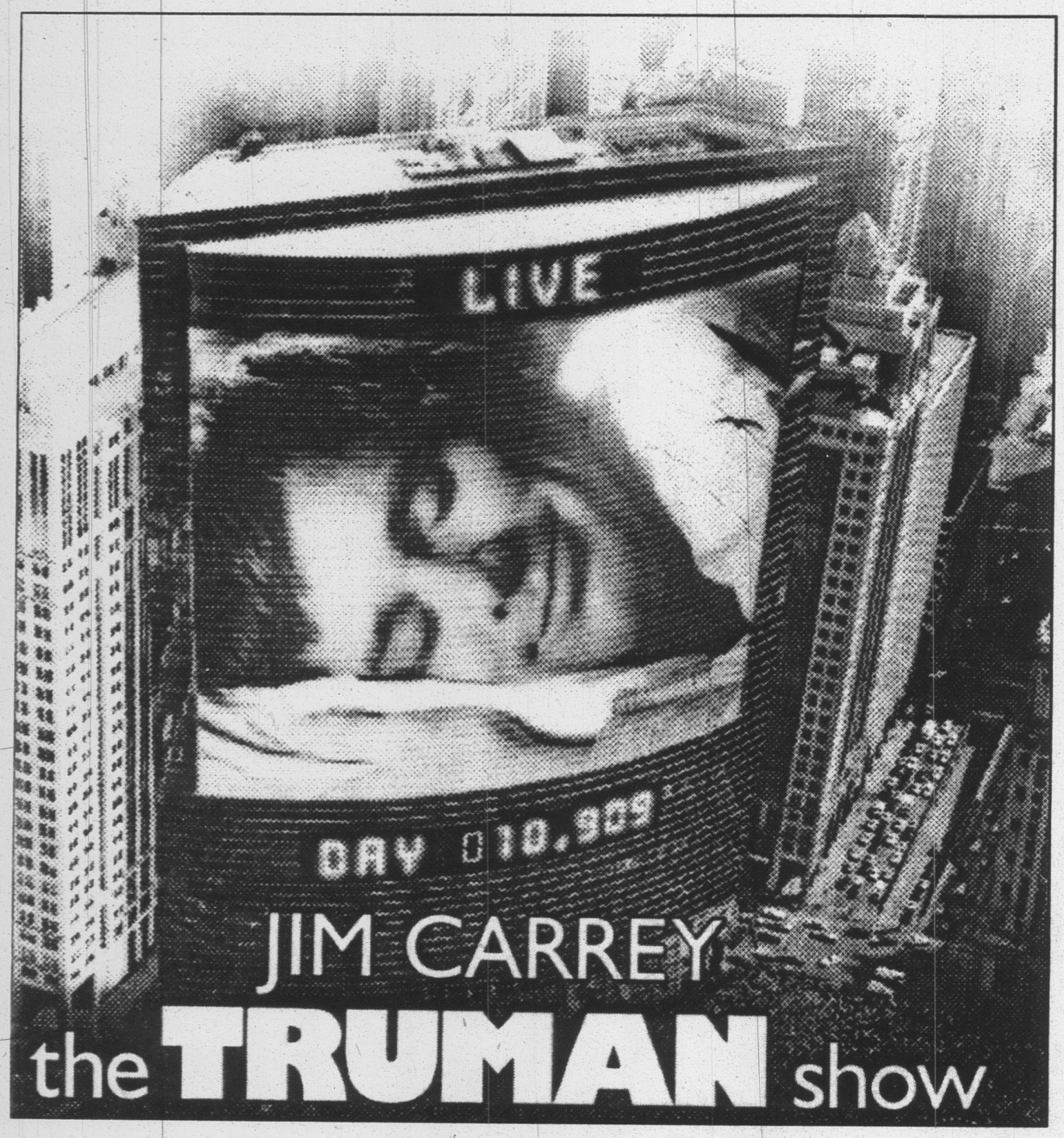

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Habitat heads for Pittsburgh, others go farther south

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Habitat members will work on a blitz build with Hosanna Industries once again over spring break.

By Chris Campbell
STAFF WRITER

While many students will be heading to tropical climates for spring break, Habitat for Humanity plans to go no farther south than Evans City, Cranberry, Penn.

Habitat students will assist Hosanna Industries, a similar organization which builds homes for low-income families, in building a two-bedroom house in one week, in what is called a "blitz-build."

They will be working with ten students from the University of Georgia, and staying in the Hosanna Industries' offices. The offices offer a large gym and kitchen, as well as a chapel and other comforts of home.

Habitat students decided to sacrifice their annual trip to Florida, and instead send the money they raise to hurricane victims in Nicaragua and Honduras.

"Hurricane Mitch really devastated a lot of people, and we [Habitat] were more than happy to send our funds to them," said Habitat member Sal hanna. "We hope to send $10,000, and it only takes $1,500 to $1,800 to build a house there."

Habitat has already raised over $9,000 and plans to top $10,000 by March 5. All money over the target amount will be donated to Hosanna Industries.

Dean Wayne Nickerson, who heads the Habitat group, is still looking for volunteers for the Evans City blitz-build. The cost for the trip is $40.

"The money will cover travel, food, and the stay at Hosanna Industries' offices," he said. "We also hope to make a few fun trips into Pittsburgh later in the week."

Other students, with their hearts set on warm weather, and are going farther south.

Cancun, Mexico, is always a popular destination for students. Shannon Mack was able to secure a trip for herself and 23 others at only $750 per person.

"We got a great package deal, including airfare, hotel, drinks and food," Mack said. "The students wanting to go to Cancun had better make plans in a hurry because the hotels fill fast this time of year."

Spring break destinations within the U.S. are popular also, and many students are packing their bags for Florida or California.

Sophomore Luke Schuster found an all-student hotel in Daytona called the Pink Flamingo. Rates there are only $90 per person.

Those without reservations to a tropical hotspot may want to follow Junior Dan Arnett's lead. Armed with only a travel agent and 14 friends, he was able to secure a large beach house near Charleston, SC, for less than $1500.

Students planning for spring break have many options, but plans should be made now.

Titans swim to victory over Findlay

By Derrick Bash
STAFF WRITER

The men and women's swimming teams capped off an already triumphant dual-meet season with a victory against The University of Findlay on Feb. 6.

Despite being ranked 2nd and 3rd nationally in the NAIA, Findlay's team gave little resistance to the Titans, who won both matches with scores of 118-78, and 124-76.

Titan coach Rob Klamut was pleased to see his swimmers perform well against a nationally ranked team.

"This was a big meet for us in a number of ways, and we pulled through. Times were fast," said Klamut.

"It was a good, solid performance, and a good sign as to how our preparations are coming along for GLIAC championships."

First place winners on the men's team included Brian Lytle, Dave Gesacion, Greg McAtee, Jeff Cole, Kurt Rothoff, Glenn Giles, and Josh Gurekovich.

Women placing first were Jamie Sell, Jill Grinham, Chrissy Jardine, Sarah Weaver, Karen Faulhaber, Jenny Passarelli, Suzie Kenyon, Tara Crawford, Andrea Cronie, and Steph Dawson.

Titan Senior Scott Stinson was happy with his last dual meet.

"As a senior, it was nice to finish my dual meet career with a decisive victory over a top-ranked team," Stinson said.

The Titan men ended their dual meet season with a record of 6 and 3, while the women finished with a record of 7 and 2, an achievement Passarelli thinks the women should be proud of.

"The women's team hasn't achieved a 7 and 2 record since '92, and it's an accomplishment to have come out with the same record as the excellent team from that year," said Passarelli.

With the dual meet season behind them, the Titans are now looking forward to their first competition in the GLIAC Championships.

"GLIAC's will be a new experience for us," said Klamut. "We're going in with a strong team and hope to rank well. Equally as important are personal best performances by all the swimmers."

The Titans will go in to GLIAC's with the confidence of what Klamut considers a great season.

"We've had a very successful dual meet season," he said. "Our large freshmen class has came on throughout the year, and the upperclassmen have showed leadership and done a fine job."

"We've ended on a good note as we head to championships."

Photo by Courtney Behm

Both Titan swim teams beat the highly-ranked Findlay.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Campus offers variety of Valentine weekend activities

By Adam Kunkle
STAFF WRITER

As Valentine's Day approaches, students begin making plans for the special day.

Valentine's Day, this Sunday, provides an opportunity for people to share time with their special someone. Several campus activities have been planned so students may enjoy the widely celebrated holiday.

Festivities will begin on Friday with Valentino from 8:30 to midnight. Valentino includes an evening of casino card games, dancing, and desserts. Cost is $5 for a single student and $8 for couples. All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Sophomore Matt Grubbs said he is glad to see the proceeds go to cause like Habitat for Humanity.

"This is a great opportunity to have fun and support such a great group on campus at the same time," Grubbs said.

Saturday, following fraternity pick-up day, students have an opportunity to attend a Valentine's Day Dinner Theater, held in Russell Dining Hall at 6:30 p.m. The theater production is a John Holt production called *What We Do For Love*. Students will have a choice in eating orange roughy and grilled fillet mignon for the main course.

Sophomore Drew Halter, who plans to attend the event, said he feels the dinner is a good idea and looks forward to the evening.

"Valentine's Day is my favorite time of the year. Nothing's better than having dinner with the one you love," he said.

Other students may have simple ways to celebrate the holiday.

"I just think my boyfriend and I will go to a nice dinner and that's about it", said sophomore Chrissy Jardine.

Whatever students' plans may be, there will be several opportunities this year to participate in Valentine's Day activities on campus.

Senior exchange student shares memories of time in Canada

By Kristin Nejak
STAFF WRITER

Senior Emily Barry got the opportunity to travel north of the United States last semester to experience a taste of her future. Through a school-sponsored exchange program, Barry, a senior, studied in Canada during the fall semester.

Barry is a dual major in International Business and French. She decided to study in Canada because she felt that it would help her to get an idea of what her future might be like. The exchange program made it possible for her to make connections and find the appropriate applications.

While Barry was in Canada, she studied at the University of Quebec at Montreal. She took several French classes, including culture, writing, and grammar. Barry said she found the atmosphere at the school to be very friendly and welcome, and the professors and instructors to be very accommodating.

Most of her fellow classmates were adult immigrants who were trying to learn the language and become more familiar with the culture.

Barry lived with a host family throughout her semester, thanks to the efforts of the exchange program. She said she appreciated being able to live in a family atmosphere.

"It was much nicer to come home to a family than to a dorm room," Barry said.

Barry said the family she lived with made her feel welcome and comfortable throughout her stay. She said that it truly felt like she was going home at the end of the day.

Barry also learned a lot about the French culture and the language.

"I am definitely more fluent in French than I was before I went," she said.

Barry also feels that she learned valuable lessons that will be useful to her in the near future. She now feels familiar with Canada, where she anticipates living after graduation. She hopes to find a job in marketing and transfer to Quebec after gaining experience in the United States. Her ultimate goal is to assist with marketing between different countries.

Barry admitted that she did miss a few things about Westminster. She said she missed her friends being right down the hall from her, and she also missed everything being as accessible as it is on a small campus.

Although Barry is glad to be back to her familiar surroundings, she knows that she will be seeing Canada again very soon.

Prospective students visit campus overnight

By Nicole Zeller
STAFF WRITER

Overnight Visitation gives prospective students the opportunity to experience the campus before making that final, crucial decision of what college to attend.

The admissions office organizes the program, which runs Feb. 1 through May 1 and is open to any accepted high school senior. About 70 to 80 percent of these visits take place throughout the school week. This gives the students a chance to observe some classes, specifically classes pertaining to their majors.

The admissions office matches a visiting student with a host prior to his or her arrival. This year's hosts have wide variety of majors.

All hosts are second-semester freshmen with at least a 2.0 GPA who have volunteered for the overnight program. Because freshmen have most recently experienced the admissions process, they can easily relate to prospective students. Hosting also gives them a chance to actively participate on campus.

"I'd heard about the program before I came here, but this year I decided to get involved," said Kevin Campbell, the first volunteer this year to host a student.

Visits are tailored to individuals and do not just focus on academics. When students call to schedule visits, they provide information about possible majors and activities they are interested in. Each visitor follows a schedule designed particularly for his or her interests. Besides attending classes, the students may talk with coaches or the choir director, for example. Hosts also take their visitors to meals, paid for by the college, and to other daily events.

"I stress and I hope the hosts would involve them [the prospective students] in other activities whether they be cultural, sports related, or otherwise," said admissions counselor, Jason Nevinger.

Although the visitation period lasts throughout the spring semester, none of the 25-30 annual visits occur during the weeks of sorority or fraternity pick-up, Greek Week, Easter break, or mid-semester break. Other spring semester events similar to the overnight visitations include a campus-wide Visitation Day, for all interested students, the Recruitment Day sponsored by the Athletic Department, and Spring Fling gatherings, for accepted students and their parents to meet with professors.

Student volunteers at all of these events play an essential role in the prospective students' decision making process.

"I'd like to get people interested in coming here," said host Marci Bihler.

"The overnight host program and the overnight hosts themselves are a great asset to us because they are volunteers, and the prospective students spend more time with them than with an admissions representative," Nevinger said. "They [the hosts] are very important."

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The wooden peace pole was replaced with this metal one.

Desert Storm prompts peace pole

By Donald A. Kelley
STAFF WRITER

As students make their way to the TUB or to Patterson for class, they can't help pass the Peace Pole, located diagonally from the back entrance of the TUB.

The Peace Pole was erected in 1992 by an organization called the Greens. The Greens was a group of Westminster students, faculty, and staff, as well as people from the Lawrence County community. History professor Eugene Sharkey led the group.

"The Greens were a group of people who met on campus during and after Desert Storm," Sharkey said. "We met to discuss our upset and dismay at the constant toll our weaponry imposed on Iraqi and civilian lives. In Desert Storm, there were at least 100,000 civilian casualties."

The first pole was made of wood and placed in the same location that the metal one stands today.

"The Peace Pole was a symbol of our upset and protest and could stand as a reminder of the indecency of indiscriminately conducted war," said Sharkey.

But, the Peace Pole didn't last long. It was destroyed for the same reason it was erected, in protest.

"The Peace Pole was destroyed, in ignorance of the issues, by a group on campus who supported all of what the government did in Iraq," said Sharkey.

A second wooden pole was erected, but was also destroyed. This time it was set on fire, and it burned until campus security could put the blaze out.

Finally, a metal Peace Pole was erected so it could not be destroyed. On the sides of the Peace Pole are the words "Peace on Earth" in several different languages.

Today, the Peace Pole is used formally for the Martin Luther King celebration and still stands as a symbol of peace at the college. As for the Greens, they are still in existence but are presently inactive.

Seekers and Jubilee offer students fellowship opportunities

By Kristen Kress
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Seekers Christian fellowship, which meets each Wednesday evening at 9:30 p.m. in the basement of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, is in full swing.

With an average group of 50 college students, this fellowship group knows how to have fun. The meetings include singing, eating, listening to guest speakers, developing faith, followed by swing dancing and bonding.

Last semester, a group of the kids headed to Pitsburgh to actually take swing lessons. The Seekers group is led by Steve and Mel Montgomery. The married duo combine with some student volunteers to plan and deliver the programming for Seekers.

The Seekers gang may be looking to recruit students to attend the annual Jubilee conference, which will be held February 26-28 at the Hilton Hotel in Pittsburgh. Last year, nearly 70 WC students attended the conference and the group hopes to take 80 this year.

Jubilee is sponsored by the Coalition for Christian Outreach staff on campus and is a weekend conference directed toward helping college age students to develop their faith and relate it to their major and their careers.

Some noteworthy speakers will be present at the conference. Seminar titles include "Finding Identity in Christ," "Community Living," "Music and Why it's Good to Listen to Dave Matthews," and "Education," amongst others. There are seminars regarding almost every career field, in either narrow or broad sense.

The conference cost is a bit lofty for some, at $140 per person. However, the Seekers gang are prepared for tackling this hurdle as well. You may be asked to buy some soup in the coming weeks.

The Jubilee go-ers are holding a soup sale from now until February 20th. The price is $5 per quart for some excellent homemade soup. This is the second annual soup sale to raise money for Jubilee and last years sale was reportedly a huge success. In another fund raising attempt, a pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday morning, February 21st.

Seekers also has a concert planned for this semester, as well as an ice skating trip and other fun events. If you would be interested in attending the Jubilee conference or wish to learn more about it or the Seekers group in general, contact Steve Montgomery at extension 7214.

Rosenfelder's experience convinces her to pursue archeology

It took a lot of digging, but Westminster College senior Erin Rosenfelder found a way to combine her love of history and travel — a career in archaeology.

"I thought maybe I'd be an environmental science major, but I really loved history," said Rosenfelder. "I knew I didn't want to teach. I wanted to travel."

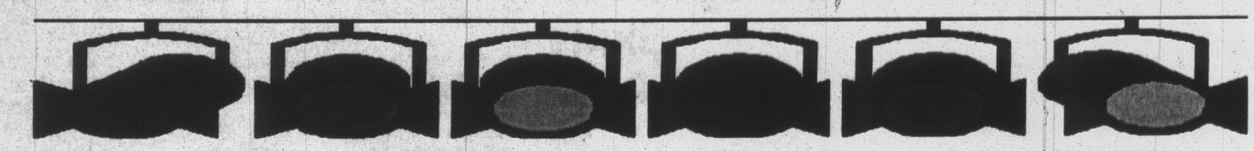
Rosenfelder tributes finding her unique career choice to two of her professors at Westminster, Drs. David C. Twining and Russell E. Martin. "Dr. Twining is my mentor and advisor, and Dr. Martin helped me grow as an academic student."

Last summer, Rosenfelder took Twining's advice and attended the Archaeological Field School at Monticello in Charlottesville, Vir. She spent some of her days in class, but most of her time was spent digging or on field trips. Each of the 11 students in her group was given a five-by-five foot unit to dig, catalog and label artifacts.

"I got to find new things that are old, and used my history degree at the same time," said Rosenfelder.

Rosenfelder was excited about the coins, thimbles, horse shoes, pottery and nails she found. "This was my first digging experience. It was hard work, but fun. Many people here at Westminster helped me to find out what I want to do in my career. After I graduate, I want to find a job in archeology."

"I was pleased that Erin had such a significant experience at Monticello," said Dr. Twining. "Her participation in that program helps to illustrate the variety of careers open to history majors, and the value of experiential learning."



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NEWS

Students turn to alternative sources to buy textbooks

By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

Every student knows that in order to take a class here, buying books is a key ingredient. Of course when the time comes to buy those books, most students go to the college bookstore. But recently there have been grumblings among students that the bookstore might not be the most effective or efficient means by which to acquire the necessary class materials.

"I waited for an hour and a half to buy one book, but they left for lunch before I got to the front, said junior Chad Taylor. "I almost went completely bonkers on four separate occasions," he said. Taylor's remarks mirror many of his fellow student's reactions to the extensive wait they had to endure.

"Unless these books can cook delicious meals or provide an alternative source of energy, I can't understand how I can justify the near two hundred dollars I just shelled out," reasoned senior Hank Hughes.

But what many students may not know is that they do have book-buying options. Students may choose where to purchase their books, and maybe even how much to pay for them. The technology that could possibly change the way students buy their books for school is the Internet.

The Internet has blossomed into a vast industry over the last decade, rising from a program initially designed for military communications to a forum by which information is transferred all around the globe. One notable addition in Internet capability is commerce. Patrons can buy their favorite products over the Net, including textbooks. But is it necessarily cheaper and more efficient to buy textbooks over the Internet than from the bookstore?

To answer this question, the prices of three books purchased at the college bookstore were compared with the same textbooks' prices on the Internet. For this small experiment, the services of four major book distributor websites were used: borders.com, amazon.com, varsitybooks.com, and barnesandnoble.com. Each website was accessed using the Netscape Navigator program on the school computers.

The three books and there bookstore prices were as follows: *Russia's War* by Richard Overy, $14.97, *Economics by Design* by Robert Collinge and Ronald Ayers, $58.99, and *Community Journalism* by Jock Lauterer, $29.99.

All of the websites were fairly fast and excluding varsitybooks.com, all had every book in stock. Most selections were set to ship in 24 hours, with a few selections requiring one to two weeks. But in every case, a better price than the bookstores' could be found one was interested in searching. (The results appear at the end of this article.)

Also, there is a shipping and handling cost added to each purchase, which varies depending on the size and weight of the order.

In many cases, it is very possible for students to receive moderate savings from some quick Internet searching. Depending on how urgently a student needs his or her books, and the amount of time he or she is willing to invest in finding a better deal, will be the deciding factors in which location to utilize.

Some people may have some misgivings about ordering over the Internet because use of a credit card is necessary and the security of transmitting such information is a risk. All of the websites listed boast a system of purchase security and outline their system for consumers to read.

Does that mean these sites will take the place of the bookstore? Not necessarily, but it does imply that there may be some benefit to checking other deals available before making your next book purchase.

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Oak Ridge Boys bring southern music to New Wilmington

By Autumn Mentzer
STAFF WRITER

New Wilmington got a taste of southern music Feb. 5, when Celebrity Series brought the Oak Ridge Boys to Orr Auditorium.

Over the past 15 years, the Oak Ridge Boys have been entertaining America with their distinct harmonies and upbeat songs. "The Oaks," as the group is called by fans, has recorded three platinum and ten gold albums under country, pop, and gospel categories.

"Here we are, we've got this rock attitude, singing country music with gospel harmony," said lead singer, Duane Allen. "And we go out and give the people everything we've got every night. We keep it kicking, and it keeps lasting and lasting."

By the sounds and songs echoing from Orr Friday night, Allen was right on target.

The talented foursome, whose group originated in Knoxville, Tennessee, represent a tradition that goes back to 1945. The country/gospel group performed at the Grand Ole Opry and were featured in Time magazine. Through the '60s and '70s, more than 30 members have come and gone until the group lined up Duane Allen, Richard Sterban, William Lee Golden, and Joe Bonsall. These four men are who makes up the Oak Ridge Boys today.

As "The Oaks" opened their show on Friday night, it is apparent that they truly love to perform. Since the members are older, it has been a challenge for them to create the same upbeat and energetic performance like years before. But the band, in an impressive show, rocked and shook the stage Friday night, just as they had 20 years ago.

The hits they shared from their legendary act included "Elvira," "Bobbie Sue," "Dream On," "Thank God For Kids "American Made," "Fancy Free," and "Gonna Take A Lot of River."

"We always look for songs that have lasting value and that are uplifting," said Allen. "You don't hear us singing 'cheating' or 'drinking' songs, but 'loving' songs, because we think that will last."

Unlike many other musical groups, "The Oaks" have remained together for many years. Their true love and desire to entertain was visible from their refreshing performance on Friday night. For any type of music lover, watching "The Oaks" was a pleasure and memorable opportunity.

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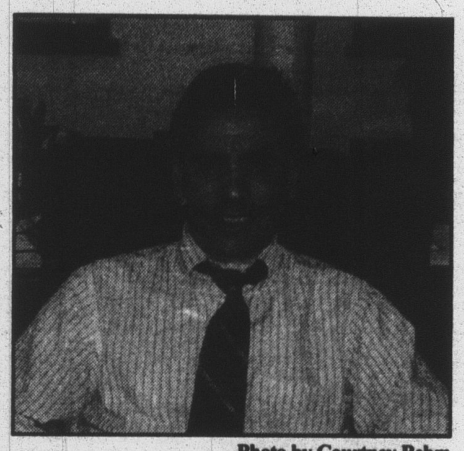

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Neal Edman

By Nancy Ayala
STAFF WRITER

Neal Edman, dean of students, returned to campus several weeks ago after suffering a heart attack during the Christmas holidays.

The holidays are known for the stress that comes with all the decorating, shopping, and parties. The Edman household was excessively stressed this year, however. Edman and his wife Jan were caring for their older daughter Rachel, 7, who had been hospitalized with what was thought to be spinal meningitis. Luckily, it turned out to be a serious case of strep throat.

Then one night Edman thought he had a case of indigestion on top of the flu, a fever, and strep throat (acquired from Rachel). He said he felt a nagging pain below the sternum that started about 9 p.m. At around 4 a.m., Edman drove himself to the hospital, so as not to disturb his wife who had been busy attending to Rachel.

The trip to the hospital turned out to be an extra challenge for Edman; an ice storm made the roads treacherous.

At the hospital things really picked up.

"I came in for indigestion...thinking one thing and then all these people are jabbing me...I'm getting 3,000 injections," he said. At 43, healthy, physically fit, no family history of heart decease, and having never smoked, Edman was having heart attack.

Edman had been taking Zomig, a new medication for migraine headaches. He had taken the drug for about a year and was "happy about how quickly it aborted the pain." Zomig works by constricting the arteries to the brain to alleviate the migraine. A powerful drug, Zomig also has numerous warnings.

The combination of the flu, fever, and Zomig caused not only the arteries to the brain to constrict, but also the arteries to Edman's heart, resulting in a heart attack.

Although doctors say it was probably a fluke incident, Edman said he isn't going to keep taking Zomig.

"I will never take the medication again, which means I am back to square one again in treating my migraines," he said.

Edman was given a clean bill of health; there seems to be no damage to his heart. His doctor released him to go back to work without any physical restrictions. However, Edman said, he was told to "try to avoid stress."

Avoiding stress is a difficult thing to do for Edman since he not only has his own job to do, but is also filling in for Paul Darlington who recently accepted a position at another college.

But Edman said that people have been more than helpful.

"My staff are absolute angels. People came out of the woodwork to offer help, food, and flowers. The students, college, and the community were wonderful. But then that is typical of this community."

When asked about his health Edman replied, "I have a cold today, and I'm feeling lousy, but it's great to be back!"

1998 yearbook arrives as *Argo* continues to seek new advisor

By Meghan Duda
STAFF WRITER

Molly Spinney, a 25-year member of college staff, has stepped down from her position as the *Argo*'s advisor.

"I have been the advisor for 13 or 14 years. I'm not really sure exactly how long because I retired [from the position] once and then they asked me to step in again," Spinney said.

A Westminster alumnae, Molly graduated with an English degree and went on to work for the college as the science and periodical librarian. Although leaving the *Argo* behind, Spinney will continue her current position as head librarian despite her recent announcement.

Her retirement was brought to the student publications committee before Christmas break. This committee is responsible for governing the publications on campus. She said her reason for leaving was a lack of adequate time to devote to the *Argo*.

"I only worked with her for a semester, but she was very helpful," said Amy Polen, editor of the *Argo*." "She was very good with advice and listened very well. I am very appreciative for everything she did."

Polen, a non-voting member of the SPC, says that she is hoping Spinney's replacement is "somebody who is open to working with students and to learning about what the *Argo* does. [We need someone] who will take time to work with us."

Spinney has an additional list of requirements for the future advisor, speaking from years of experience.

"They must have patience in dealing with the public and parents. Also, they must have the ability to work with student leaders who are working with a student staff. And they must have people skills," Spinney said.

Jamie Burgess, copy staff editor of the Argo, suggested that the new advisor support, "more interaction within the *Argo* staff." Currently, the *Argo* staff is broken into the separate sections of layout, copy, and photography. It is not uncommon for one section to be unaware of who is in the other section.

There are currently a handful of candidates interested in the position. The SPC has not reached a decision but one is expected by the end of the month.

Weekly Announcments

The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, New Castle, is seeking a college student to compile a business directory. Work will involve calling businesses, gathering data, entering data, and completing the directory. Minimum wage. Jackie Meade at Ext. 7343 / Career Center.

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The Lawrence County Planning Commission, New Castle, is offering a college student the opportunity to take on a research project to identify the need for additional public transportation in the Lawrence County area. The ideal candidate is a mature student who is interested in statistical research, and could design the survey, implement it, compile the information, and produce the report. This is an invaluable way to gain experience.

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Summer Job/Internship/Community Service Day, scheduled Tuesday, March 23, in the TUB lounge, will have representatives from approximately 60 organizations on campus to interview students for summer jobs, internships, or community service. This is an excellent way to find work in your career field. Students who plan to interview must sign up for an interview appointment and submit a resume for each interview to the Career Center, located on the second floor of the TUB. A list of participating organizations will be available in the Career Center in mid-February. Students who need help with a resume or more information, should call Jackie Meade, Ext. 7343.

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State Farm Insurance is taking applications for its 1999 Western PA Summer Internship Program for students who have completed their junior year. The internship, which pays $10.50 per hour and offers a limited benefit plan, provides work experience in the insurance industry. During the 10-week program, students are assigned to departments to develop individualized projects with supervisors.

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The Family First Sports Park, Erie, promotes a sports atmosphere where athletes and their families come to cultivate character values. Internships are available to college students in the are of sports management (soccer & basketball), marketing, sales, hotel/motel and fitness club management.

Rainforest Action Network, San Francisco, has environmental internships available in the fields of media operations, database coordination, campaign administration, and information assistance. Requirements: computer skills, environmental knowledge, and an interest in conservation..

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The Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, is seeking Westminster interns or volunteers for the summer. Work is available in a variety of areas including exhibits, children's tours, etc.

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Washington Semester Summer Internship Program applications are available in the Career Center.

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The Lutheran Volunteer Corps, a ministry of Luther Place Memorial Church, is a one-year service program for individuals over the age of 21 from many faiths and cultural backgrounds, who want to explore spirituality while working to make a difference. Volunteers work at agencies that provide housing, legal assistance, youth programs, health care and other essential services. For information, please call (202) 387-3222 or e-mail: lvc.dc@ecunet.org.

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Lambda Sigma is selling raffle tickets for a free phone card for $1 each. The card is worth up to $50. The drawing is Feb. 25.

Order your Westminster College Hometown Collectibles Series 1. Purchase "Old 77" or the "Titan Mascot" from any member of the softball team. Deliveries arrive within four to six weeks.

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A partially completed schedule of Tuesday Morning Fellowship meeting dates and speakers for the spring semester is as follows: Feb. 9, Hope Cummins; Feb. 16, Floyd Zehr; Feb. 23, Camila Lopez; Mar. 2, Timothy Wooster; Mar. 16, 23, 30; Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27; and May 4. Other speakers will be announced at a later date.

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The School for Field Studies has information on environmental field programs around the world. Call Jackie Meade.

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Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade.

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The College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania is offering an internship award for students of color. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full time in a Pennsylvania college or university, have reached sophomore status, and be a member of a racial minority. March 1 is the deadline to submit applications, available at the Career Center.

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Choate Rosemary Hall, an independent, coeducational secondary school located in Wallingford, Conn., is offering a summer teaching internship. Interns assist two senior teachers in two major courses, live in a dorm as a house advisor, supervise an afternoon athletic program for two days a week, and supervise off-campus social trips. See Jackie Meade.

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Subway, located at the intersection of routes 208 and 18, has a unique plan for part-time employment. Any student who works for this Subway for a minimum of 250 hours between July 1 and the following June 30 will receive help towards tuition in the amount of $1 per the number of hours worked during that time. In addition, students earn $5.15 per hour. For more information and application forms, call Jackie Meade .

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Theta Chi Fraternity will host an all-sorority mixer on Tuesday, February 16, to benefit the New Castle City Rescue Mission.

The "New Castle City Rescue Mixer," while building relations among the Greek Community members, plans to use a donation of canned goods by each person for admission to this event.

All donations received will go to the New Castle City Rescue Mission for its philanthropic work.

The Zeta Lambda Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity has a history of relations with the New Castle City Rescue Mission, taking part in its annual Turkey Drive, and organizing events such as this mixer to aid the mission's work.

SPORTS

Titans drop tough game to Hillsdale

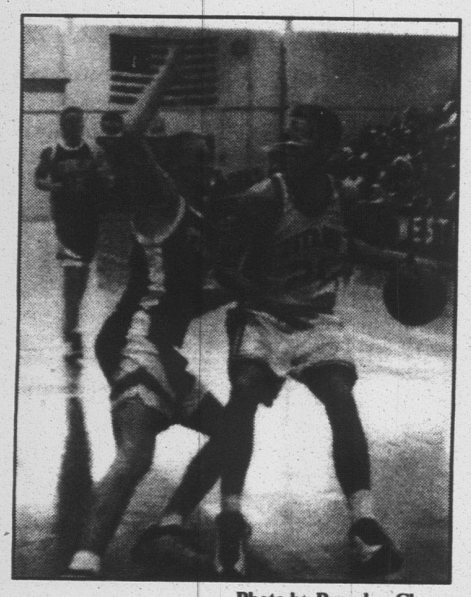


Photo by Brandon Cleary

In another close loss for the men's basketball team, Chad Phillips dodges a Findlay player in the Feb. 6 game.

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 5 the Hillsdale Chargers came into Ridl Gymnasium and stole a 78-65 win over the Titans. Westminster appeared to have control with a 56-42 lead almost halfway through the second half, but Hillsdale went on a 23-0 run over the next ten minutes and ran away with the victory.

The loss put a dent in the Titans' playoff hopes. A win would have kept them just one game below Saginaw Valley State for the final berth in the upcoming GLIAC tournament.

The game started out well for Westminster (9-12, 4-10 GLIAC). Senior guard Ryan Sturgess scored 12 points in the first ten minutes and was backed up by solid defense as the Titans jumped out to a 26-9 lead, but the Chargers (10-11, 5-9) stayed in the game.

Sophomore guard Ed Carter scored 11 points in the final ten minutes of the half and freshman Ryan Basler added 10 as Hillsdale cut the lead to 40-30 at halftime.

As the second half began, the Chargers quickly scored six points and the Titan lead was down to four points. But after trading baskets, Sturgess and sophomore Chad Phillips, each hit a three-pointer to put the Titans ahead 50-40. Then the Hillsdale bench was called for a technical foul. Sturgess hit the two free throws and sophomore Henry Klinar scored a basket to give the Titans a 56-42 lead. It would be the last point the Titans would score for over nine minutes.

From that point on, Hillsdale dominated, finishing the game with a 36-9 run.

In the second half, forward Jason Cooper scored 17 points, including 7-8 from the foul line. Carter hit three treys in scoring 17. The Chargers took the lead 58-56 on a Carter trey from the corner with 5:40 remaining and kept scoring until the final buzzer.

Meanwhile, the Titans were sputtering. In the first half, they shot 55 percent (16-29) from the field. In the second half, they shot 33 percent (7-21). They scored 20 points in the paint in the first half and six in the second. They ended the game with 24 rebounds to Hillsdale's 33.

With less than four minutes to go, Klinar broke the long scoring drought with a pair of free throws. He would later score the first Titan field goal in 13 minutes with 1:25 remaining.

Cooper ended the game with a steal and slam dunk at the buzzer to put an exclamation mark on the victory.

Carter led Hillsdale with 28 points, while Cooper scored 21 and Basler 17. Klinar and Sturgess led the Titans with 22 points each. Sophomore Andy Wormsley also reached double-digits with 12.

This was the second time that the Titans lost to Hillsdale this season. Last month in Michigan, the Chargers held off Westminster for a 70-69 victory.

Lady Titans fall to West Liberty

By Jonelle Kish
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Titans lost, once again, to West Liberty State by a score of 81-60.

High scorer for the game was senior point guard Dena Streit with 22 points. Streit shot an outstanding 5 for 6 from the three-point line.

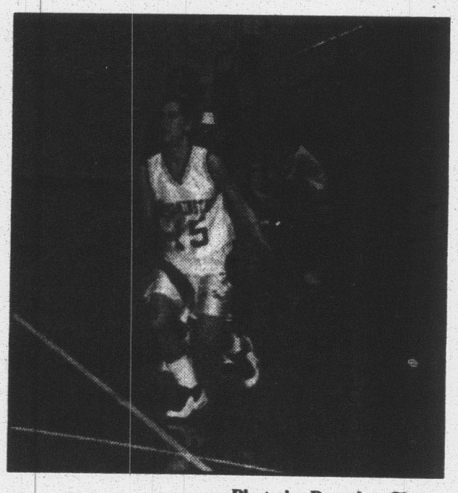
In comment to her shooting display, Streit said she likes to shoot at least six three-pointers per game.

"I'm helping find a cure for cancer," said Streit. The men's and women's basketball teams are raising money for the American Cancer Society by having people pledge a ceratin amount of money for each three-pointer made at the end of the season.

Other highlights for the game were senior guard Jonelle Kish with 18 points and junior forward Becky Snyder with a game-high seven rebounds.

"I couldn't believe the score at the end of the game. It felt like we played so well, but we still lost by over 20 points," Snyder said.

The men and women's last home game for the season will be on Feb 15 against Ashland University. The seniors will be recognized prior men's game.



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Jonelle Kish races for the basket.

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Members of the softball team presented President Williamson and his wife Jean with miniature wooden replicas of Old 77, Wallace Memorial Chapel, and the Titan mascot. The replicas are part of a set; for more information, call Coach Reddinger at ext. 7319.

A view from the sidelines: toast to Tae-bo

By Jenny Grundy
SPORTS COLUMNIST

I certainly do give snaps to the new world exercise craze, Tae-Bo. I will admit, I was reluctant to try it because it did seem to come around as fast as the Spinning and Yoga did a few years ago, and I wasn't about to be the next victim of yet another exercise scam. After about a week of Tae-Bo classes, compliments of Billy Blanks himself, I am a new believer!

A friend of mine bought the Billy Blanks' Tae-Bo tapes at the urging of the 30-minute infomercial on television and received them about a week ago. I looked the tapes over and decided that it wouldn't hurt to maybe do just one session with her.

Well, after 27 minutes of kicking, punching, squatting, and sweating, I had found way to tone up my bod after about a year off from the weights. I was so inspired from Billy, that I wanted to do another routine! He is constantly talking to you (the audience) encouraging you to keep going and not to quit. The music on the videos is also fun and upbeat keeping with the action at-hand. For example, if Billy tells you to do something "Double-time," the music picks up double time too, making your speed increase much more easily.

For those of you who don't know who Billy Blanks is because you haven't spent 30 minutes of your day vegging out watching his infomercial, allow me to give you a brief background. Billy has worked out in the world of martial arts for 25 years. He is a seven-time martial arts champion, who decided to find a new, more effective way for people to work out, lose weight and feel like a million bucks. This is where Tae-Bo comes into play.

He began instructing Tae-Bo classes with some famous students including, Carmon Electra, Brooke Shields, Wayne Gretzky, Goldie Hawn, and Shaquille O'Neal. Billy Blanks has also been featured on *Good Morning America*, *E! Entertainment*, *Inside Edition* and in *People*, *Vogue*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Shape* magazines.

He encourages his followers and tape-owners to send their weight-loss story to him, so he can reward improvement through a personal visit with him or a chance to be featured on his next video. He also plans to release a Tae-Bo for children video within the next few months.

To put it plain and simple: Billy Blanks is the Richard Simmons of the late '90s. I think he's great, his workout is great, and he makes me want to do more.

For skeptics (like I used to be) out there, who haven't tried Tae-Bo yet, get out there and try it, because it is much healthier than sitting on the couch and watching the infomercials about it.

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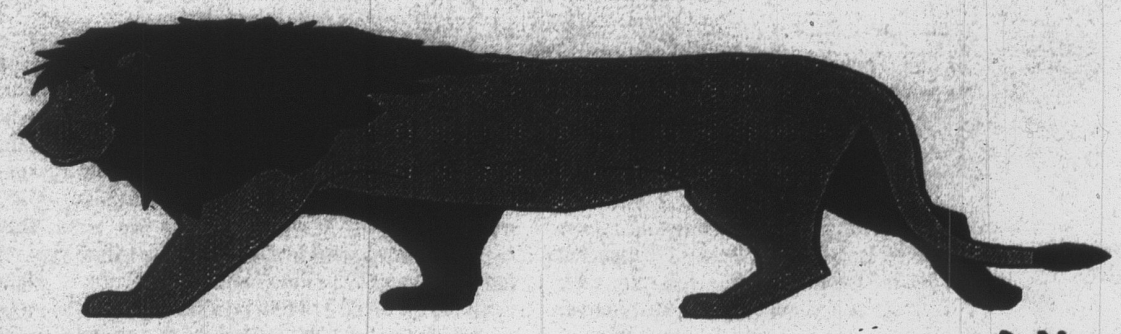

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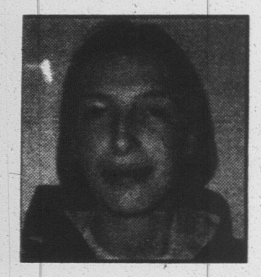
OPINION

Question of the week

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?

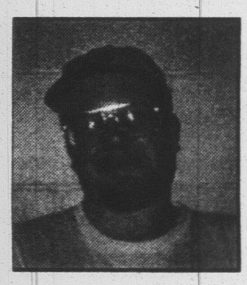
Sarah Stankorb, freshmen, "My best friend from home is coming up to visit me and I am so excited. Then, I am spending the evening with mankind, now there's a REAL man."



Salim Taylor, sophomore, "Hanging out with my girls."

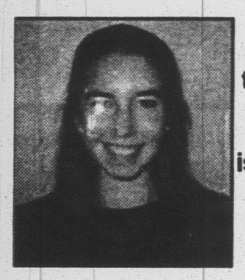
Megan Kula, freshmen, "I will be in Nashville at the CPC conference.

Matt Saxton, sophomore, "This Valentine's Day will mark two years since I met my fiance. So, even though we'll be at the CPC conference, we plan to spend the day together."



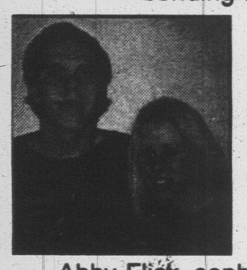
Chris Felissner, freshmen, "I am going home and visiting some people and we are going to do the dinner theatre thing."

Rachel Jones, senior, "Other than sitting in my room by myself, I'll be singing at vespers. My fiance is in New Orleans and I am stuck in New Wilmington ."



Andrea Barilla, freshmen, "I'm going to hang out with my amigas. Valentine's Day is about all types of love, not just that between a boyfriend and girlfriend."

Kylene Adams, freshmen, "Actually, a bunch of my friends and I are going to get all dressed up in homecoming or prom gowns and go out to dinner and a movie. We are all guy-less and are going to do the girl bonding thing."



Derrick Bash, junior, and Marla Smith, freshmen, "We are going to Eat 'n' Park."

Abby Flick, sophomore, "I'm just going to hang out with my friends- boys are stupid. I'm kidding."

Photos by Kristen Kress

Our View: Time is not a couch

How many times have you ever said or thought, "Golly, I wish I could be involved with [whatever organization or activity], but I just don't have the time." My guess is this is said or thought just about every time a new desire to participate enters the already overbooked calendar of your mind.

But if we truly considered how much time actually exists in a day, we would realize that if we cut and paste, replacing well-spent time for the wasted, we would probably discover that we have plenty of time for any activity.

Perhaps, however, time is not even an issue. Maybe you're so caught up in the norms of your world, the thought of expanding your horizons has never even crossed your mind. Whatever the case may be, it may be time for you to change your ways.

The truth is, college is a time for partaking in new and exciting experiences, not just making the grade. The most valuable asset gained at college is the realization and appreciation of self-identity, and this is made possible not only by academic studies but also out of class endeavors.

Clearly, extra-curricular activities include everything from weekends of drinking to afternoons of mindless conversation in the TUB . . . from hours of Instant Message correspondence to days on end of tracking and enjoying the pleasures of "mature adult relationships."

But there is so much more hidden within the college experience than beer, sex, and e-mail.

Students need to open their eyes and take a gander at the vast array of exciting opportunities available to us on this college. The truth is, never again in our lives will we be within walking distance from so many incredible experiences.

In the "real world," you very well may have a job and three kids. You will probably not have the chance to rebuild a fallen church with Habitat for Humanity, join the tennis team, or volunteer as a Big Brother or Big Sister.

There will be no "Scrawls" to publish your poems, no "Holcads" for you to speak freely, no ALLIES for you to stand up for what you believe. Voice lessons will seem frivolous, and choir and theatre will be activities only the kids do.

Maybe you're thinking, "I don't care." Why not? What is your excuse?

"I might lose sleep," some students say. Well, yes, you might. But compare that to the reward in discovering a talent, helping a neighbor, or gaining positive recognition.

Apathy runs rampant, and it causes students to miss the joys of involvement.

Where were you when students and two professors marched against classes held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day? Where are you when other students are cheering on the basketball team? Where are you when Dance Theater and Theatre Westminster are auditioning for productions. Where were you when classes traveled to Europe and Hawaii? Where are you when others are voicing their opinions in Letters to the Editor?

Were you really sleeping through all of this?

Now is the time to push ourselves to the limit . . . to figure out exactly what makes us who we are. Finally independent from our parents but not independent so much that we have to support ourselves, we have four years to live for ourselves.

Simply put, when we leave, we should not feel content with only a diploma as our reward for our years here. We owe it to ourselves to seek out the countless other rewards of the heart and soul. They await us in each successfully realized college experience.

We have all heard that Generation X is the generation of apathetic thought. But we don't have to embody Generation X or sit on their couch of indifference. John F. Kennedy once said, "time is a tool, not a couch." Time wasted in complacency and indifference is completely worthless.

The circumstances of college life allow us to be somewhat selfish. We fend for ourselves and choose our actions for whatever pleasure we desire. We shouldn't waste these opportunities.

On this day in history...

1803 Congress accepts Ohio's constitution, statehood not ratified till 1953
1807 VP Aaron Burr arrested in Alabama for treason; later found innocent
1831 1st practical US coal-burning locomotive makes 1st trial run, Penn
1861 Russian Tsar Alexander II abolishes serfdom (3/3 NS)
1878 Thomas Alva Edison patents the gramophone (phonograph)
1881 Kansas becomes 1st state to prohibit alcoholic beverages
1928 Canadian hockey team wins 3rd consecutive gold medal
1932 William Faulkner completes "Light in August"
1934 Bob & Dolores Hope marry
1938 Soviet arctic ice research station North Pole 1 evacuated
1942 FDR orders detention & internment of all west-coast Japanese-Americans
1945 900 Japanese soldiers reportedly killed by crocodiles in 2 days
1945 US Marines land on Iwo Jima
1963 USSR informs JFK it's withdrawing several thousand troops from Cuba
1964 UK flies a ton of Beatle wigs to US
1982 Sharie Langford, Calif., sets women's bowling series record of 853
1983 Vladimir Salnikov (USSR) sets 400 m freestyle swimming record
1985 150 killed when a Spanish jetliner crashed approaching Bilbao, Spain
1986 USSR launches Mir space station into Earth orbit
1989 Broadway's biggest flop (lost $5.3m) "Legs Diamond" closes

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

With the start of the 1998-99 academic year, Westminster College athletics embarked upon an affiliation with NCAA Division II. The transition from NAIA to NCAA has not been an easy one. Gone, it seems for the moment, are the Blue and White's apparently effortless acquisition of victories and titles. WC has some growing to do before coming into its own in this new environment.

As a long-time and avid Titan fan, and a 1995 English alumnae, it has been difficult for me to watch my beloved alma mater suffer this season's losses. Titan athletes, however, should maintain pride in knowing they are representing "Mother Fair" well. Despite all obstacles, the men and women of WC athletics have never given up.

While Titan athletes have valiantly represented Westminster in all sport venues, what has sorely been lacking is support from spectators — most notably, students.

Westminster athletes need encouragement in bad times, just as much as in good — if not more so. On the fields and on the courts, they deserve the backing of the student body they represent, and of which they are a part.

Some of my most treasure Westminster memories center around watching my friends compete as members of the football and men's basketball teams. Athletes in these, and all other sports, thrive upon support from those who come to watch their games. The roar of the crowd often can shift the momentum of a contest, turning losing situations into victories. Unfortunately, the WC crowd has drastically waned in the past months.

As I recently told a member of the Titan men's basketball team, I am not a fair-weather fan. I will continue to cheer for him, and his fellow WC athletes, through all the ups and downs. My only wish is that others would join me.

Go, Blue!

Sincerely,
Lisa M. Mehler, '95

Dear Editor,
[In response to Stephen Dovutovich's Jan. 29 Letter to the Editor]

Since coming to Westminster, I have attended the following theatrical productions:
"Misanthrope," "Oleanna," "Threepenny Opera," "All in the Timing," "Dancing at Lughnasa," "Glass Menagerie," "Vanities," "The Scans of Scapin," "How the Other Half Loves," "Story Theatre," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and "One Voice." Your letter to the editor regarding my lack of support for the theater department is incorrect and unkind; I attend plays and musicals when my professional schedule and family schedule permit me to do so.

Please accept this letter as an invitation to attend the instrumental and choral concerts given on campus by the music department this spring. Our concert schedule is listed below.

Feb. 21	3:00 p.m. Chapel	Chamber Music Recital
Feb. 28	3:00 p.m. Orr	Orchestra Concert
March 3	8:00 p.m. W-M Lounge	Jazz Ensemble
March 17	8:00 p.m. Orr	Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band
March 26	7:30 p.m. Chapel	Opera Workshop Presentation
April 11	3:00 p.m. Chapel	Chamber Music Recital
April 18	3:00 p.m. Chapel	Women's Chorus and Chorale Concert
April 19	8:00 p.m. Orr	Percussion Ensemble
April 20	8:00 p.m. Orr	Orchestra Concert
April 25	3:00 p.m. Chapel	Concert Choir and Chamber Choir
April 30	8:00 p.m. Orr	Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band
May 1	8:00 p.m. Ampitheater	Jazz Ensemble

Sincerely,
Dr. Angela Broeker
Director of Choral Activities

Dear Editor,

When we came to college as first-year students couple years ago, we expected and looked forward to meeting people who had a much higher maturity level than we were accustomed to in high school. While we have met some, we have been sorely disappointed by an overwhelming amount of others who act as if they are still in junior high. We find this kind of behavior unacceptable. For example:

I have several pictures taped up outside my door. One in particular has been stolen at least five times. Luckily, the first time I put up a photocopy of the original, and I keep making copies and putting them up, only to have them ripped down a couple days later. I could almost understand it being stolen once for a joke of questionable taste, but I consider these repeated thefts petty, malicious, and completely immature. How many of you have had your shower things stolen at one time or another? You didn't like it, did you? None of us do. If you happen to be out of shampoo or something, all you need to do is ask to borrow some. I highly doubt that anyone would say no. We are taught in first grade to respect other people's property, and to keep our hands off of things that don't belong to us. Obviously some people on this campus have either forgotten that lesson, or never learned it in the first place.

We both also feel that people need to respect courtesy and quiet hour policies in the residence halls. It is only common courtesy to play music and talk at reasonable levels, especially late at night. During the week, is it really necessary to have loud conversations out in the halls late at night, and to slam doors so hard that they make the walls up and down the hall shake? (That's not exaggeration!) Does it take that much effort to pull the doors shut quietly? We don't think so. It is extremely frustrating to be courteous to the people you live with, only to see that they aren't reciprocating.

The overall lack of respect and maturity on this campus makes us wonder if we are in college, or if high school has never left some of us. For those of you out there to whom this letter applies, grow up. You're not in high school anymore. To the rest of you, thanks for your courtesy, and let's hope we can set a good example for the rest of the campus.

Respectfully yours,
Shelley Stevenson and Jamie Burgess

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Web sites for the new millenium

By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

So I'm sitting at this quaint little deli/fried chicken/gas station at the corner of 18 and 208, enjoying a delicious combination of processed meats and cheeses mashed between what was apparently a hard roll, when I hear someone talking about the year two thousand. Supposedly, this whole Y2K thing is a potential hazard that can bring our computer-dependent society to its collective knees.

But as far as I can tell, this Y2K business has gotten way out of control. Sure, it may create chaos, anarchy, a new race of super-intelligent dog-monkeys, and mass destruction on a worldwide scale, but it sounds just a wee bit suspicious to me, laddie.

First off, as the international man of the world that I am, the first time I heard someone mention the term Y2K, I thought maybe they were just asking me a question in that wacky Spanish language. People were saying, "Why tu que?" and I'm thinking, "am I in Egypt or something?" Even though my first experiences on the Y2K subject left me confused and jaded, I was still intrigued.

So I consulted my local computer lab, which the college had thoughtfully provided for the entire student population, at three separate locales, nestled conveniently around the sprawling campus. What I found at my computer console was incredible. Seems they (super-intelligent dog-monkeys) had invented this whole Internet gizmo that people can utilize in order to access information about the world around them. Naturally, I knew I had to get a piece of this sweet action. The thing is, I was admittedly disappointed by the Internet, undoubtedly a manifestation of those berating corporate bigwigs and their steaming jub of double talkin' jive. Sure there was information the people could use, chat rooms for communication purposes, and an infinite supply of celebrity porn. But at every turn I grew more and more weary with the entire ordeal.

It seems that none of my special interests were being addressed, namely robots, irrepressibly hilarious former circus monkeys, and hair trees, which I think were wiped off this particular continent under law of the Articles of Confederation way back when. So I began pondering. What if there were web sites that were so gosh darn interesting, no Westminster student, let alone any blood-pumping organ sack, could possibly ignore them? Web sites that could undoubtedly ignite a political firestorm that could rock this nation to its very foundations.

With a grab bag of dreams and a sprinkle of luck, I set off on my courageous journey to create web sites so interesting, even the most interesting thing in the world would be crying for the Waaahhham-bulance from its not interestingness compared to the interestingability of my web sites. My spectacular web sites will include a smattering of information from a variety of locations including the hallowed halls of Westminster College. Here goes.

www.thetub.com It will be hard and confusing to get into and even more brain-racking to leave. This gem of a web page features a seventies disco/Cleveland Browns background motif of pure eye candy and plenty of secret rooms such as that mysterious abandoned bowling alley. It also promises to be remodeled soon — or at least by 2036.

www.pants.com Man do I love pants. After another exhausting day at the office, I'll climb into my favorite overstuffed recliner and enjoy a delicious corn dog while I say pants over and over to myself before I fall gently to sleep. Pants, pants, pants, pants, pants...zzzzzzz...

www.campussecurity.com This handsome web page constantly updates the Westminster community with a spectacular array of parking violation statistics. What a great place to keep up with what goes on in those dastardly commuter lots. Finally, they nailed that unstickered Nissan! By the way, a couple computers were heisted and maybe some kids were robbed, but the Nissan, man, we got him! Justice has been served.

www.eyesore.com Where else can the members of humankind keep up with the painting of "the most electrifying stone deposit in campus entertainment today," otherwise referred to as The Rock. Hey, did some organization just paint their particular logo over that of another organization's logo, thereby displaying their obvious campus supremacy? What are they gonna do next? No way! Did somebody just paint one of the benches? Talk about innovation!

www.hamsandwiches.com Nothing but pictures of ham sandwiches in wacky situations that Internet folk can download and e-mail to their friends. Is that the Statue of Liberty with a ham sandwich instead of a torch? Get out of town, mister!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

One-act festival showcases student talent

By Kimberly Bartley
STAFF WRITER

If you are in the mood to see some talented students showcase their acting skills, you should know that the One-Act Play Festival is scheduled for March 20 and 21 in the Down Under.

The festival, sponsored by the theater honorary, Alpha Psi Omega, is completely student-run, from directing to producing, to acting.

19 students auditioned for 9 parts in the three, one-act plays.

The first play, *Zoo Story*, written by Edward Alby, is directed by freshman Brad Dell. It's about a meeting between two men, played by senior Chris Snyder and sophomore Benjamin Tate, in Central Park. One man is very lonely and keeps the other man involved in conversation by promising to tell him what happened at the zoo that day.

"I'm very exciting about directing Zoo Story," Dell said. "It's [directing] something I want to do for the rest of my life."

The second play, *Line*, written by Israel Horovitz is about a group of people standing in line.

The characters' attempts to get to the front of the line create a sort of a commentary about human nature. Sophomore Rachel Helgeson and freshmen Scott Hauser, Scott Hoffman, Kristen Kress, and Ryan Saeler play the parts in this play directed by senior Laura Butchy.

"The one-acts combine humor, morality, and issues of life in an awesome way," said Kress.

The third play, *Sure Thing*, is written by David Ives and directed by senior Ed Sciulli. It is about a man trying to pick up a woman in a restaurant. Junior David Kost and freshman Melissa Cooper, who makes her theatrical debut in the show, play the pair.

"It explores how people come together, and deals with the obstacles and hurdles of human relationships," Sciulli said.

"Overall, the one-acts are an excellent opportunity for those students who don't always get to work on the main-stage theater productions," he explained. "It's more relaxed, which allows for more diversity for both the performers and the audience."

Dell sees this year's one-acts as a tradition in the making.

"I think this is a great opportunity for Westminster students, whether they are in the show or part of the audience," he said. "I hope that student-run production continue into the future."

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Varsity Blues (R)
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A Thin Red Line (R)
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A Civil Action (PG-13)
12:00 2:40 5:15 8:00 10:30

Saving Private Ryan (R)
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Enemy of the State (R)
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In Kristen's Corner: WWF delivers real entertainment

By Kristen Kress
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Known to some as simply "a bunch of guys knocking each other around," or "that fake stuff," professional wrestling has in recent years emerged from a sleazy pseudo-sport to booming family fun. Everyone has seen it: the lights, the music, the flashy costumes, and who can forget the clownish TV announcers who, in their hoarse efforts to describe what is going on inside the ring, seem to sweat, bellow, and suffer even more than the wrestlers themselves.

At the head of the professional wrestling industry, setting standards and records across the globe, is the World Wrestling Federation. From television and pay-per-view to live events and merchandising to the actual athletes themselves, the WWF is definitely a multi-faceted company. The wrestlers are considered by fans to be some of the finest athletes in the world. From professional atheletes to former Olympians, it's not hard to see why. They include men, and even some women, of all shapes and sizes and legendary toughness. Some are superior role models, virtuous and courageous. Others pride themselves on unscrupulous behavior, are totally self-seeking, and are full of bravado.

WWF superstar, The Rock, has been heard saying, "For the millions, (eyebrow), and millions watching around the world . . . if ya smellllll what the ROCK, (eyebrow), is cookin!" I smell it Rock. And it would appear that many others on campus smell it as well. It seems that everyone is into pro-wrestling.

I love that I can turn on USA, every Monday night (except for this Monday because *RAW* is pre-empted for a dog show—whatever), and lose myself for two hours while the superstars of the WWF grapple and scream at each other in attempts to win back women, get the gold, get back their stolen possessions, wreak havoc, or gain justice in a world where injustice reigns supreme.

Pro-wrestling is a carefully depicted form of entertainment. Like an artist skillfully mixing colors so as not to mess up his end results, the promoters know exactly which of the fans' heart strings to pluck to get one reaction and which to get another. It is an art form, to say the least. And it is an art form overtaking the sports world. The WWF's monthly pay-per-view's have been selling at the top of the lists, drawing more homes than any other PPV event. Top star Stone Cold Steve Austin recently outsold the legendary Hulk Hogan in merchandise sales, although that may change when Hogan's presidential campaign kicks off.

If you haven't yet jumped on the pro-wrestling bandwagon, I would highly recommend checking it out. Think about it—wrestling encompasses all we as humans are about—love, hate, matrimony, war, sickness, strife, sweat, hard work, pride, loyalty, tradition, family, humor, sexuality, and athleticism, in one full sweep. Pro-wrestling is the ultimate entertainment. Until next week...

Panera Bread disappoints coffee lover

By Amy Cross
LAYOUT EDITOR

When I go to a coffeehouse, there are a few things that I expect to find: comfortable chairs, funky music, and...you know...a good cup of coffee.

At Panera Bread, located on E. State Street, Hermitage, my expectations were anything but fulfilled.

When Lee and I arrived at Panera Bread, I was impressed by the attractive exterior of the building, there was even a brick patio complete with wrought-iron tables and chairs for outdoor dining. However, since it is February in western Pennsylvania, my date and I thought it wise to dine indoors.

Once inside, I was surprised by the stark interior. There was neither the warm, homey feeling that I have come to associate with a coffeehouse, nor the ethnic friendliness that I associate with a deli. It looked more like an IKEA showroom than a café. I felt like I shouldn't sit on the furniture unless I was going to buy it. It just didn't feel like a place I wanted to hang out, and I have heard more hip music playing at my dentist office.

Lee and I walked up to the counter to place our order. I chose the Sicilian chicken sandwich and Lee opted for the roast beef sandwich. We both ordered lemonade to drink with our meal. Our total for the sandwiches and drinks was over fifteen dollars. I thought that was a bit pricey, but hey, these sandwiches were probably really big and delicious, right?

We were given a number by our unfriendly server and were asked to sit down. She said she would call our number when our order was ready. Odd, I thought, since we were the only people in the place.

So, we decided on a table near the front window. There were fresh flowers on the table—a nice touch. However, I had no problem figuring out how they kept the flowers so spring fresh all day. It was like a florist's cooler in there. I wasn't about to take my coat off and as soon as my butt hit the chair, our number was announced over the LOUD speaker. So back we went to the counter to get our food.

Like I mentioned, I was expecting a big sandwich. What I got was a big plate with a little skimpy sandwich, a soggy pickle, and a foil bag of air and the occasional gourmet potato chip (what ever that is). The lemonade was good and so was the flavor of the sandwich, but that didn't make up for what it lacked in substance. Lee had the same complaints.

I was also surprised with the bread that the sandwich was on. I expected the bread to be fresh, since I was eating at Panera BREAD. Wrong! Both sandwiches were on tough, thin slices of bread that tasted like they may have been fresh baked, oh, last week sometime.

Oh well, I thought, I could have gotten a better sandwich at Subway, but then I would have missed out on the delicious coffee dessert, right?

Wrong again. Lee and I trekked up to yet another counter to order coffee and dessert. Much to my surprise, none of the desert selections contained any form of chocolate. And they call themselves a bakery! After much deliberation, I decide on a cobblestone muffin and a café latte. Lee ordered a cheery cheese Danish and decided just to finish the rest of his lemonade. One coffee, one muffin, and one Danish cost over six dollars. The eternal optimist, I once again was SURE that this muffin and coffee would some how be worth it.

Once again, we were given a number and told to sit. I wasn't surprised; the number of clients had doubled by now. There were four whole people in the restaurant.

Again we went to our table, and again we hopped up like we were in a game of musical chairs and went back up to get our food.

The muffin and the Danish were both dry as chalk. I was barley able to choke down half of my dessert because my café latte was so bitter it made my lips curl.

At this point in the evening, we were thoroughly disgusted. Between the pseudo-trendy decor, the over abundance of track lighting, the elevator tunes, the unfriendly service, the 'to-the-counter-and-back' aerobics, the dry bread, no chocolate, and the bitter coffee, I was more than ready to scat.

The bill came to over twenty dollars, my most expensive review meal yet, and by far the worst. My advice—take the money that you will save on food and spend it on gas to get you to the BeeHive on the South side of Pittsburgh. It will save you a lot of disappointment.

One out of five mocha latte half cafes with a lemon twist.

Oscar nominations surprise fans

Costume Design
Beloved
Elizabeth
Pleasantville
Shakespeare in Love
Velvet Goldmine

Actor in a Leading Role
Roberto Benigni in *Life is Beautiful*
Tom Hanks in *Saving Private Ryan*
Ian McKellen in *Gods and Monsters*
Nick Nolte in *Affliction*
Edward Norton in *American History X*

Actor in a Supporting Role
James Coburn in *Affliction*
Robert Duvall in *A Civil Action*
Ed Harris in *The Truman Show*
Geoffrey Rush in *Shakespeare in Love*
Billy Bob Thornton in *A Simple Plan*

Actress in a Leading Role
Cate Blanchett in *Elizabeth*
Fernanda Montenegro in *Central Station*
Gwyneth Paltrow in *Shakespeare in Love*
Meryl Streep in *One True Thing*
Emily Watson in *Hilary and Jackie*

Makeup
Elizabeth
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love

Actress in a Supporting Role
Kathy Bates in *Primary Colors*
Brenda Blethyn in *Little Voice*
Judi Dench in *Shakespeare in Love*
Rachel Griffiths in *Hilary and Jackie*
Lynn Redgrave in *Gods and Monsters*

Art Direction
Elizabeth
Pleasantville
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
What Dreams May Come

Are you ready for a night at the Oscars??

Well, on February 9th, Academy Award-winning actor Kevin Spacey and Academy President Robert Rehme announced this year's OSCAR nominees. The magic of Oscar night kicks into high gear on March 21, 1999 the moment the celebrities trade in the privacy of their limousines for the luxury of the red carpet. For the first time ever, the Academy welcomes you to start your Oscar Night off with the official Academy half-hour national Oscar Preview Show, hosted by actress Geena Davis. No stranger to the Academy Awards, Geena will know exactly what to watch for as your favorite nominees, presenters and Academy guests arrive.

It's your chance to get an unbelievable up-close look at the trendsetters decked out in fabulous gowns, jaw-dropping jewelry, and black-tie tuxedo style. Following the pre-show, the curtain rises on the 71st Academy Awards Presentation. Here's the nominees:

Cinematography
A Civil Action
Elizabeth
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
The Thin Red Line

Directing
Life is Beautiful
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
The Thin Red Line
The Truman Show

Original Song
"I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" from *Armageddon*
"The Prayer" from *Quest for Camelot*
"A Soft Place to Fall" from *The Horse Whisperer*
"That'll Do" from *Babe: Pig in the City*
"When You Believe" from *The Prince of Egypt*

Film Editing
Life is Beautiful
Out of Sight
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
The Thin Red Line

Best Picture
Elizabeth
Life is Beautiful
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
The Thin Red Line

Foreign Language Film
Central Station
Children of Heaven
The Grandfather
Life is Beautiful
Tango

Visual Effects
Armageddon
Mighty Joe Young
What Dreams May Come

Sound
Armageddon
The Mask of Zorro
Saving Private Ryan
Shakespeare in Love
The Thin Red Line

A complete list of nominations can be found at: www.oscar.com

Humor-scopes

February 13-19

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
It's leek soup week in the dining hall. Considering your recent tendency towards shoplifting vegetables, I highly recommend you buy a leek, not take one.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
You will discover the secret to becoming a great artist! You can stick anything you want on the wall; the trick is to make people think deep thought went into it. For example, spray-paint the bathroom pluger gold, and stick little angel wings on it. Call it "Life In The Details".

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
This week is especially bad for trying something new involving explosives. Try to keep a low profile.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
You haven't been sleeping well, but that will soon change. You will develop the knack of falling instantly asleep whenever you want to—either at night, or during boring classes.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Beware of celery.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
You will invent a new sort of optical illusion today involving 6 straight lines, an assortment of blobs, and a picture of an iguana. Everyone will gasp in amazement.

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
Things are not going well for you. The main thing is to find someone else to blame and then move on—quickly.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
This week you will have a sudden, somewhat irrational desire to drive to Camden, New Jersey, and visit the Soup Tureen Museum. Fortunately, you will be restrained, physically.

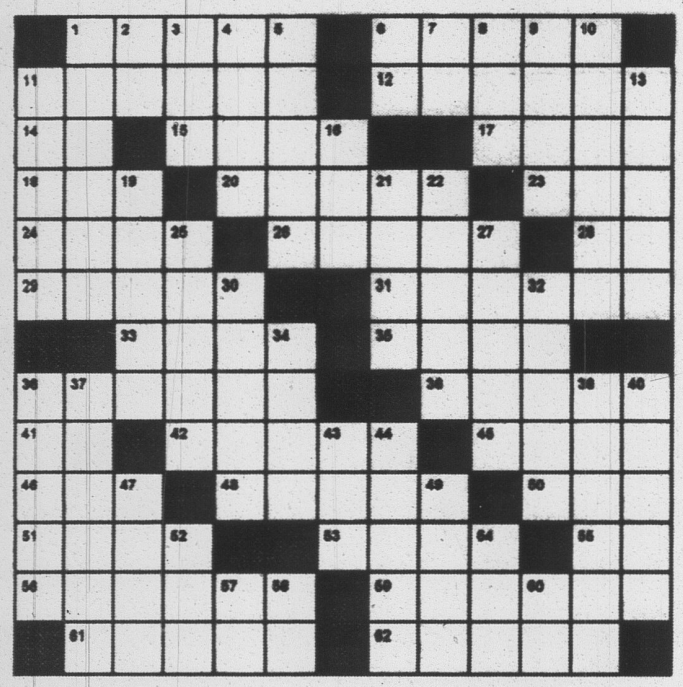
Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
Dis week, asa a joke, you willa make fun ofa how somebody talke. You willa get beata up.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
Would you just stop? There are no little mutated men from outer space following you around and snapping your photo at inopportune times. Or are there?

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
You will snidely snicker at someone this week for no reason. That's not going to make you many friends, you know. Instead, you should cheerfully chuckle.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
You will accidentally step on someone's foot, and they will say "Ow!" That's when you say, "No pain, no gain." Sometimes people don't like that. The truth hurts.

Crossword Challenge



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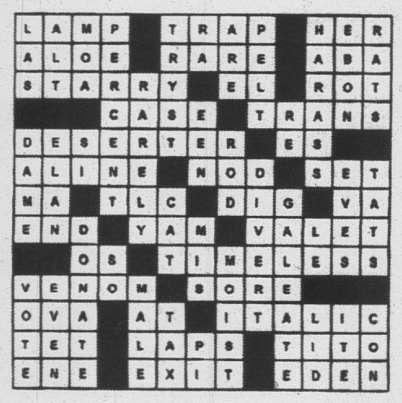
1 Boutique
6 Contest area
11 Age
12 Vow
14 Impersonal pronoun
15 Donated
17 Unknown
18 Bill
20 Means of accomplish ment
23 Having the quality of (suf.)
24 Solo vocal piece
26 Evaluates
28 Argon symbol (abbr.)
29 Fish hook leader
31 To an excessive degree
33 Variant of scion
35 Upper part of glacier
36 Edam
38 Fr. Painter Fernand
41 Male pronoun
42 Transmits sensory stimuli
45 Rattling throat sound
46 Dine
48 Horses
50 Rent
51 Same
52 Mexican food
55 Southern state (abbr.)
56 Races
59 Outdoors person
61 Desires
62 Coach

DOWN
1 Planet
2 Near
3 Drag; haul
4 Speak
5 No
6 Public announcement (abbr.)
7 Football position (abbr.)
8 Extravehicular activity (abbr.)
9 No one
10 Lacking tone
11 King of golden touch
13 Passage or opening
16 A Gabor
19 My sister's daughter
21 Jacket (England)
22 Take pleasure in
25 Strange
27 Cut
30 Not a winner
32 Royal
34 Roman emperor
36 Shout of approval
37 Firmament
39 Number
40 Repave
43 Large vessel; tub
47 Distance (pref.)
49 Blemish
52 No (Scot.)
54 Indicates tumor (suf.)
57 Three feet (abbr.)
58 Steamship (abbr.)
60 3.14159

Last week's answers



The "how to" for writing a college paper

1. Sit in a straight, comfortable chair in a well, lighted place with plenty of freshly sharpened pencils.

2. Read over the assignment carefully, to make certain you understand it.

3. Walk down to the vending machines and buy some coffee to help you concentrate.

4. Stop off at the third floor, on the way back and visit with your friend from class. If your friend hasn't started the paper yet either, you can both walk to McDonalds and buy a hamburger to help you concentrate. If your friend shows you his paper, typed, double-spaced,and bound in one of those irritating see-thru plastic folders, drop the 'people's elbow.'

5. When you get back to your room, sit in a straight, comfortable chair in a clean, well lighted place with plenty of freshly sharpened pencils.

6. Read over the assignment again to make absolutely certain you understand it.

7. You know, you haven't written to that kid you met at camp since fourth grade. You'd better write that letter now and get it our of the way so you can concentrate.

8. Go look at your teeth in the bathroom mirror.

9. Listen to one side of your favorite CD and that's it, I mean it, as soon as it's over you are going to start that paper.

10. Listen to the other side, despite the fact there is nothing on it.

11. Rearrange all of your CDs into alphabetical order.

12. Phone your friend on the third floor and ask if he's started writing yet. Exchange derogatory remarks about your teacher, the course, the university, the world at large.

13. Sit in a straight, comfortable chair in a clean, well lighted place with plenty of freshly sharpened pencils.

14. Read over the assignment again; roll the words across your tongue; savor its special flavor.

15. Check the newspaper listings to make sure you aren't missing something truly worthwhile on TV. NOTE: When you have a paper due in less than 12 hours, anything on TV from Masterpiece Theater to Sgt. Preston of the Yukon is truly worthwhile, with these exceptions: a)Pro Bowler's Tour and b)any movie starring Don Ameche.

16. Catch the last hour of Soul Brother of Kung Fu on channel 26.

17. Phone your friend on the third floor to see if he was watching. Discuss the finer points of the plot.

18. Go look at your tongue in the bathroom mirror.

19. Look through your roommate's book of pictures from home. Ask who everyone is.

20. Sit down and do some serious thinking about your plans for the future.

21. Open your door and check to see if there are any mysterious strangers lurking in the hall, un-escorted.

22. Sit in a straight, comfortable chair in a clean, well lighted place with plenty of freshly sharpened pencils.

23. Read over the assignment one more time, just for the hell of it.

24. Scoot your chair across the room to the window and watch the sunrise.

25. Lie face down on the floor and moan.

Ten Random Things No One Needs to Know

1) The only nation whose name begins with "A" but doesn't end with "A" is Afghanistan.

2) The names of the three wise monkeys are: Mizaru: See no evil, Mikazaru: Fear no evil, and Mazaru: Speak no evil.

3) When opossum are playing 'possum,' they are not "playing." They do actually pass out from sheer terror.

4) The main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

5) Each King is a deck of playing cards represents a great King from history. Spades-King David, Clubs-Alexander the Great, Hearts-Charlemagne, and Diamonds-Julius Caesar.

6) The verb "cleave" is the only English word with two synonyms that are antonyms of each other: adhere and separate.

7) The only 15-letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.

8) Facetious and abstemious contain all the vowels in the correct order, as does arsenious, meaning "containing arsenic."

9) The shape of plant collenchyma cells and the shape of bubbles in beer foam are the same- they are orthotetrachidecahedrons.

10) Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backwards, and are on the Australian coat of arms for that reason.

? a) Depression is a bunch of symptoms exhibited by weak people.

b) Depression is an unbearable suppression of brain activity that can strike anyone.

Straightening out all the misconceptions, the correct answer is 'b'. It's a concept we should all understand and remember, and here's why. Depression strikes millions of young adults, but only 1 out of 5 ever seeks treatment for it. Too many just drag themselves along or eventually seek relief through suicide. Why not treatment? Partly lack of awareness. Partly the unwarranted negative stigma. This is what needs fixing. This is where we need you to change your attitudes. It's an illness, not a weakness. And it's readily treatable. Spreading the word and making this common knowledge is everybody's assignment.

UNTREATED DEPRESSION
#1 Cause of Suicide

Public Service message from SA\VE (Suicide Awareness\Voices of Education) http://www.save.org

On-Campus Recruiting-Spring 1999 Update

Career Center

Seniors interested in interviewing with the recruiters listed below should drop off two copies of their resume to the Career Center before the resume deadline listed. If the recruiter has selected open interviews, this means that seniors with a major listed for that employer may submit a resume. Pre-select indicates the employer will review submitted resumes and select only those applicants that meet their selection criteria.
** Indicates recruiters willing to interview alumni.*

CIBER, INC.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221
Recruiting Date: February 15

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Recruiting Date: February 16

THE PENN MUTUAL GROUP
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Recruiting Date: February 16

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS
Malvern, PA 19355-1317
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Presentation: March 29, TUB Lounge, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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Majors:All

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Majors: All

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Cleveland, OH 44114
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Resume Deadline: March 22
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Majors: Education

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Majors: All

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Resume Deadline: March 22
Positions Available: Elementary, Special Ed., Spanish, Secondary Math & Science
Majors: Education

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Resume Deadline: March 23
Positions Available: All
Majors: Education

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Resume Deadline: April 8
Positions Available: Counselor/Teacher
Majors: All

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Recruiting Date: April 16
Resume Deadline: April 9
Positions Available: Entry Level Teacher/Counselor
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Youngstown, OH 44515
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Resume Deadline: April 12
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Majors: Education

AROUND THE GLOBE

Microsoft defense turns to software

WASHINGTON (AP) - Microsoft's next witness in its antitrust trial is defending the company's limits on the world's largest Internet provider that discouraged distribution of a rival's software.

In 77 pages of written testimony released Wednesday, Microsoft Vice President Brad Chase insisted that under an important March 1996 agreement, America Online's 16 million subscribers still are free to download and use rival Internet software from Netscape Communications. He called the contract "not truly exclusive."

As part of its antitrust case, the government alleges that many of Microsoft's contracts violated antitrust laws because they illegally discouraged other companies from distributing software from competitors.

In his testimony, Chase acknowledged that Microsoft's AOL deal - which continues until Jan. 1, 2001 - requires that at least 85% of AOL's customers use Microsoft's own Internet Explorer browser.

But Chase rejected the government's charges, arguing that Microsoft didn't require AOL to actually prevent its subscribers from using Netscape's software. Microsoft instead set limits on ways AOL could give away Netscape's browser.

"If 100% of AOL's subscribers converted to Netscape Navigator because that is what they decided to use, AOL would not be in breach of any term," Chase wrote.

He added that AOL itself is allowed to distribute Netscape's software "provided that AOL uses reasonable efforts to minimize its involvement and use of the AOL brand name in conjunction with such a distribution."

Chase said Microsoft insisted on the restrictions because of its financial investment when it agreed in 1996 to develop a customized version of its Internet browser for AOL's subscribers - including assigning a software engineer to wear a pager at all times so that AOL could contact him during an emergency.

Also, Microsoft agreed to distribute AOL's software as part of its Windows com. .ter operating system.

"Not surprisingly, given the commitment we were making to AOL, we wanted AOL to commit to using Internet Explorer," Chase wrote.

This week's cross-examination of Chase could be fraught with peril for the government, in part because of AOL's pending $4.3 billion purchase of Netscape, which was announced last November after the trial began.

The government has maintained that Microsoft wielded its enormous influence to intimidate AOL into turning against Netscape.

But after the news of the AOL-Netscape merger, lawyers have generally steered clear of the issue, which even the judge offered "might be a very significant change of the playing field."

Chase, for example, told the judge that he fully expects AOL to end its contract with Microsoft in 2001 and distribute Netscape's browser to its subscribers, dramatically boosting Netscape's popularity.

Chase said such a change would drive Netscape's market share from 45% of all browsers to as high as 74%, and cause Microsoft's share to drop from 52% to as low as 24%.

"It seems inevitable to me that AOL will eventually make use of the technology it owns rather than technology supplied by a competitor like Microsoft," he said.

Jets fire at Iraqi weapons sites after violation

WASHINGTON (AP) - For the first time in a week, American aircraft fired at two air defense sites in Iraq Wednesday after three waves of Iraqi fighter jets violated the southern "no-fly" zone, U.S. military officials said.

The incidents occurred near Talil, about 170 miles southeast of Baghdad, and near An Najaf, about 100 miles south of Baghdad, between 2:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. EST, said U.S. Central Command.

All coalition aircraft returned safely to their air bases, the Pentagon said.

U.S. officials didn't immediately identify the planes or report how many were involved, although F-15 and F-16 fighter jets and Marine EA-6B Prowler aircraft frequently patrol the region.

In three separate incidents, a pair of Russian-made MiG-23 or MiG-25 jets entered the no-fly zone, where U.S. and British patrols have barred Iraqi military flights since after the 1991 Gulf War to protect rebel groups from Saddam Hussein's forces, U.S. officials said. The Iraqi planes immediately turned tail when confronted, the officials said.

"They were involved in this pattern of cheat and retreat," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ernest Duplessis, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command in Florida. "It was a provocation."

The U.S. pilots weren't targeted by the Iraqi jets or by the anti-aircraft missile sites, but struck against the air defense systems as a self-defensive measure, Duplessis said.

"There was no (radar) illumination, but anytime we have a violation of the no-fly zone that is a threat," Duplessis said. "And so the air defense sites were struck."

The U.S. warplanes struck six Iraqi targets, including surface-to-air-missile batteries and associated command and control systems, according to Duplessis, who said a damage assessment was still under way to determine if the sites were destroyed.

There were no incidents in the northern no-fly zone, the Pentagon said.

Coalition aircraft have destroyed about 40 air defense sites during more than 80 no-fly zone violations by Iraq since December when Saddam began challenging the no-flight regions following the four-day mid-December U.S. and British bombing campaign against Iraq.

President Clinton last month approved more aggressive rules of engagement for U.S. pilots aimed at taking out air defense sites when the opportunity arises during no-fly provocations. The goal is to weaken Saddam's ability to strike back and to make no-fly patrols safer, U.S. officials said.

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American trys to end pilot job action

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - American Airlines asked a federal judge Wednesday to order the air carrier's pilots to stop calling in sick in a dispute that forced the carrier to cancel 900 more flights Wednesday.

AMR, the airline's parent company, asked U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall for a temporary restraining order and asked that the pilots be held in contempt of court if they continued to call in sick.

Airline attorney Dee Kelly also asked for damages, saying that the airline is losing money every day the "sickout" continues. "They're threatening to bring the airline to a complete halt," Kelly said. The dispute between American and its pilots - which has resulted in travel delays for thousands of passengers - has now grounded more than 2,000 flights since Saturday.

Talks stalled last Friday in a dispute over when pilots from the recently acquired Reno Air would be upgraded to the pay scale received by American's pilots. The next day, many American pilots began calling in sick and refusing to fly voluntary overtime.

The number of cancellations has escalated each day, with more than 800, or about 37%, of the airline's flights knocked off Tuesday's schedule.

Negotiations have resumed were scheduled to continue Wednesday.

Though the purchase of Reno is the source of this dispute, ill will between the pilots and the company has been festering for years.

In the early 1990s in an attempt to stem losses, American Airlines closed three hubs and furloughed 610 pilots, while at the same time leasing its empty airport gates to Reno Air and Midway Airlines and selling frequent-flier miles on the smaller carriers.

American pilots saw the move as a way to shift work to their lower-paid counterparts at the smaller airlines. The distrust was highlighted by jokes among crew members that AMR stood for "American, Midway, Reno."

"I think that this is a confrontation that has its roots in things that have happened in the past, and I think that (AMR Chairman and Chief Executive Don) Carty seriously underestimated the residual anger that was there with the pilot group," said Holly Hegeman, an airline analyst for PlaneBusiness.

Two years ago, when contract negotiations faltered, American pilots staged a brief strike.Last summer, more than 450 flights were canceled as pilots refused to work overtime to protest a passenger-sharing deal with Canadian Airlines. And more than 1,000 flights were canceled during a dispute in 1990 in which American sought a court injunction against the pilots, whom the airline accused of staging an illegal sick-out. That dispute resulted in a public apology advertisement in the nation's newspapers which misidentified American's pilot union.

Carty, who took the reins of the company last year, said the "dysfunctional" relationship between management and pilots is not one that he is proud of.

"I do regret that we don't have a better relationship with the Allied Pilots Association. I don't know the answer...We're going to keep plugging at it," he said.

Survey shows certain sexual dysfunctions common

CHICAGO (AP) - More than 40% of women and 30% of men regularly have no interest in sex, can't have an orgasm or suffer from some other sexual dysfunction, according to what researchers say is the most comprehensive U.S. sex survey since the 1948 Kinsey Report.

The study's lead author, University of Chicago sociologist Edward Laumann, called the findings stunning.

"I think it gives us a base for explaining why we had this enormous response to Viagra," he said.

The researchers said problems with sex are often coupled with everything from emotional and health problems to lack of time, job pressures, and money trouble. But they said they aren't sure which comes first - stress or problems with sex.

The study was published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The researchers based their findings on the 1992 National Health and Social Life Survey, a compilation of interviews with 1,749 women and 1,410 men.

The participants, ages 18 to 59, were asked if they had experienced sexual dysfunction over several months in the previous year. Sexual dysfunction was defined as a regular lack of interest in or pain during sex or persistent problems achieving lubrication, an erection or orgasm.

Lack of interest in sex was the most common problem for women; with about a third saying they regularly didn't want sex. Twenty-six percent said they regularly didn't have orgasms and 23% said sex wasn't pleasurable.

About a third of men said they had persistent problems with climaxing too early, while 14% said they had no interest in sex and 8% said they consistently derived no pleasure from sex.

Overall, 43% of women and 31% of men said they had one or more persistent problems with sex.

The researchers had expected the overall numbers to be closer to maybe 20% for each sex.

Laumann said the findings could offer hope to millions, many of whom think they're the only ones having trouble in bed.

"Often they don't even admit it to their partners. It's the old 'I've got a headache' instead of 'I don't feel like having sex,'" he said.

Dr. Domeena Renshaw, a Chicago-area sex therapist, said the results are not surprising, considering the long list of couples waiting to get into the sexual dysfunction clinic she has run at the Loyola University Medical Center since 1972.

In that time, she has treated nearly 140 couples who had never consummated their marriages, including a couple who had been wed for 23 years.

Study co-author Raymond Rosen, co-director of the Center for Sexual and Marital Health at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J., said the survey provides much-needed information about women, who have often been excluded from studies about sexual performance.

He said the findings are the most reliable since Dr. Alfred Kinsey did his landmark studies 50 years ago. Kinsey got similar results regarding impotence and failure to achieve orgasm but didn't ask about lack of sexual desire.

Too often, Rosen said, Americans have gotten their information about sex from magazines bought at the grocery-store checkout.

"As a scientist, it makes my hair stand on end," Rosen said. "It's terrible."

Democrats and two GOP senators back acquittal

WASHINGTON - As the Senate deliberated privately on President Clinton's fitness to remain in office, the first two Republican senators announced Wednesday they would vote against conviction on both articles of impeachment.

Sens. James Jeffords of Vermont and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania said they would not support allegations of perjury and obstruction of justice.

Specter, citing the laws of Scotland, said there could be "three possible verdicts: guilty, not guilty, not proven."

"Given the option in this trial, I suspect many senators would choose 'not proven' instead of 'not guilty,'" the Pennsylvania Republican said in a statement that he planned to deliver on the Senate floor.

Jeffords said Clinton had committed shameful acts but his offenses "do not reach the high standard of impeachment."

Announcing, as expected, that he would oppose both articles, Harkin said the House had presented "a counterfeit case" based on the efforts of "an out-of-control independent counsel with a blank check." He predicted that only one-third of the Senate would vote for the perjury article.

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said that "if at all possible" he would like to set a vote for 5 p.m. ET Thursday on whether to convict Clinton on the perjury and obstruction of justice charges - votes that by all signs will fall far short of the two-thirds majority needed to oust the nation's 42nd president.

"If we still have speeches and we can't do it then we will certainly go over to Friday but I think we need to begin to talk about that goal," Lott said at the opening of Wednesday's trial session. The Senate sergeant at arms then closed the doors so the debate could begin in private for a second day.

At the White House, spokesman Joe Lockhart said the president is "open to the idea of censure." But Lockhart added, "I don't think it's appropriate for us to indicate or try to prescribe" punishment.

Clinton will probably have something to say after the Senate votes, Lockhart said. The White House has been sensitive to possible criticism if Clinton appears to gloat over the likely acquittal.

Both inside and outside the chamber Wednesday, GOP senators raised doubts about support for a censure or rebuke of the president if he is acquitted on the two articles of impeachment.

"There's been very little mention of censure," Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said before Wednesday's proceedings. "To me, the push for censure is losing steam."

Frist indicated that the debate Tuesday was lawyerly on the article alleging that Clinton committed perjury before a grand jury - an accusation some Republicans have suggested they may not support in the final vote.

One of Frist's GOP colleagues, Slade Gorton of Washington, disclosed in the four-hour debate Tuesday he opposes the perjury article but supports the article accusing Clinton of obstruction of justice.

"The president should be removed from office for obstruction of justice," Gorton said during the debate. He released his remarks afterward. "Although the president lied, this specific case of perjury does not rise to a level requiring removal."

Senators from both parties acknowledge Clinton is assured of acquittal because the two-thirds margin for conviction cannot be attained. Many were slow to get to the chamber Wednesday morning for the second day of deliberations, raising concerns from Sen. Patrick Leahy.

"If we're going to be off at committee meetings, I don't think that does service to the intent of this closed door hearing. ... Nothing could me more important than this on our agenda today and tomorrow," Leahy said.

For days, senators have been forecasting a stronger conviction vote on the obstruction-of-justice article than on a perjury count that might not attain even a majority.

If Clinton is acquitted as expected, several Republicans expressed a willingness Tuesday to end the impeachment ordeal without further action - leaving it to historians, rather than a Senate censure, to judge his efforts to cover up an extramarital affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

The censure idea is "a rose that is beginning to wilt," said Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho, a member of the Senate Republican leadership. Some Democrats, he said, want a censure because they're "seeking cover" for their expected acquittal votes.

However, a censure resolution - either immediately following the trial or later - remained a possibility. To have such a measure considered in the 100-member Senate, supporters would need 60 votes to hurdle an expected stalling action by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, the leading opponent of a censure.

As the Senate debated his fate Tuesday, Clinton traveled to western Virginia for a private meeting with House Democrats holding their annual retreat.

Ethics panel names 10 new offenders

SALT LAKE CITY - An independent ethics panel Tuesday issued a scathing report on Salt Lake City's Olympic bid, detailing more than $1 million in handouts and implicating as many as 10 more International Olympic Committee members.

The 300-page report, by the board of ethics appointed by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, spared no one. It criticized the IOC, bid leaders, U.S. Olympic Committee officials, even the Salt Lake board for lack of effective oversight.

"There were many places the system fell down," said lawyer David Jordan, a member of the ethics panel. "There were many inappropriate transactions that were there to be seen."

But the report also charged that bid leaders disguised payments to IOC members and drew up a phony consulting contract to hide repaying a communications company for the salary of the son of IOC member Kim Un Yong.

SLOC chairman Robert Garff characterized some of the findings as "disgusting."

The report targeted the actions of bid leaders Tom Welch and Dave Johnson and singled out former finance chief Craig Peterson.

SLOC and ethics panel lawyers said the conduct was clearly unethical, but they stopped short of saying it was criminal. A Justice Department investigation continues.

In another setback for Olympic leaders, a major sponsor, John Hancock Insurance, said it was canceling negotiations with NBC for $20 million in ads to protest the IOC's failure to deal with the growing scandal.

The IOC already implicated 14 members in the corruption scandal. Four have resigned; five are suspended pending expulsion; three, including Kim, are under investigation; one was warned; and one is dead.

Three members or their families received benefits that exceeded $100,000, the report says.

Winfrey may retire talk show in response to daytime sleaze

LONDON (AP) - Oprah Winfrey is fed up with the sleaze on daytime television - especially rival Jerry Springer's show - and is ready to bail out of her long-running show.

"I am all talked out," Winfrey told The Sunday Times. "My contract has two years left, then I am getting out of such shows because I feel they are going to burn themselves out."

Winfrey has been a ratings success since launching The Oprah Winfrey Show in September 1986. Despite its 32 Daytime Emmys, it recently has been challenged in the ratings by The Jerry Springer Show.

While in London to promote her new film, Beloved, she told the newspaper it was depressing to return to television after her stint on the movie set.

"Coming off that wonderful film to be just interviewing more dysfunctional people was a letdown," she said.

Another reason for her disgust, she said, is Springer, calling his show a "vulgarity circus."

"Unless you are going to kill people on the air, and not just hit them on the head with chairs, and unless you are going to have sexual intercourse - and not just, as I saw the other day, a guy pulling down his pants and pulling out his penis - then there comes a point when you have oversaturated yourself," Winfrey was quoted as telling the Times.

Winfrey was unavailable for comment Tuesday because she is taping her show in the Bahamas this week, said Jerilyn Schultz, a publicist in Chicago.

Schultz said she could not comment beyond a statement issued Monday, which said no announcements were planned on whether Winfrey would continue the show after the end of her current contract.

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U-WIRE NEWS

Innocent inmate released after 17 years on death row

By Emily Bittner And Vivi Abrams

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. - Less than 72 hours after five Medill students and Prof. David Protess presented prosecutors with evidence to clear convicted murderer Anthony Porter, he was released from prison so quickly it surprised even his supporters.

"I've never seen it happen that fast," Protess said.

Trying to talk above the noise of his family laughing, Porter, 44, said it was "exhilarating" to be released after spending almost 17 years on death row for a murder he didn't commit.

"I'm trying to find a word for how it feels," Porter said. "It was like, 'I'm free.'"

Porter was convicted of shooting to death teenagers Jerry Hillard and Marilyn Green in 1982 in Chicago's Washington Park. In September 1998, Porter was 48 hours away from being executed.

That execution was stayed because his attorney, Dan Sanders, argued to the Illinois Supreme Court that Porter's IQ of 51 rendered him unable to understand his death sentence.

Beginning in the fall, the students in Protess' class took on the role of investigative reporters because they believed in Porter's innocence. After re-enacting the crime in November they were even more positive.

With the assistance of Chicago private investigator Paul Ciolino, they tracked down Milwaukee resident Alstory Simon, who confessed Wednesday morning to committing the crime.

The Cook County state's attorney's office obtained a warrant Saturday night for the arrests of Simon and his estranged wife, Inez Jackson, who told students in a videotaped interview Jan. 29 that she was with Simon at the time of the murders.

State prosecutors, who issued a warrant Saturday for Simon's arrest, said they waited three days after his confession to allow time to confirm the evidence provided by Protess' team, said Bob Benjamin, a spokesman for the state's attorney's office.

"We investigated some people, talked to folks in Chicago, downstate Illinois and Wisconsin," Benjamin said. "We had to develop our own information and confirm other information."

Simon and Jackson were in custody Sunday after turning themselves in at 1:30 p.m., Benjamin said.

Simon will enter a plea of not guilty, said his attorney, Jack Rimland, who has been a Chicago defense lawyer for 31 years.

It is too early for prosecutors to say if they will seek the death penalty for Simon, Benjamin said.

Although she was held in custody Sunday night, Protess said Jackson was expected to be released today.

She came to Chicago from Milwaukee for prosecutors to question her. By the time they had finished, no judges were available to hold the bond hearing that would have released her Sunday night.

Benjamin declined to comment on whether prosecutors got sufficient information from Jackson.

Her videotaped statement played on television Wednesday morning and helped persuade Simon to confess, Ciolino said.

Simon and Jackson are both being held at Cook County Jail, with bond hearings scheduled for today in Cook County Circuit Court.

Porter, who spent the weekend at home with his family, will not be cleared of the 1982 charges until the state's attorney asks the court to dismiss them, Benjamin said.

Benjamin declined to discuss prosecutors' actions in the 1982 case that landed Porter on death row.

"The original case was brought to the state's attorney based on a police investigation," he said. "What we need to do is move forward with this case."

Protess and his students, meanwhile, celebrated this weekend with Porter and his family in Chicago.

Syandene Rhodes-Pitts, a Medill senior who visited Porter Saturday, said she has only begun to realize the significance of what she did.

"I didn't realize the role I'd played until his daughter walked in," Rhodes-Pitts said. "Tears were streaming down her face. That's when it really hit me that this is her father and he's home."

Report says one-fifth of teachers feel qualified

By David Siders

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. - According to a report released by the Department of Education, one-fifth of public school teachers said they feel qualified to teach in a modern classroom.

The national profile on teacher quality was released Jan. 28 by the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics. It is the first in a series of biannual reports designed to track the quality of improving classroom instruction, said Pascal Forgione, Jr., commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics.

The report's results come from a 1998 survey of 4,049 full-time public school teachers in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Their main teaching assignments were in English and language arts, social studies and social sciences, foreign language, math, and science.

If the report helps improve the quality of educators, the result will be a better-educated community, said Martin Orland, commissioner for education statistics at the National Center for Education Statistics.

"After the family, the most important single variable in a person's education is the quality of the teacher core," he said.

The report implicates low graduation standards for teachers and calls for more intense teacher training in universities, Forgione said.

"A report that tells us teachers don't feel prepared has implications for the university community," Orland said.

Orland said the goal of the report is to determine better preparation methods for teachers.

"We need a longer duration of pre-professional training, especially with technology," Orland said.

Twenty percent of teachers who taught limited-English-proficient students felt prepared to meet their students' needs, according to the report. The same number of teachers said they felt unprepared to use technology such as the Internet in the classroom.

The findings are particularly unsettling at a time when 78 percent of public schools have access to the Internet and the nation's student population is becoming increasingly diverse, Forgione said.

Educators are also calling for more training after graduation, Orland said, such as informal meetings to plan lessons and discuss team teaching strategies.

The report shows about 18 percent of grade 7-12 teachers whose main assignment was math, neither majored, minored, nor received a degree in the subject.

At Northwestern, future math teachers don't need to major in math, said Mirian Sherin, assist. professor in the School of Education and Social Policy.

"A student does have to take a lot of math classes," she said, "but not as many as a math major."

Other findings show 19 percent of teachers said they had been mentored by another teacher, while 70 percent of said mentoring at least once a week helped their teaching substantially.

Education students spend one quarter observing teachers in a classroom and teach for 10 weeks, Sherin said.

"Northwestern tries hard to prepare students for teaching both by giving experience in the classroom and by linking those experiences to NU classes," Sherin said.

Berkeley student buried in sudden avalanche

By Daniel Hernandez

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - A UC Berkeley student died early yesterday morning from hypothermia and heart failure after an avalanche buried him in more than three feet of snow for six hours near Donner Summit.

Malcolm Hart, 21, was hiking with a friend and two other UC Berkeley students Saturday afternoon near Lake Mary when an unexpected avalanche trapped them, said Nevada County Sheriff Sgt. Bill Evans.

After the victims were freed from the snow at about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Hart was found fully conscious and mobile. Within minutes, however, he collapsed and went into cardiac arrest, Evans said.

Doctors at Tahoe Forest Hospital in Truckee, Calif., worked for three hours to resuscitate Hart, but efforts failed and he was pronounced dead at 3:21 a.m.

The other three avalanche victims, UC Berkeley students Derek Lerch and Harry Eichelberger, and Chico resident Marissa Nelson, were treated for hypothermia at the Truckee hospital and released.

Another UC Berkeley student that was with them, David Pew, decided to turn around and leave before the avalanche occurred at approximately 4:30 p.m, Evans said.

He said that the four others continued to hike into the fresh snow, which somehow triggered the snow slide.

"It's unstable snow, it doesn't take much to set one off," Evans said.

After the avalanche, Eichelberger managed to free himself from the snow after several hours and got help from a nearby cabin, Evans said.

The cabin residents were apparent hiking enthusiasts, and had extensive hiking equipment on hand that helped with the rescue.

When Nelson was freed, she was found unconscious and immediately treated for hypothermia. Evans said that when Hart was freed from the snow, he was able to walk but quickly collapsed, lost consciousness, and went into cardiac arrest.

Evans said that the slopes of the Sierras have been especially prone to avalanches in the past week because of the recent snowstorms that have battered the entire area.

"They were caught completely off-guard," he said.

U. Missouri student dies of meningitis

By Dave Gustafson

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. - An MU student was pronounced dead at 6:10 p.m. Friday at University Hospital from bacterial meningitis. Paula Morris, 22, was a senior journalism major in the broadcast sequence from Hardy, Va.

Morris went to the emergency room Thursday night to have some tests run. While in the emergency room, her condition took a turn for the worse.

Since her death, six students who might have come into close contact with Morris were tested for the bacterium.

About 30 people have been given antibiotics as a preventative measure, said Eddie Hedrick, manager of Infection Control and Staff Health at University Hospital.

Meningitis is deceptive because its signs and symptoms are similar to those of minor infections. The longer people wait to seek medical attention, the worse their chances are of being successfully treated, said Hedrick.

People who experience a sudden onset of severe flu symptoms such as fever, headache, neck pain, stiffness and an unusual rash might have meningitis.

Meningitis is relatively rare and is most prevalent in children, Hedrick said. It is transmitted through oral secretions; contact with saliva or mucus from an infected person can transmit the disease.

According to the City of Columbia/Boone County Health Department, the only students who need to be concerned are those who might have come into contact with her saliva or mucus. Even then, meningitis usually strikes only people in poor health.

"This is an opportunistic disease," Hedrick said. "Your immune system will be fighting one thing, then this disease has the opportunity to invade."

U. of Florida institute involved in senator cover-up

By Jennifer Friend

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. - A UF vice president has been named the source of an unethical attempt to cover up a payment to a Minnesota state senator.

Mike Martin was found responsible on Jan. 29 for concealing evidence and lying under oath by a Minnesota Senate ethics committee. Martin is vice president for agriculture and natural resources with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

The incident that led to the Senate's finding occurred while Martin was employed by the University of Minnesota, a state-funded university.

A Senate subcommittee concluded after two hearings that a March 1998 payment Martin made to Sen. Dallas Sams was legal, but that efforts to cover it up were inappropriate.

Martin, who worked at UM from 1992 to October 1998, in March paid Sams $12,500 through a third party - Media Integrated Training Services - for consulting services. MITS already was being paid by the university to make CD-ROMs about distance learning.

Sams worked as a consultant to UM for five months, helping the university re-establish an agricultural education program.

The money originally came from state funds, but after Martin was "directly pressured" by various assistants, he substituted the state's money with funds drawn from a private UM gift fund, the Senate report stated.

After the payment was made to Sams, Martin backdated a contract and lied about the contract under oath, according to evidence presented to the subcommittee in a Jan. 12 hearing.

Martin drafted a letter of agreement between Sams and Thomas Powell, owner of MITS, to prove he intended to pay Sams with gift money all along, Senate evidence showed.

The letter was signed on Oct. 1, 1997, but Powell testified he drafted the letter in June 1998. Sams was paid on March 9, 1998.

Being thousands of miles from his documents and files, Martin said he was mixed up about the dates when he testified to the Minnesota subcommittee over a speaker phone from his Gainesville home.

"I wasn't lying under oath. I was confused," Martin said last week.

However, the subcommittee's attorney, George McCormick, said Martin's recent testimony conflicted with his prior testimony and evidence.

McCormick said Martin first lied when he told the subcommittee during a Dec. 16 hearing that he drafted a letter of agreement between Sams and MITS. In the Jan. 12 hearing, Martin's testimony changed to say he had never seen the letter of agreement.

"That document only went through my office once," Martin explained to the Alligator. "It went straight to the audit office. There was no signature from me."

Martin further testified that last February, he requested that the UM Inspector General's Office review the facts of his transactions with Sams to determine whether the business deals were legitimate.

But McCormick claims Martin lied when he said he was the one to initiate the audit. The auditors concluded Martin and Sams' business dealings were legal but found the contract between Sams and MITS "constituted poor business practice."

After reviewing the subcommittee's recommendations, the Minnesota Senate voted to remove Sams from his position as vice chairman of the Human Resources Finance Committee and to reprimand him before the full Senate. Sams gave a public apology on the floor Feb. 1.

Although the Senate did not recommend any punishment for Martin, the case has been left open for anyone who wants to file criminal or civil charges.

Last September, Martin left UM, where he was the vice president of the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences, to take a higher paying position at UF. Martin received a $60,000 pay increase when he switched universities and now gets $210,000 a year.

UF President John Lombardi said he was aware of the Minnesota situation before he hired Martin.

"I have, and continue to have, every confidence in Vice President Martin's integrity and effectiveness," Lombardi wrote in an e-mail Wednesday.

Student believes that eye for an eye doesn't always apply

By Carl Villarreal

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas - There are numerous problems with the death penalty. It is not a solution to the problem of violent crime. There is little proof that it is a deterrent. It punishes the poor and minorities in grossly disproportionate numbers. But perhaps the most compelling reason to abolish this unfair, barbaric and antiquated punishment is because it kills innocent people.

According to Amnesty International, there have been over 400 cases of wrongful conviction for capital offenses in this country between 1900 and 1991. Although in most cases these individuals were able to prove their innocence in court, for 23 the evidence came too late.

Just last week Anthony Porter, a man who at one point had his execution stayed within two days of his death, was taken off of Illinois death row because of new evidence and the confession of another man. Of course, there were plenty of reasons to pull him off death row, aside from an unfair justice system. Porter had an IQ of 51, but his innocence finally convinced the tough-on-crime state.

Some would say this shows that the system does work: an innocent man was finally freed. But it wasn't the system that freed him; it was a Northwestern University journalism class. The class, which was studying investigative reporting, questioned a witness who claimed her ex-husband was the shooter. Her ex-husband later confessed. The class could have decided to look at any number of controversial cases. But they chose this case and they did what no police, state or federal agency thought was important or in their interests to do.

In fact, many people have been freed from death row, and usually it is pure chance at work and not a fair and just system. Last year ABC News reported on a group of 29 former death row inmates who met at Northwestern for the first-ever National Conference on Wrongful Convictions and the Death Penalty. It was revealed at the conference that since 1976, 486 prisoners had been executed in the U.S. and 75 had been exonerated before execution. This means that the policy that sends people to die is wrong at least one out of six times. Those are frightening odds when a bad bet means wrongful death.

Who pays for the mistakes and outright manipulation that put these innocent people on death row? Porter spent 16 years on Illinois death row before he was freed. What will happen to the prosecutors and police that condemned him to die? They may be charged with obstruction of justice and perhaps sued in civil court, but they will never fear for their lives or go through what Porter had to go through. Yet, unlike Porter, they are truly guilty of a crime. It seems that an eye for an eye doesn't always apply.

A witness who testified against Porter later recanted, saying that police had pressured him. This is a primary reason our justice system should not put people to death. The primary goal of prosecutors and police is often not justice but conviction. With this objective in mind, it's perfectly natural for them to ignore any evidence that doesn't point to the accused, especially if it comes out by the trial stage.

It seems that with just about every death row inmate in Texas, the state's case is less than airtight. Imagine if the state paid for an independent team of investigators and reporters to review the cases of every death row inmate. It would be naive to think that no one would be found innocent.

Some, like Porter, have been lucky. At the Northwestern death penalty conference, Randall Dale Adams, who was sentenced to death for killing a police officer in 1976, said, "I came 72 hours from execution. I was released in 1989. If the state of Texas had its way, I would be dead."

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Calendar of Events

Friday, Feb. 12
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Erin Duddy '99
7 p.m., Second Annual Campus Variety Show - Orr Auditorium
8:30 p.m., Valentino - Down Under

Saturday, Feb. 13
1 p.m., W Basketball at Mercyhurst
3 p.m., M Basketball at Mercyhurst
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
4-8 p.m., Sigma Phi Epsilon Pick-up Day Dinner
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel

Sunday, Feb. 14
Valentine's Day
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Vespers, Dr. Bradshaw Frey - Chapel
8 p.m., Matthew McCright Senior Recital - Orr
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

Monday, Feb. 15
Pit-T Crew Woodwind Quintet Artists in Residence
Phi Mu Carnation Week
President's Day
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Keturah Laney
5 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi meeting - Alpha Sigma Phi House
5:30 p.m., Panhel meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m., W Basketball vs. Ashland (H)
5:30 p.m., ZTA meeting - TCF 116
5:30 p.m., Zeta Tau Alpha meeting - TCF 116
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6 p.m., Phi Mu meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m., Kappa Delta meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
7 p.m., BSU meeting - PH 231
7:30 p.m., M Basketball vs. Ashland (H)

Tuesday, Feb. 16
File your FAFSA
SGA Executive Elections
7 a.m., Tuesday Morning Fellowship, Floyd J. Zehr - Lindley Dining Hall
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Camp Lutherlyn Information Table - TUB Grill
4:50-7:15 p.m., Residence Life Off-Campus Lottery - TUB A/B
7 p.m., Diversity Symposium: Study Abroad - TUB Lounge
7:30 p.m., Gospel Choir Exec. Committee - TUB A/B
8 p.m., Foreign Film Festival, Murderers Are Among Us - DU
9 p.m., Circle K meeting - TUB A/B

Wednesday, Feb. 17
SGA Executive Elections
Ash Wednesday
11:30 a.m., Faculty Forum, Kang Na, "Nature, Nurture, Culture, and Natural Disasters" - PH 131
4:15-5:30 p.m., Phi Sigma Tau meeting - PH 116
5 p.m., Student Alumni Association Meeting - TUB A/B
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel
7-8:30 p.m., Sherwin Williams Informational Presentation - TUB
7 p.m., Diversity Symposium, "Kids on the Block Puppet Show" - TUB Lounge
7 p.m., SGA meeting - TCF 116
7:30 p.m., DaCapo Players Concert - Orr
8:30-9:30 p.m., SAVE meeting - TCF 111
9 p.m., Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

Thursday, Feb. 18
Swimming GLIAC Conference Championships
Diversity Symposium "Letters from a Green World" - Phillips Lecture Hall
7 a.m., IFC meeting - TUB A/B

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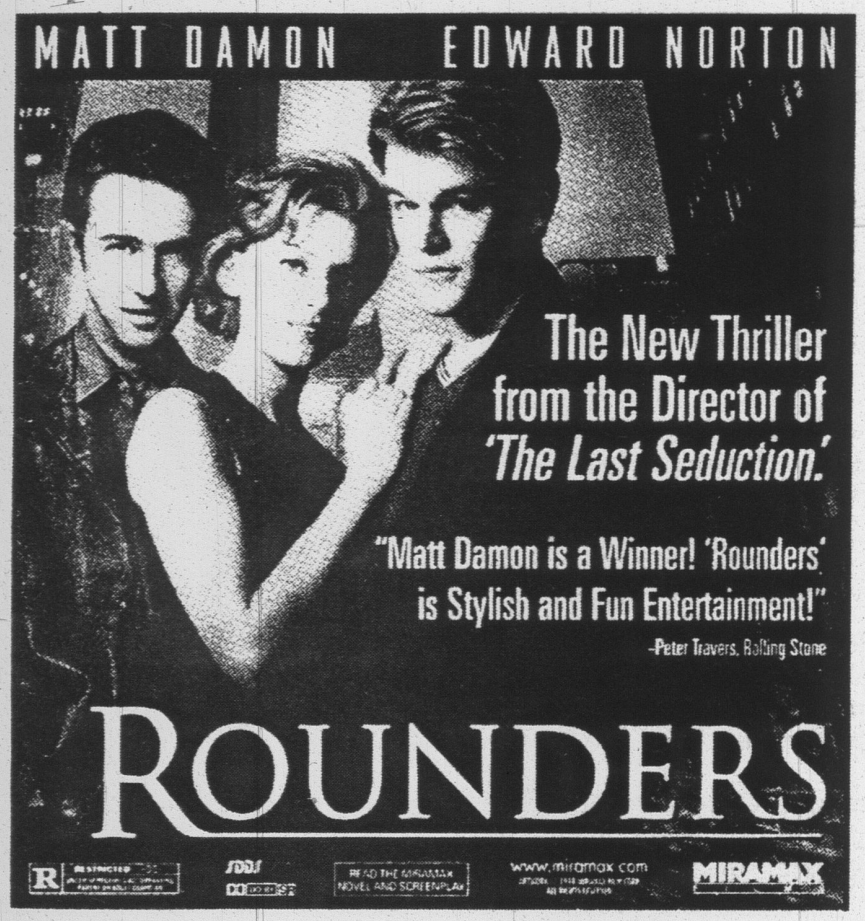

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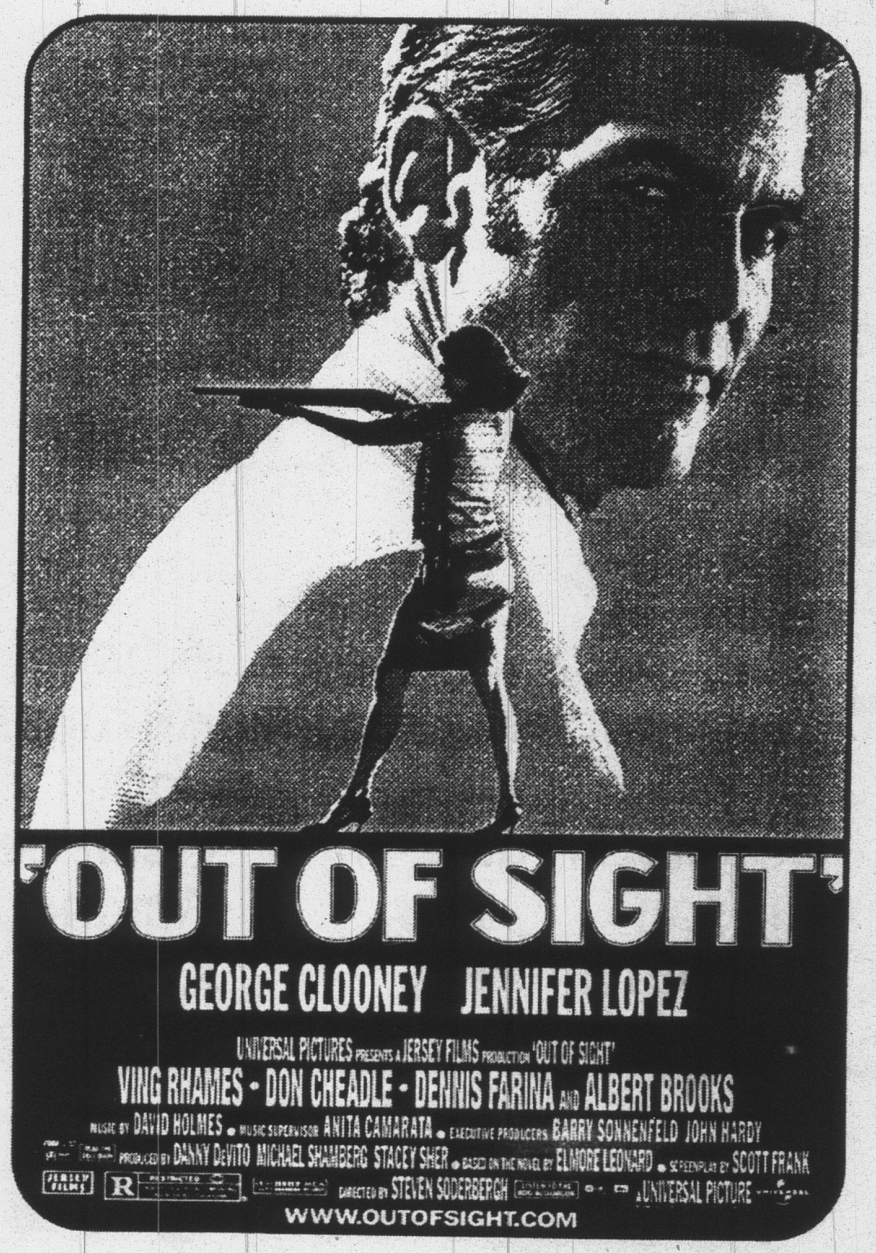

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Fraternities enthusiastic despite cold weather

By Coley Donegan
STAFF WRITER

Saturday marked yet another successful, but frigid, pick-up day for fraternity members and male rushees. It also brought an end to a hectic two weeks of smokers and round robin activities.

Each of the five fraternities hosted a smoker at their house on separate nights. These smokers were one of the last opportunities for the freshman to see what each fraternity had to offer.

The final rush activity was the round robins held the night before pick-up day. Friday night each fraternity was open from 8-11. Rushees took this chance to travel from house to house and mingle with the brothers. Most only visited the houses they found most appealing, and where they were hoping to pledge.

Despite a rather low number of freshmen rushees this spring, the five fraternities had a successful fall semester, picking up 88 of the 98 prospective pledges, according to Scott Renninger, faculty advisor to the Interfraternity Council.

The middle of last week had fraternities planning for an exciting, warm pick-up day. But in drastic contrast to the beautiful weather of Wednesday and Thursday, with temperatures in the 70's, Saturday's pick-up ceremonies and afternoon activities were greeted by sub-freezing temperatures, accompanied by continuous snow.

The unfavorable weather did not stop students from enjoying the outdoor pick-up ceremonies.

Chris Comtois, brother of Alpha Sigma Phi, commented simply, "It was very cold."

Saturday's events began early in the morning when the pledges received their bids. Then each fraternity held a breakfast for its brothers and a panel of judges. The judges attended the activities of each fraternity in order to determine a winner of the best overall pick-up day, and the pick-up day paddle, which will be presented on the final night of Greek Week during Sing and Swing.

The panel of 11 student judges traveled from activity to activity judging the best breakfast, pick-up ceremony, afternoon brother/pledge activity and dinner.

Ceremonies kicked off at 11:30 a.m. beginning with Theta Chi, followed by Phi Kappa Tau, Alpha Sigma Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon and finally Sigma Nu.

During their ceremony, Theta Chi picked-up 20 new pledges.

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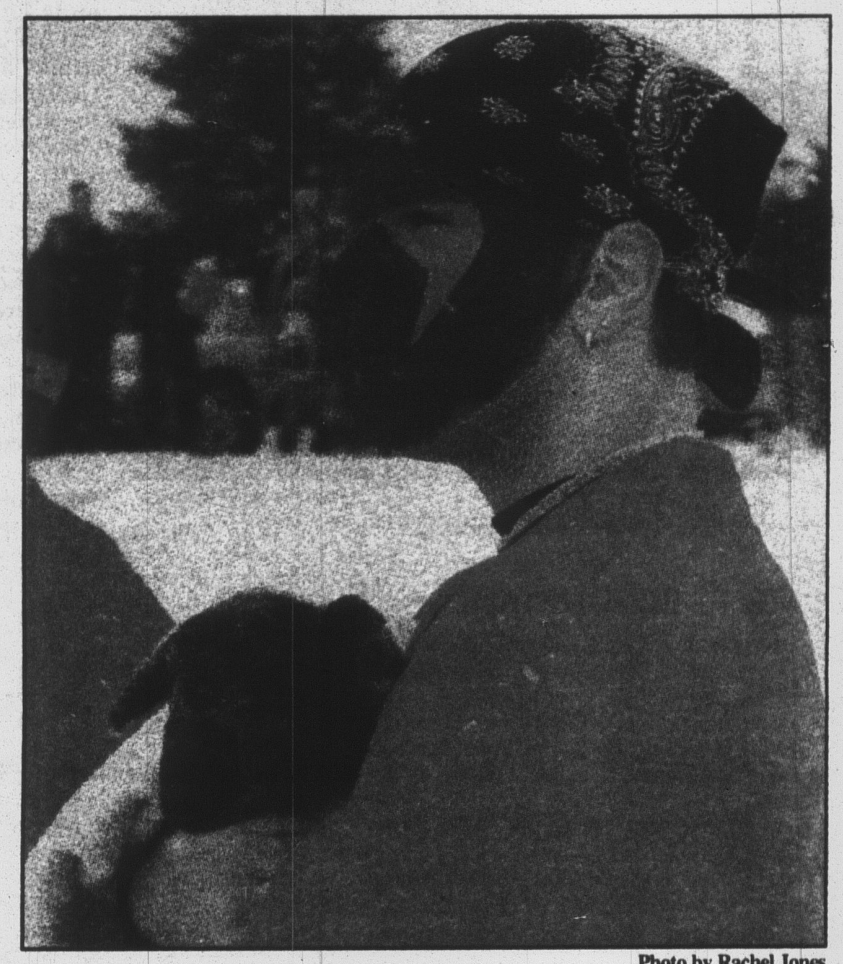

Photo by Rachel Jones

Brad Russo (Sigma Phi Epsilon) carried a sheep during the pick-up ceremonies.

Photo by Laura Butchy

Ed Sciulli and Mollie Wallace rehearse for the upcoming production of *Another Antigone*.

Theatre department's *Another Antigone* takes the stage next week in Beegly Theatre

By Darcie Yobp
STAFF WRITER

Theatre Westminster presents A. R. Gurney's *Another Antigone*, a drama based on Sophocles' *Antigone*, in Beeghly Theater Feb. 24-27 at 8 p.m..

Another Antigone confronts a basic conflict between students and professors: students' need for grades and professors' need to uphold standards, according to director, Dr. David G. Guthrie.

As good grades are necessary to obtain good jobs and acceptance into graduate schools, students are "constantly assailing" standards to obtain good grades. And, many times professors remain in their "ivory classrooms with their heads in the clouds...unattached to the reality of the world."

"Expediency versus idealism" is the phrase Guthrie used to describe the drama's theme. Guthrie said the drama proves that both principles are wrong when they are made absolute.

In the drama, Judy Miller, a Jewish university senior played by junior theatre major Mollie Wallace, rewrites the classic Greek tragedy Antigone in place of the formal paper assigned to her by Professor Henry Harper, played by senior theatre major Stephen Dovutovich.

When Henry refuses to accept Judy's socially conscious rewrite, Judy decides to produce her play. Judy's need of credit for her work and Harper's need of employment further fuel their battle, while rumors spread that Henry's dislike of Judy's rewrite stems from anti-Semitism.

The outcome of their conflict leaves neither Judy nor Henry truly satisfied.

"[In *Another Antigone*] we all win, but we all lose," Dovutovich said.

Guthrie said he chose this play because he has "liked it and the playwright for years" and because the content is "very appropriate to academia."

"I think there's a lot [in *Another Antigone*] that people here can relate to," he added.

Guthrie said he also chose *Another Antigone* because, having only a month and a half to prepare, he thought that a play with a small cast would be best.

The play has only four characters: Judy Miller, Henry Harper, Diana Eberhart, dean of Humane Studies, played by junior theatre major Jamie L. Openbrier, and David Appleton, Judy's boyfriend and fel

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Saturday: Snow High 32 Low 16

Sunday: Cloudy High 27 Low 12

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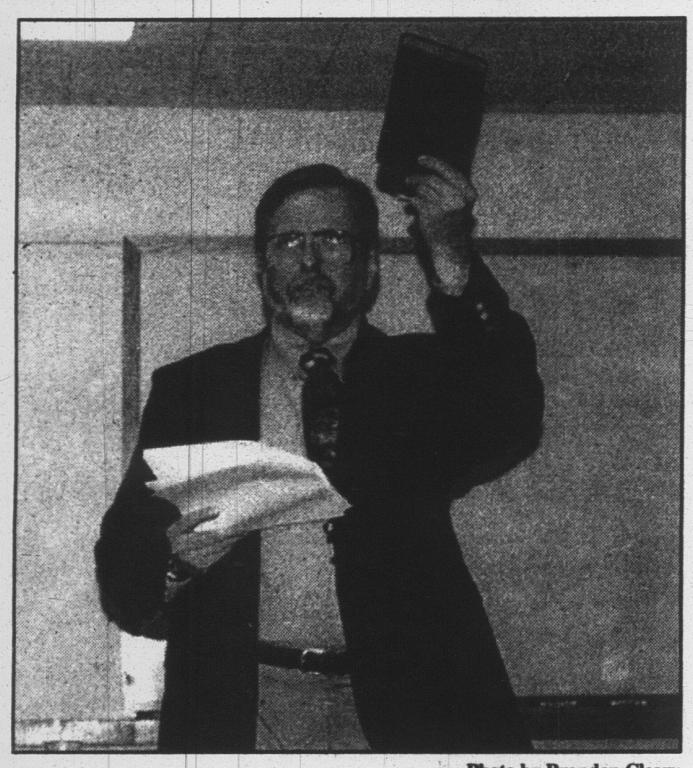

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Jim Perkins explains his research on *All the King's Men*.

Bleasby's death prompts memories

By Emily Thomas
STAFF WRITER

English professor James Perkins discussed his latest research project at the first Bleasby Colloquium of the spring semester Feb. 10.

The Bleasby Colloquium series is named for former professor of English and Chairman of the English Department George Bleasby, who was a driving force in the department for 40 years.

Bleasby's death on Jan. 9 "dropped the final curtain on a long and distinguished career of noteworthy service to Westminster College," said retired associate professor Paul Gamble in a memorial minute for Bleasby.

Bleasby was a member of the college faculty from 1945-1975. In 1980 he left retirement to become a part-time Curator of Special Collections at the library.

The Bleasby Colloquium series was established in Sept. of 1991 as a way to recognize and honor Bleasby's achievements.

The colloquiums serve as a way "to share with our students and others in the community what we do," said Dr. Frederick "Fritz" Horn, professor of English.

The series consists of four presentations during the year given by faculty. However, other members of the community are invited to speak on occasion, Horn said.

There is wide variety in topics for the series. Discussions range from professors' current projects to poetry readings.

The topic of the Feb. 10 colloquium presentation by Perkins was Robert Penn Warren and the Cass Mastern material in Warren's novel, *All the King's Men*.

The project ultimately started in 1959 when Perkins read the novel for the first time in college. This led to an interest in the novel that would continue for the next 40 years.

His current project and topic of the colloquium is nearly completed. This newest book by Perkins is a compilation of several things.

Included in it are two essays by James A. Grimshaw and Kay Coughenour on how difficult it was to put *All the King's Men* on stage. The play and the short story version of *All the King's Men* are also included.

The book also contains an interview with Eric Bentley who is a friend of Warren and a critic.

All that remains, Perkins said, is the introduction to the book, which he will write himself.

The fact that this book is almost finished is an achievement in itself; the manuscript was in Perkins' office in West Hall when the building caught fire this summer. Luckily, although some pages were charred by heat and suffered water damage, they were salvagable.

MEN'S PICK-UP from page 1

After the ceremony, Theta Chi treated pledges to an afternoon of ice skating at Hess's Ice-Skating in Neshanock.

Phi Kappa Tau added 19 new members during its pick-up. Phi Kappa Tau's afternoon event was a game of ultimate frisbee on the quad.

Of the 88 men picked-up, Alpha Sigma Phi got 14.

"Pick-up day is the second most fun thing you can do at WC with your clothes on," Alpha Sigma Phi pledge Dan DiDesiderio said.

Following the Alpha Sig ceremony, brothers and pledges traveled to Crazy Dave's Paintball for an afternoon of paintball in the snow.

Sigma Phi Epsilon was next in line. People gathered around the baseball outfield to watch as the Ep's picked-up 16 new members during their ceremony: Lucas Bell, Zach Beresh, Jason Brown, Chuck Correll, Rich DeCapua, Beau Hollowell, Bryan Hooks, Beau McElfresh, Jim McGovern, Marty Mikulas, Ryan Moore, Dave Pavlina, Mike Piddington, Kurt Rotthoff, Andy Rudloff and Mike Scholl.

The Ep's brothers rented a Laser-tag facility and have it brought on campus for an afternoon of Laser-Tag with their new pledges.

Finally Sigma Nu increase its brotherhood by 19. The brothers of Sigma Nu took advantage of the nearby Titan Traverse course for their activity.

"It was a great time, it wasn't what I had expected," said Sigma Nu pledge Justin Young. "It was interesting because I had never done some of that stuff before, like climbing a ladder 40 feet in the air. It really helped us work together as one group."

When the afternoon activities ended, the brothers and new pledges of each fraternity came back, got cleaned up and sat down for a nice dinner, each held in their own location and judged by the judges.

Following dinner, the judges left and the fraternities finished the day with their festivities whether it was at their own house or another.

"It was a really fun night," said Steve Postle, one of the 88 men picked-up.

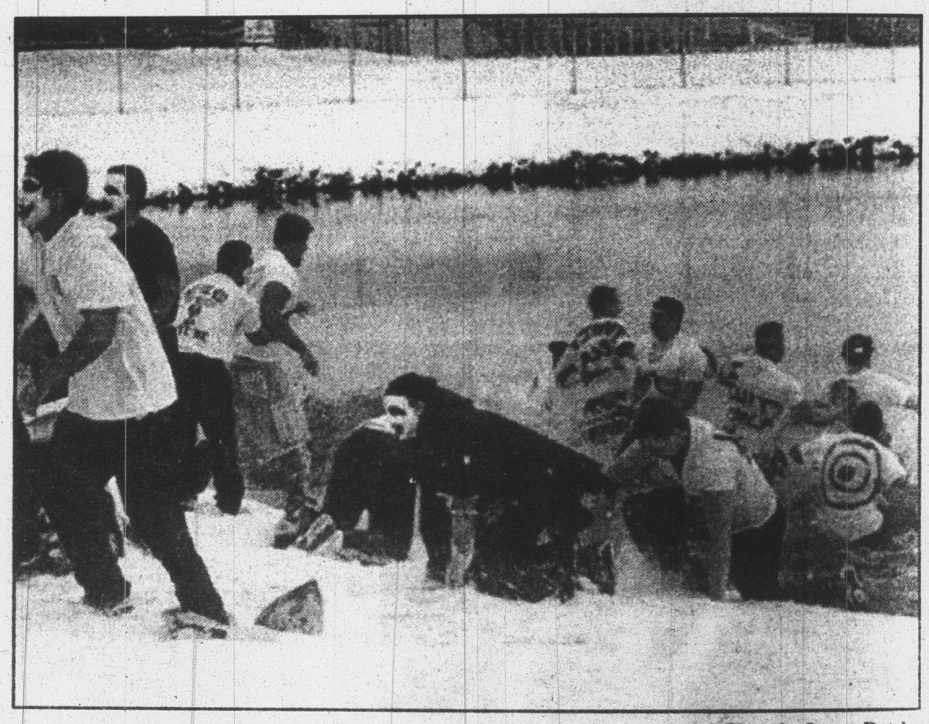

Photo by Laura Butchy

Members of Sigma Nu enjoy a chilly pick-up day in Brittain Lake.

The following organizations will be on campus the week of February 22-26.

Organization	Recruiting Date
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	Monday - 22nd
Westinghouse	Tuesday - 23rd
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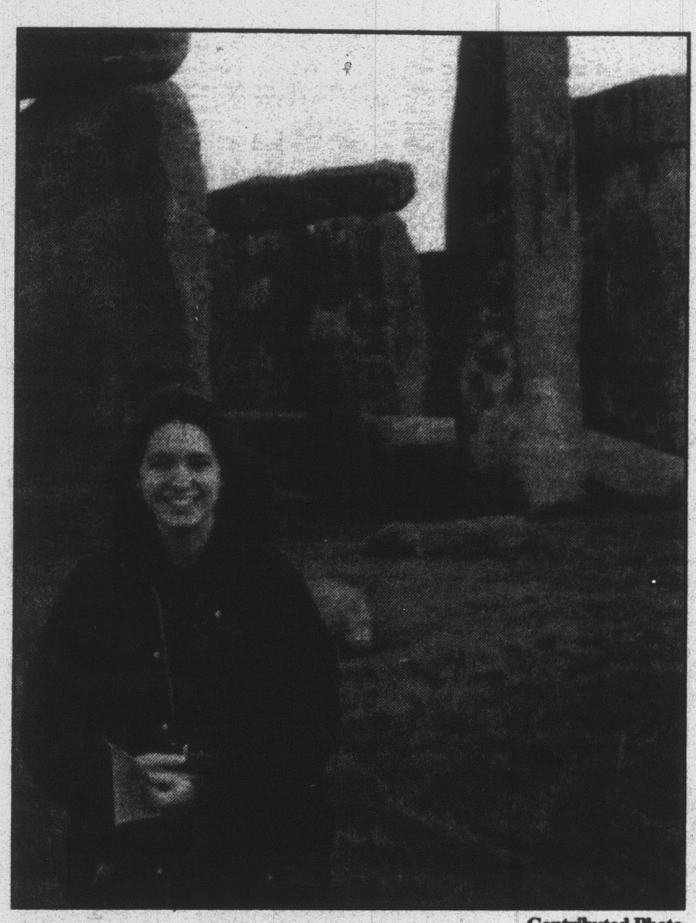

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Danae Brentzel poses on her day off at Stonehenge.

Brentzel returns from Oxford study

By Erin Kirkby
STAFF WRITER

Senior Danae Brentzel spent the fall term studying abroad at the prestigious Oxford University in England.

Brentzel, an English major, knew Oxford's status and felt there was no better place to study and work on her Shakespearean literature honors project.

"I wanted to go to England and be challenged to see if I could do it," Brentzel said.

Oxford University consists of 38 colleges. Applications for admissions are based on GPA, SAT scores, college transcripts and letters of recommendations. Extracurricular activities are not a consideration.

Brentzel took Shakespeare's History and Plays and Jane Austin tutorials at Oriel and New Colleges.

"The structure of classes is unique but it's great. It's so individualized," she said. "You meet one-on-one with the professor once a week and go over the paper you wrote for that week line-by-line."

Brentzel said she felt prepared for the intense educational atmosphere.

"Westminster's small discussion-based classes prepared me. Other Americans studying there had a hard time adjusting," she said.

Although Brentzel valued her academic experience, she also took advantage of the social opportunities offered and organized by her program. She attended guided tours and visited Stonehenge, Westminster Abbey, and Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace. She also enjoyed the theater and traveling to Scotland.

Under the program with Oxford, students attend eight weeks of classes and usually travel the first and last two weeks.

Of all the memories Brentzel cherishes from her time over seas, none is more special than reading "The First Folio." This 1623 first-published Shakespeare piece of work exists in limited copies, one of which remains locked in a safe at Oxford.

After a lengthy discussion about Shakespeare, Brentzel's tutor arranged to allow her to read "The First Folio" and photograph the work.

"I think it was the first time anyone had taken pictures of it. I had to promise not to publish them," Brentzel said.

Brentzel said she thoroughly enjoyed her stay at Oxford. She met people form differing countries and cultures including Ireland, Scotland, and even other Americans traveling through Western Europe.

"I have a much broader outlook on the world and people," Brentzel said. "I have opportunities I would never have had."

Brentzel's Shakespeare teacher encouraged her to apply for a Rhodes Scholarship to return to Oxford and pursue her master's degree.

If accepted, Brentzel will jump on the next plane without hesitation.

"I would go back if someone handed me a ticket right now," she said.

For approximately $8,000, Brentzel traveled and studied at a highly respected and prestigious university. She advises that everyone look into the available programs and study abroad.

"Go somewhere, because it is the best thing I have ever done in my life."

Theme day brings the 1950s to the dining hall

By Amber Brkich
STAFF WRITER

What do Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, and James Dean all have in common? All are famous stars of the fifties, which was the party theme February 10 in the cafeteria.

The "Back to the Fifties" party was part of a duel promotion for the upcoming Celebrities Series event *Grease* and the Marriot meal plan.

Grease is a famous full-scale Broadway show coming to the college from Cleveland, and then on to Pittsburgh.

"This is the perfect opportunity to see a show that I think you will really enjoy," said Connie McGinnis, box office manager for Celebrity Series.

When students arrived at the cafeteria, they were given bags of cotton candy and the opportunity to put their names in a basket for a prize drawing. Balloons, colored napkins, paper table cloths and crayons on the tables created the atmosphere of a '50s party.

"I loved writing on the tables with crayons. My friends and I even got into a crayon war," said sophomore David Pavlina.

Tickets for the play were on sale for fifteen dollars, and *Grease* merchandise was given away. Prizes included Pink Lady T-shirts, black *Grease* sweatshirts, am/fm alarm clock radios, CD players, and the grand prize was a bicycle.

"When Connie announced my name, I was so surprised," said grand-prize winner, Katie Augustin. "I was definitely excited though."

The prizes were given as part of Marriot's Operation Meal Plan Raffle. Prizes were donated from various companies. The Grease merchandise was purchased by Celebrity Series.

Derrick Davis, dining hall supervisor, was in charge of planning the evening's menu of hotdogs, hamburgers, french-fries, funnel cakes, and the exhibition feature, sundae bar.

"The sundae bar is the best. I love it because I don't have to do any of the work and the toppings are delicious," said junior Sara Johnson.

"I think the students like when we organize different events for them. I always get positive comments," Davis said.

"I hope we can plan an event like this again in the future," McGinnis said.

Tickets for *Grease* are still available and can be purchased at North Hall. Students can pay as low as fifteen dollars for tickets.

"We are really lucky to have such a great show come to Westminster," McGinnis said.

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low student played by senior theatre major Ed Sciulli.

"It's been a good experience working with a small cast," Openbrier said, "I've enjoyed the opportunity to delve into a play at a deeper level."

Upperclassmen theatre majors were ideal actors in the production, Guthrie said, because their previous experience made the play's production possible in such a short time frame.

Tickets and additional information will be available through the Box Office (946-7241). As usual, tickets are free to the college community, $5 for general admission, and $4 for senior citizens.

The play's author, A. R. Gurney, is a noted modern American playwright. Producing plays for more than 30 years, his work usually focuses on middle-class American issues. Having also written *The Dining Room*, *The Perfect Party*, *The Cocktail Hour*, *Love Letters* and *A Cheever Evening*, Gurney's has won such awards as the Drama Desk Award, the Rockefeller Award, and the Lucile Lortel Award. He also serves on the Artistic Board of Playwrights Horizons and on the Tony Awards nominating committee.

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Preparing for the impending destruction of West Hall, former occupants from the Career Center, English Department, and Lifelong Learning departments held a farewell picnic next to the building. West Hall was partially destroyed by a fire in July.

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NEWS

SGA teams work to improve school spirit, facilities

By Amy Shuluga
STAFF WRITER

SGA decided to do something a little different this year.

The student-elected body has broken up into smaller committees, which have been working on numerous projects throughout the school year.

Marc Pianko is in charge of each group.

"They [the groups] are all working very hard and they are getting necessary projects completed," he said.

The groups have had projects carried through from last semester as well as some new projects for the spring semester.

The first team is still working on a project it started last semester. Its goal is to get more bike racks placed in front of Old Main, the library, the TUB, and other places on campus. In addition, the group is now focusing some of their time and energy on getting the library to offer a different selection of journals. But adding journals is not a simple task, because the library would have to replace existing journal collections with the new ones. The team must try to find out which journals are possibly expendable.

Another SGA team is also focusing on improving the library. Team 6 is researching the possibility of longer library hours.

Team 6 also has carried a project over from last semester; the team is still working on furnishing the TUB with a new television. The team hopes the TV will be available to students in the near future.

Team 2 has focused on TUB improvements. The first project, the restoration of Westmini-Mart, is at a stand-still due to a lack of time left in the semester.

This team looked into the restoration of the Westmini- Mart. The team's second project is to put a coffee machine in the TUB what will be available to students 24-hours a day.

Research is the focus of team 3. The group is still trying to find the history of the Orb. They have been searching for the history since last semester.

Also on team 3's agenda is research on women's residence halls, specifically the bathroom facilities. Why can't men shower and use the bathroom in these dorms? Are there women's dorms on other campuses that allow co-ed showers?

Teams 4, 5, and 8 have all been working with the Titan emblem. Team 4 is now implementing their plan of having the Titan painted on the inside of the gymnasium press box. Senior Rich Regelski will design the mural.

Team 5 is getting two wooden statues for the outside of the Burry Football stadium.

Yet another painting of the Titan will be put into place by team eight. This mural will be painted in the natatorium.

Rallying team spirit is the job of team 7. Games at half time for crowd participation, a mascot, and various other crowd participation events are planned.

A flowerbed for Westminster is expecting to bloom in the coming months. Team 9 has been working on this project. The location of the flowers is still undecided.

"We have a great group of people and they work very hard for the campus," said SGA President Irish Gregory.

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Former Dean Paul Darlington

Darlington resigns for Dickinson offer

By Darcie Yobp
STAFF WRITER

After nine years of service, Paul Darlington, 49, assistant dean of student affairs in charge of safety and security, resigned Dec. 31 to accept a job at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Penn.

"There's only one reason I would consider leaving," Darlington said. "The offer was just too good; I couldn't turn it down."

Darlington saw receiving more money and being closer to friends as two benefits of working at Dickinson.

Darlington recently said that he missed both Westminster's campus and the relationship he had with students here.

"I truly enjoyed my time at Westminster...the connection I had with students was special. It seemed like I knew everyone, and that made my job much easier."

Colleagues and students said they felt a special connection with Darlington, too. Neal A. Edman, dean of student affairs, said he felt "awful" about Darlington's resignation.

"We were a fine working body, but also a close-knit family," Edman said. "He was my right-hand man."

"We are definitely going to miss Paul," agreed Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs. "We've been working together for a long time; we had a good team going."

Some students echoed these sentiments. Sara L. Bozich, sophomore, and R. Tom DeFloria, junior business administration major, both said they missed Darlington.

"He was my friend," DeFloria said.

Edman said he hoped to fill Darlington's position by March. Fifty-five applications are currently being reviewed.

"I don't think I'll find anyone to do what [Darlington] did day in and day out. He went far beyond the call of duty...his heart was always in it, he put in tremendous hours, and put up with a lot of hassles," Edman said.

Whoever fills Darlington's position is expected to have a law enforcement background, Edman said. Experience with safety and health regulation and student affairs is also a priority.

Organized, flexible, authoritative, friendly, self-assured, capable, and confident are also characteristics Edman said he was looking for in applicants.

Ultimately, the new director "has to tie in with the college to enhance the educational community," Edman added.

Darlington's advice to the new director was to maintain "accessibility to the students; it's an important part of the job."

As Director of Public Safety at Dickinson, Darlington said he expects to create the same accessibility he shared here with students at Dickinson.

He said the lack of connection between Student Affairs and Public Safety is the only major difference between his new and former positions. But, impressed with his performance here, Darlington said part of his "charge" at Dickinson is "to bring Transportation and Public Safety more in line with Student Services."

Darlington came to Westminster in Jan. of 1991 with a bachelor's degree in sociology and law enforcement administration from Youngstown State University. While working here, he earned a master's degree in counseling.

Weekly Announcments

The World Trade Institute of Pace University offers a summer internship program in New York City June 5 - August 6. The application deadline is March 15. For more information call the Career Center, Ext. 7343.

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The State Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania has internships available in Harrisburg for summer and fall terms. The internships deal with public policy and legislation, and offers a stipend. Please send resume and letter of interest to: Angela C. West, Communications Specialist, Planned Parenthood Association of Pennsylvania, 1514 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17102. Deadline for summer internships is March 31, and deadline for fall internships is April 30.

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The Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Washington, D.C., has approximately 90 volunteer positions for the 1999-2000 program year. Jobs include working with children and adolescence giving legal assistance, providing housing, tutoring, etc. Application deadline is March 1. Applications can be downloaded from the Web site www.lvchome.org.

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Yellowstone National Park has opportunities for work in their service stations for students who have completed their first year of college. First year employees can earn up to $6 per hour.

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The Badlands National Park is looking for interns to fill various positions during the summer. The internships are on a volunteer basis, and requires students who have completed three years of college. The Badlands administration requires that interns have skills in public speaking and a background in natural sciences.

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Grotonwook-Oceanwood Christian Camp and Conference Centers are looking for students to fill summer ministerial positions. They are also willing to consider other internship possibilities.

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The Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, Inc. is looking for interns. This child-focused, facility-based program provides representatives to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases.

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Pennsylvania State Government is looking for accounting interns. Interns earn $9.07 per hour in a 37.5-hour work week, and could lead to a full-time position after graduation.

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The Pennsylvania State Archives and The State Museum of Pennsylvania has internships available. Positions may be tailored to suit student's needs and may be paid. For more information, contact Jackie Meade in the Career Center.

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The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has a professional intern program open to full-time students. The DEP is seeking students with majors in various fields including biology, environmental science, chemistry, computer science, public relations, political science and business. Applications can be found at its website, www.dep.state.pa.us/depjobs. The application deadline is March 1.

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The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, New Castle, is seeking a college student to compile a business directory. Work will involve calling businesses, gathering data, entering data, and completing the directory. Minimum wage.

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The Lawrence County Planning Commission, New Castle, is offering a college student the opportunity to take on a research project to identify the need for additional public transportation in the Lawrence County area. The ideal candidate is a mature student who is interested in statistical research, and could design the survey, implement it, compile the information, and produce the report.

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State Farm Insurance is taking applications for its 1999 Western PA Summer Internship Program for students who have completed their junior year. The internship, which pays $10.50 per hour and offers a limited benefit plan, provides work experience in the insurance industry. During the 10-week program, students are assigned to departments to develop individualized projects with supervisors.

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The Family First Sports Park, Erie, promotes a sports atmosphere where athletes and their families come to cultivate character values. Internships are available to college students in the are of sports management (soccer & basketball), marketing, sales, hotel/motel and fitness club management.

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Rainforest Action Network, San Francisco, has environmental internships available in the fields of media operations, database coordination, campaign administration, and information assistance. Requirements: computer skills, environmental knowledge, and an interest in conservation.

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The Carnegie Science Center is seeking Westminster interns or volunteers for the summer. Work is available in a variety of areas including exhibits, children's tours, etc.

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Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade.

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The College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania is offering an internship award for students of color. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full time in a Pennsylvania college or university, have reached sophomore status, and be a member of a racial minority. March 1 is the deadline to submit applications.

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SPORTS

Titans pull ahead to beat Ashland, Mercyhurst

After falling to conference foe Gannon Thursday 70-54, the Titans ended their nine-game losing streak to win a pair of come-from-behind victories.

On Saturday, the Titans overcame a three-point half-time deficit to post a 66-60 win over Mercyhurst College in Erie. They won another game Monday night, coming back from a four-point halftime deficit to beat regionally-ranked Ashland University 71-68 at Ridl Gymnasium. Ashland entered the game ranked seventh in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region poll.

Westminster trailed Mercyhurst 33-30 at the half Saturday, but came back to outscore the Lakers 36-27 in the decisive second half. Wormsley was the top scorer with 17 points. Conrad posted a stellar performance with 14 points and a season-high 14 rebounds for his second "double double" of the season. Also scoring in double-figures was sophomore Chad Phillips and Klinar with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The second half again was the difference against Ashland. Even under the tight press from Ashland, the Titan's kept the game close the entire first half. The Ashland Eagles took a 38-34 lead into halftime, with the score remaining close every quarter.

In the second half of the very physical game, the Titans outscored the Eagles 37-30, picking up several points in the last few minutes of the game to win.

Klinar led the way with his sixth "double double" of the season, collecting team-high totals of 20 points and 11 rebounds. Senior guard Ryan Sturgess connected for 19 points, while Wormsley added 16 markers.

In Thursday's game, the Golden Knights took control early and rolled to victory behind a game-high 27 points by Tony Pyons. For Westminster, sophomore swingman Andy Wormsley continued his solid play with a team-high 17 points.

Fellow sophomore Henry Klinar added 13 markers for Westminster, while junior center Bryan Conrad grabbed a team-best nine rebounds.

Sophomore Henry Klinar said, "It was a tough loss, but now we have to play hard for the seniors and win."

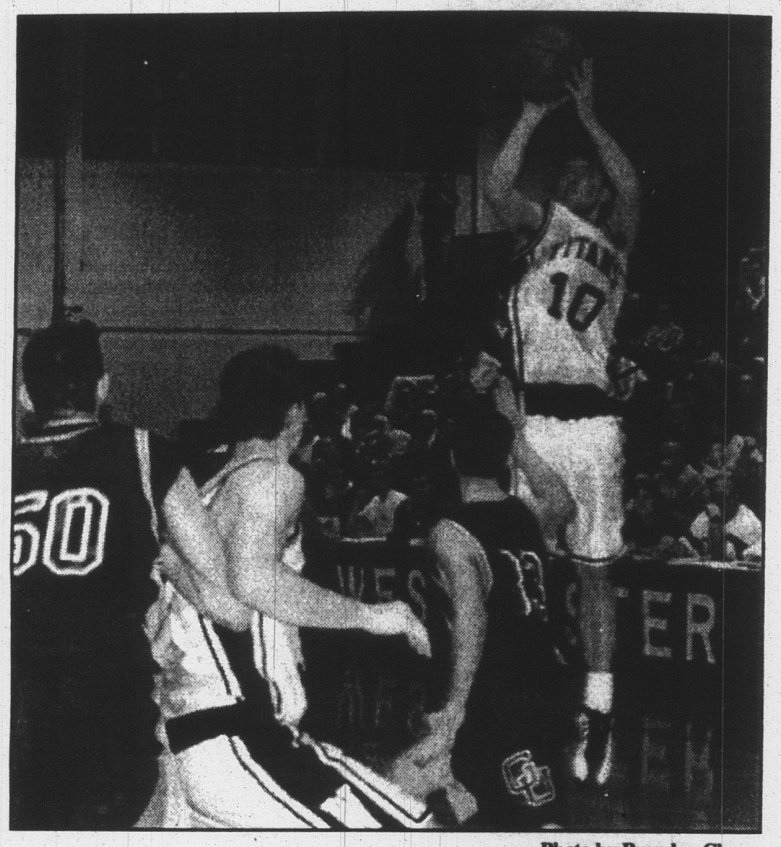


Photo by Brandon Cleary

Senior Ryan Sturgess helped the Titans pull ahead against Ashland.

Photo by Courtney Behm

After a successful season, both swim teams head to the GLIAC championships.

Titan swimmers prepare for GLIAC championship meets

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

Dedication: to give up part of one's life to achieve an ultimate goal. This quotation, which is written on a poster that hangs in Coach Klamut's office, is one phrase that describes the swim team daily effort.

After a very successful season, it is evident that the team's dedication was proven through good performances all winter. As the season comes to an end, the men and women's swim teams are preparing for the GLIAC Championship at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan.

The swimmers leave Tuesday, Feb. 16 for an exhausting and challenging weekend.

As the championship weekend approaches, the teams have been preparing by cutting back on their workload, which they call tapering.

The amounts of yards swum have been cut down, and as the season is coming to an end, the team no longer has morning practice or weightlifting. Instead, the main focus has been on swimming faster and getting the bodies ready to perform.

Coach Klamut is looking forward to the weekend.

"It's our first year in the conference, so it's hard to predict how we'll do. We're the new kids on the block, but I believe that both teams have a good chance of placing in the top 3," Klamut said.

The competition proves to be tough. Ashland is the team to beat for the men's team. The last time the titans swam against Ashland, they lost by only five points.

N. Michigan is the women's biggest competitor. Both teams are very strong and are ranked as the top teams in NCAA II.

Other teams in the division include Grand Valley State University, University of Findlay, Gannon, Hillsdale College, and Wayne State University.

According to Klamut, Westminster's biggest challenge during the 3-day championship will be to maintain a positive attitude throughout the competition.

"If we can do that and swim fast, we'll do fine. We're looking for fast times and good performances. We've been preparing both physically and mentally for this since September," Klamut said.

Junior captain Susie Kenyon agrees. "We had such an excellent dual meet season, and we're ready for it!" Kenyon said.

Klamut also expressed appreciation to the students for all the support the team received throughout the season, especially at the three home meets.

Lady Titans defeat Point Park, honor seniors

By Jonelle Kish
SPORTS EDITOR

In a close game on Feb. 9, the Lady Titans defeated Point Park by a score of 67-56.

Four of the Titans scored in double-digits, led by freshman Robin Thayer with 15 points, eight rebounds, and 4 steals.

"I almost forgot what it felt like to win," said Thayer. "I hope I can remember this feeling a few more times this season."

Seniors Jonelle Kish and Dena Streit scored 13 and 11 respectively. Junior Becky Snyder accomplished her first double digit for the season scoring 12 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

"Point Park is in our old conference, and they're one of the top teams in their league," said Snyder.

"Beating them makes me realize how well we'd do if we were still NAIA," she added.

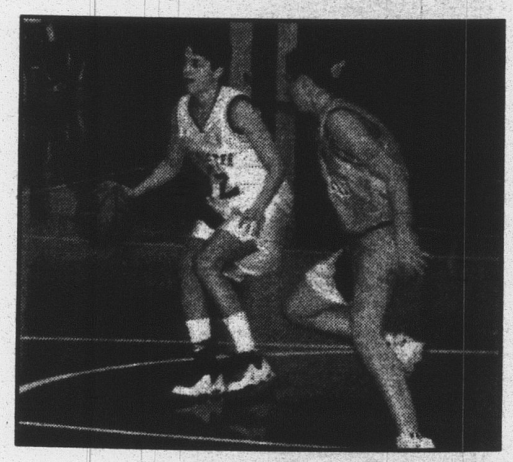
Senior Karin Urbaniak grabbed eight rebounds. She said she was going to leave the season with high regard for her team.

"The competition we faced was so difficult, but we made it. No one quit, no one gave up and for that I'm proud of us all," said Urbaniak.

Senior players were honored after the game for their dedication to the team during their time here.

Senior women's basketball players include Dena Streit of Ellwood City, Nicole Cox of Uhrichscille (OH), Jonelle Kish of Masury (OH), and Karin Urbaniak of Elizabeth.

Ryan Sturgess of McKeesport, the only senior on the men's basketball team, was also recognized for his participation.



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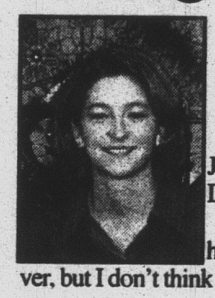
Senior Dena Streit outruns her opponent.

A view from the sidelines: Gordon seeks wrong glory



By Jennifer Grundy
SPORTS COLUMNIST

It is just too bad that Jeff Gordon won the Daytona 500.

Not that I don't think he is a fine NASCAR driver, but I don't think he races for the right reason.

Gordon's attitude toward racing in my eyes is obvious: He's in it for the flashing dollar signs at the wave of the checkered flag, plain and simple.

In an interview after the race, the first thing out of Gordon's mouth was, "I just can't get over how much money I just won."

Don't get me wrong, I'd be a bit overwhelmed coming to the realization that I just won 2.1 million dollars, but that is not all that he just won. I do think though, that I'd be having a hard time getting over the fact that I just beat the best racers in NASCAR.

The money is the nice bonus that comes along with the respect and pride in knowing that you just won the biggest race of the NASCAR year.

Instead of smiles with his trophy, Gordon was looking to endorse his check.

The reason I'm having such a hard time dealing with Gordon's win, is not only because of his attitude. It is the fact that he is 27 years old, and he beat my favorite driver, 48-year old, Dale Earnhart.

You know of Earnhart, "the intimidator," as he is often referred to as America's most loved NASCAR driver. I'm sure you've seen the "#3" stickers on car bumpers and windows. He is loved by many, and I am definitely in the "many."

His last name is a good indicator of his spirit. EARN = he doesn't quit, he's paid his dues, he's earned his respect. And HART = this is what he races with, his heart, not his wallet. No one wants to win as badly as he does because the competition is what keeps him going, day-in and day-out. This is what has drawn me as well as many other Americans to stand behind Earnhart's racing team year after year.

Now, back to my point at hand, Earnhart has raced this race 21 times, and has only won one time. ONE TIME. His finish behind Gordon does not mark his first, or second, or even third time he's finished in 2nd place, I have watched the fire-driven Earnhart get a flat tire on the last lap, or run out of gas on the last lap, or even get passed with a mere 400 meters to go...on his last lap. All three occurrences have happened after he has maintained the lead for the entire race.

I just hate to see a kid win the race, to only be excited that he is a millionaire instead of the fact that he won the race because he wanted it so badly that he could taste it.

To sum it all up, Earnhart has the desire, Gordon doesn't. It makes me sad to see the 27-year old win his 2nd Daytona 500, when he was playing with his Matchbox Cars when Earnhart raced his first 500.

Gordon's going to have to realize that if he wants the respect of NASCAR fans, he's going to have to start acting a little more respectful towards the sport, and remember why he's out there in the first place.

Intramural basketball teams offer alternative

By Lindsay McClearn
STAFF WRITER

The men and women's intramural basketball season began the first week in February with a few new additions to this year's schedule.

Along with 23 combined A and B league men's teams, this year 5 teams have entered the newly added women's intramural basketball league.

Initiated by Autumn Mentzer originally contacting Dr. Fusco, coordinator of this year's intramurals, the girl's teams enlisted are also very competitive.

Fusco says he is "glad to see the women involved". He says, "if there is interest in playing steps will be taken to try to accommodate."

At the beginning of the spring semester there is mass campus e-mail and other information distributed by the physical education department to recruit interest in the season. Any student can play, and to enter the team must have at least 8 names on a roster and a team captain.

The captain must attend a meeting in which all rules and regulations are addressed, and a playing schedule is then created.

Officials are also provided for the intramural basketball leagues to help run and coordinate the games. The students who wish to officiate must also attend a meeting to address the rules and regulations.

The intramural games are currently scheduled to end with playoffs and championships played before Westminster lets out for spring break.

With numbers up and seemingly more interest in this year's games, the season looks to be a good one.

Intramural Basketball Schedule

FEBRUARY 22

American Division
8:00 - 5 vs. 3
9:00 - 6 vs. 1
9:00 - 8 vs. 4

National Division
8:00 - 5 vs. 3
9:00 - 6 vs. 1
9:00 - 8 vs. 4

A League
8:00 - 5 vs. 3
9:00 - 6 vs. 2

Women's
7:00 2 vs. 5
7:00 3 vs. 4

FEBRUARY 23

American Division
9:00 - 7 vs. 5
9:00 - 2 vs. 3

National Division
8:00 - 7 vs. 5
8:00 - 2 vs. 5

A League
8:00 - 3 vs. 1
8:00 - 4 vs. 7

FEBRUARY 24

American Division
8:00 - 1 vs. 3
8:00 - 4 vs. 2

National Division
7:00 - 1 vs. 3
7:00 - 4 vs. 2

A League
8:00 - 5 vs. 6
8:00 - 7 vs. 3

Women's
7:00 - 2 vs. 5
7:00 - 3 vs. 4

FEBRUARY 25

American Division
8:00 - 5 vs. 8
8:00 - 5 vs. 7

National Division
7:00 - 5 vs. 8
7:00 - 5 vs. 7

A League
8:00 - 5 vs. 4
8:00 - 1 vs. 2

MARCH 1

American League
8:00 - 3 vs.6
8:00 - 4 vs. 5
9:00 - 2 vs. 7
9:00 - 8 vs. 1

National League
7:00 - 3 vs. 6
7:00 - 4 vs. 5
9:00 - 2 vs. 7
9:00 - 8 vs. 1

A League
7:00 - 7 vs. 5
8:00 - 1 vs. 4
8:00 - 2 vs. 3

Women's
7:00 - 4 vs. 2
7:00 - 5 vs. 1

MARCH 2

American League
8:00 - 8 vs. 2
8:00 - 7 vs. 3
9:00 - 1 vs. 5
9:00 - 5 vs. 4

National League
7:00 - 8 vs. 2
7:00 - 7 vs. 3
8:00 - 1 vs. 5
8:00 - 5 vs. 4

Women's Playoff for 2nd place ties

MARCH 3

Women's Championship Game

Four college records fall as track & field opens season

The college track & field team started the 1999 indoor season strong this weekend, as four indoor school records were broken by Titan athletes at the Mount Union Open in Alliance, Ohio.

Leading the Titan assault on the record books was junior Keith Schrag, who set a pair of new school indoor marks. Schrag finished the 1000-meter run in a school-record time of 2:44.57, good for sixth place in the event.

He also set a new school mark in the 1500 meter run, posting a time of 4:22 while winning his preliminary heat.

Other Titans breaking school indoor records this weekend were junior Andy Parshall and freshman Jacob Gleason. Parshall placed sixth in the shot put with a record toss of 45' 3/4".

"Doing so well and breaking the records made it feel as though all the hard work was beginning to pay off," Parshall said.

Gleason placed second in the 3200 meter run in a school-best 10:42, and finished fourth in the 1500 meter run with a personal-best time of 4:36.

"Overall, it was a good meet for us," Gleason said. "We are all really happy."

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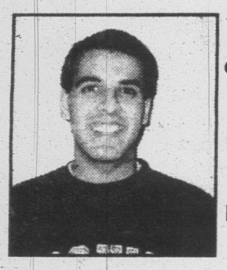
OPINION

Question of the week

What do you think of the Argo?

Cheryl Vernick, Junior
"I liked that they included all organizations instead of just Greek."

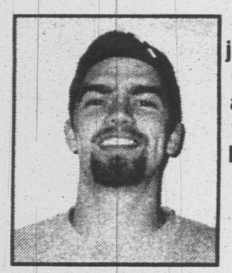


Sal Hanna, junior, "Why are there no captions? We don't know who's in any pictures or even where the pictures where taken. My high school yearbook is better than this."

Melanie Mahalic, senior, "It just seems that there could be more captions... we won't know who that person is. It would make it a lot more personal that way than just a lot of pictures."

Danyelle Muscarella, sophomore, "I just figured it was all geared towards seniors so I saw no point in getting it."

PJ Pearson,
freshman,
"Yearbook? There's one out?"



Mark Johnston, junior, "Aren't there like an exceptional amount of pictures with beer in them? It puts a really negative connotation on Westminster social life."

Mary Lucchino, Junior
"I think it looks good. I've worked on yearbooks staffs before, and I think they do a good job."

Emily Baker, sophomore, "They should have more underclassmen photos. I do like the fact that it's free though."

Cristine Zarack,
freshman,
"I didn't even see it yet."

Photos by Kristen Kress

Our View: Hope for the future

"The world today is filled with nothing but violence, sensationalism, immorality, and scandal."

Words like these often come from the mouths of neighbors and friends. The idea is harsh and difficult to accept, but perhaps they speak the truth.

Take a brief look at the America in which we live. The countless atrocities of the past few years support this pessimistic claim.

Junior highs and high schools throughout the nation are plagued by random student shootings. One angry American bombed a federal building in Oklahoma City killing over a hundred people, including many children.

A college student in Laramie, Wyoming was beaten with the butt of a gun, hung to a fence, and left to die, because he was gay. The nation's leader was impeached because he allegedly lied about his sexual experiences, and his personal life immediately became public record.

What about news from the rest of the world?

Nothing softens the hatred between warring factions of Christians in Northern Ireland. Though the Soviet threat is gone, some believe there is more of a chance for a nuclear catastrophe now than ever before.

While many Americans are preoccupied with materialism, poverty-stricken men, women, and children around the globe are dying of starvation because they don't have enough money to feed themselves.

Looking at these facts objectively makes one think we live in a terrible world. And we cannot expect these problems to be remedied any time soon. In fact, the only absolute is that these issues are going to continue to increase in intensity and frequency. The world is filled with not only incredible anguish and pain, but also a great selfishness. A common attitude says, "So long as I am happy and healthy, who cares about everyone else?"

One can choose to be a realist and interpret the above facts to mean that this earth is the black hole of evil in the universe. But there is another perspective. The problems above are not the only activities of the world. Even if we think the world is in chaos, we can still dream and strive to ensure better days ahead.

This optimistic view is extremely vital to college students. In just a few short years, students who graduate will begin to fill leadership positions where they will be expected to govern and inspire others. This impending responsibility will soon belong to our generation.

In the 1960's, the baby boom generation came to age. By protesting war, popularizing rock and roll, and demanding civil rights, they proved to be a powerful generation in American history.

Part of their impact can be attributed to their large numbers. Since current college students are the children of baby boomers, it is logical then to assume that this will be an even larger generation.

Our views, thoughts, actions and beliefs are important because we're about to become a tremendous force in history. Though we may only see a world darkened by famine, violence and despair, it is our right and our responsibility to dream of new and creative responses to the world's problems. Because we are numerous, we may have the power to change the world more than any other generation.

To accomplish this, students must be more than realists who believe the world has nothing to offer beyond a collection of dismal news stories. Rather, students should take pride in their optimism and perhaps even be so bold as to adopt some idealism. An ideal world is what we must begin dreaming about today and start striving for tomorrow.

Nothing stops us from pursuing our wildest dreams and sometimes even achieving them. During our time in college, when students are discovering what they believe, don't resign yourself to following the ways of our fathers and mothers. Let's dream together.

If we don't dream, we deny the world of a chance to improve, and we deny ourselves of a better life. Dream today for a better tomorrow.

Westminster World

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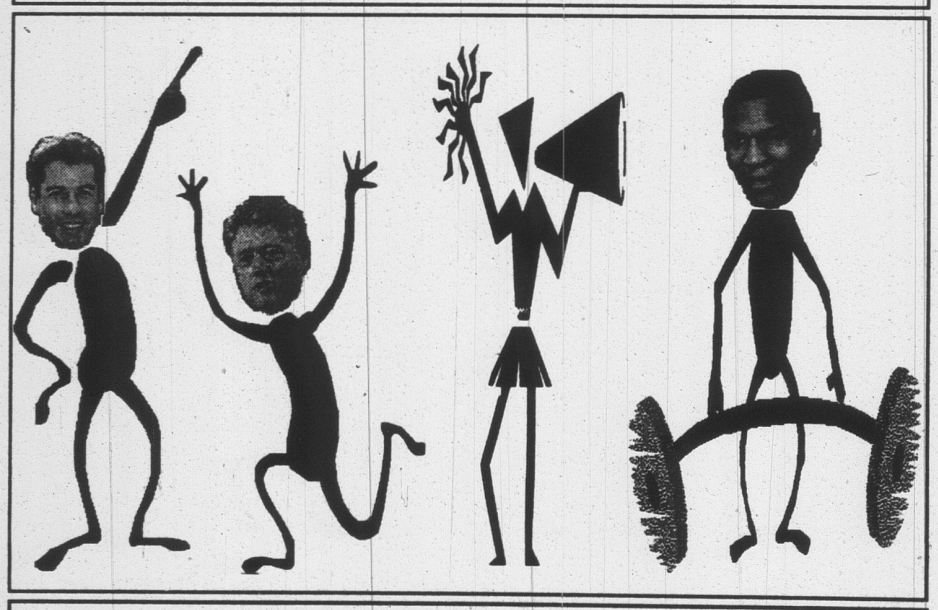

You will never see any of them at a Titan basketball game.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Let's see, Matthew M. Martin, Brian C. Rigby, Ronald A. Bird — nope, we don't have any of YOUR magazines, but we do have at least thirty other ones belonging to Westminster students. We were here over Christmas break for an internship, and we noticed something very interesting in the mailroom one day while engaging in our normal routine of checking our mail at 5:00 when we got home from work. Upon entering the TUB, we were taken by surprise when this enormous garbage can jumped out at us and said "Look—I have all the magazines that have ever been sent to Westminster campus over break! Take me NOW!" At first, we thought, "Maybe it's just a bunch of garbage with a couple good magazines on top." Boy, were we wrong. Little did we realize that we would have good reading for the next month that we stayed on campus as a result of our peer's subscriptions. Thanks to all who gave us some after-Christmas bonus presents. As we started to dig through the garbage, we realized that it wasn't just garbage. Up until this point, we were not feeling bad about anything that we were taking; we were just a bit worried as to who might walk in and find us. But as magazines started flying and we were hanging half-way into the garbage can, we started to say to ourselves, "Time", "Business Week", "Sports Illustrated", "Entertainment", "People"—oh yes, we could go on and on but we won't bore you—I'm sure you're already angry enough. You get the point. After we found at least 30 magazines between the two of us, we came upon something wet at the bottom of the garbage can. It was then that we decided that it was time to quit our little escapade. And, at this point, it hit us—how illegal this maneuver by the mail people was! We thought out loud, "These poor people are paying good money to subscribe to these magazines, and they won't even get to read them. We're reading them instead." We did notice and recognize some of the names on the magazines. Of course, many of them were bulk magazines, but quite a few were indeed individual magazines to which students had paid money for.

We totally believe that the students who had subscriptions should have definitely received their magazines during break. We agree that it doesn't take much effort to place a magazine in a mailbox. It's one thing to throw away bulk mail, but it's a totally different story when you've paid money, especially for college students who are broke.

The very next day when we walked into the TUB, the garbage can miraculously disappeared. The evidence was gone. So obviously, there go your magazines! If we would have found them, they would be in your hands right now. Sorry about your loss. Hope we cleared some things up for you.

Sincerely,
Sara K. Coffman and Lauren E. Cenci
(AKA "The ones who grabbed your magazines")

Both parties should be work for same goal

By Joshua Leibensperger
(Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE - Because the trial of the decade part II — O.J. Simpson's trial would garner part I of the equation — has finally run its course and brought us all not too much farther than whence it began, I have a few comments on the mockery that we call politics these days.

I'll be the first to admit I don't know a great deal about all of the laborious ins and outs government tends to follow like a road map through its hidden agendas.

I don't have a rich knowledge of the history behind all of the good or bad moves (depending on your political stance) that President Clinton has enforced upon our great land of America. I really can't say with much revere that I am particularly affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic mantra. However, what I do know is I am a citizen of this vast land and have an opinion nonetheless, especially since I too am affected by what happens.

It appears the line in the sand was drawn from the beginning and as opposed to our wonderful government working as one, unified body, the obvious complications have risen.

Almost as bad as the numbing and utterly disappointing realm that black versus white has taken us to over the years, though it appears we are beginning to show signs of overcoming that immaturity, now we have a true Republican vs. Democrat issue within the government. And, if it wasn't vaguely apparent before, especially in the logical sense of opposing viewpoints, they've decided to get personal this time. Why can't we all just get along (or so the cliché states)?

There's no way around admitting what President Clinton did was wrong from a moral stance — cheating on his wife and lying about it, though I honestly never really felt lied to (that's probably just due to the fact that I never felt I was exclusively told about it either). The manner in which the whole matter came to be of public observation and scrutiny, especially sometime after it had occurred, was a bit disturbing.

And what about Monica? Did she not know he was married? Did she not see the eventual dollar signs, clouding her vision and mind, as too many cups of strong coffee will sometimes do?

Well, when her highly touted book breaks and she gets her Barbara Walters' interview, for whatever that's worth, I'm sure you will all still give a damn and give up your hard-earned dollars to find out what really happened.

Right? I know that I won't. I mean, I'm not trying to say she hasn't been through some tough times during this ordeal, but didn't she ask for it by alerting the media?

Another idea that boggles my mind, is how the rest of world could have possibly reacted to this political "scandal," if you will, that transpired? I didn't get a chance to scour the news and investigate this avenue, but how could the citizens of other countries not laugh at our country as it was being made to look like an embarrassed fool who just had his towel pulled off of him right after stepping out of the shower.

It was somewhat interesting to see, at least of the commentary that I witnessed, how other leaders were very supportive of our president. For some of them though, they probably couldn't understand how this could possibly happen when you are the ruler of a nation, and in control of all the people.

Well, this isn't communism we're dealing with here. In this country though, nobody is safe from the watchful eye, and if you are anywhere within sight of the national spotlight, you're close enough to have your past, present and future sifted through as if you are being investigated for first-degree murder.

So, as we move forward into the dawn of a new century, hopefully we can all be a part of a more justifiable and unified system of government. I think that this trial will expose some of the now clear problems within the delineation of political partisanism. It seems that in the least, we all should have learned there is definitely more to politicians these days than just their stance on health care issues and unemployment rates. They are also liars, thieves and occasionally, good people, too.

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Urban Cowboy at the Valentine rodeo Giddy-Up!

By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

Valentine's Day, who hasn't felt its wrath? Even though my losery not-girl-having-nor-getting-anytime-soon exterior has limited my Valentine's Day experience exponentially, I still have had limited exposure to the most dangerous day that the male gender has ever known. Matter of fact, I have completely blown every potential good Valentine's Day that I have ever come into contact with.

So because Valentine's Day has just passed, I hypothesized that this would be an optimum time to outline what to absolutely not do to win back a woman's heart after utterly blowing everything on Valentine's Day. Now I have no clue what you should do, only what you definitely shouldn't do, being that none of the techniques that I'm now willing to share for the first time have ever actually been anywhere near successful and should be banished forever like so much old, horrible cheese.

Though I do fancy myself a fairly gifted apologizer, I still have yet to successfully make up for an abundance of bungled Valentine's Days and other important days too numerous to recount in this space. So without further ado, and against the wishes of a particular group of corporate bigwigs and their abundant supply of double talkin' jive, here now for the first time in print is a guaranteed list of what to never do when apologizing to a girlfriend after completely ruining Valentine's Day.

When attempting to apologize to a scorned woman, I've learned that it's not the best idea to show up at that special someone's door with a dress custom-made out of roast beef. Oddly enough, most women don't enjoy being clothed in lunchmeat, nor do they recognize this gift as being especially thoughtful. Unless the woman you're after can spread asphalt with her teeth, apparently a roast beef dress isn't the inside track to forgiveness.

Another technique that should never be utilized is to recklessly drive a mint condition '91 Ford Taurus coup, with rear defroster, through your loved one's house dressed in a Chewbacca costume. If for some reason you ignore this warning, please make sure to definitely refrain from coupling this act with tossing fake blood on the walls and proclaiming the coming of the apocalypse, as a hilarious prank to win back her heart. Incredibly, women seem to shy away from a man willing to go to such lengths to show their affection. Disturbing but true.

Now if the girl you've been dreaming about happens to be an arm wrestler or cattle rustler, the following rule may not apply. But if not, don't buy your woman a log of snuff, a couple gift certificates to Arby's, and expect some good lovin'. Though it's easy to see how incredibly generous and thoughtful a gift of chewing tobacco and processed meat sandwiches is, there is always a time and place for them, and apologizing after a blown Valentine's Day is evidently not that time.

Now I know what you're thinking, if I can't make her a roast beef dress or buy her a bulk supply of Copenhagen, what can I do? Well my friend, if I knew the answer to that then life would certainly be a smite bit easier wouldn't it? What I do know is that if you just pretend you did nothing wrong and show up at her place with a huge box of laundry, demand that she clean it as quickly as possible, and then lounge around her place in your underpants eating ham sandwiches all day long, it supposedly isn't the proper expression of remorse. Now I fully realize that news such as this has the direct capacity to ignite a political firestorm that could rock this nation to its very foundations. But remember Bronco Billy; with great power comes great responsibility.

So if you just happened blow it this weekend, knuckle up and keep in mind that it's never to late for redemption, because if rhyming was a drug I'd sell it by the gram. Keep my composure when its time to get loose, magnetized by the mic when I kick my juice.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Children of Eden cast prepares for May show

By Erin Kirkby
STAFF WRITER

Children of Eden will be this year's chapel drama, scheduled to show in May.

The play, written by Steven Schwartz, revolves around the story of Adam and Eve, Cain and Able, and Noah and his family.

The Chapel Office organizes the mission activities and religious based musical shows that the Chapel Drama performs. However, students run the entire production. This allows students to explore their talents and pursue religious interests.

"For me personally, the show is not only a time to highlight my musical skills, but it is an outlet, through which I can come together with other believers to praise God," Nora Drake said.

The show's theme focuses on family. To accurately portray the role of a family, the cast has practiced group-acting exercises to get to know one another better. Director Shaun Cloonan feels that this is the only way to present the familial emotions during the show.

"It's a great time to come together to share our talents and have fellowship with each other," he said. Cloonan co-directs with Leigh Foreijt while coordinating efforts with technical director, Dave Cost.

"In putting this show together we hope to come together through the common bond of our belief in God," Drake said. "Then we will take that bond and tell these Bible stories to our audiences hoping to bond them to us and the Lord."

A secondary theme emphasizes the love stories of Adam and Eve and Jonah and Japheth.

The primary cast includes Doug Frederick as Father, Creig Gottschalk as Adam, Sarah Knopp as Eve, Matt Newman as Cain and Japheth, Jason Gaboney as Able, and Emily Klein as Jonah.

Approximately 20 storytellers narrate the story through their own point of view while singing in the chorus.

"The music is phenomenal and hopefully all the work we put into it will prove fruitful," Drake said.

Cloonan anticipates the cast dancing to coincide with the jazz choir's music during the snake scene in the first act.

"We're really excited about the show and we hope everyone comes out and sees it," Cloonan said. "The cast is really hard at work."

This is the eleventh year of chapel drama performances. The cast began rehearsing several weeks ago and practices every Tuesday and Thursday night in preparation for their performance in May.

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Eleven more random things no one really needs to know

1) The verb "to cleave" is the only English word with two synonyms that are antonyms of each other: adhere and separate.

2) Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs have only about ten.

3) The word "checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means, "the King is dead."

4) Pinocchio is Italian for pine head.

5) Camel's milk does not curdle.

6) Every episode of *Seinfeld* contains superman somewhere.

7) An animal epidemic is called an epizootic.

8) Murphy's Oil Soap is the chemical that's commonly used to clean elephants.

9) The United States has never lost a war in which mules were involved.

10) Blueberry Jelly Bellies were created especially for Ronald Reagan.

11) All porcupines float in water.

In Kristen's Corner: Laser tag a sure bet

By Kristen Kress
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

I recently had the chance to go and play laser tag in Pittsburgh. This was the first time I had ever embarked on the journey that is laser tag, and to tell the truth, I was a bit apprehensive.

I have done paintball and loved it, I have done virtual combat, I've played just about every video game in existence, but I thought laser tag sounded stupid — the idea of injuring the opposing team by simply pointing a light at them. I mean, WOW! That sounds like FANTASTIC FUN! Just something I never wanted to do.

Well, it turns out that Jimmy, a little boy I baby-sit, had never played laser tag, yet had some burning internal desire to do so. So, he told his mom that I mentioned I know of a place to play laser tag, and that she should ask me to take him. So she called, knowing full well that I couldn't say know to something he wanted to do.

I was totally annoyed when I picked up Jimmy for his great adventure. He knew I didn't want to go, and he tried to make up for it by letting me choose the radio station we would listen to on the way there.

Gee, thanks. Now, please recall that I said I knew OF a place to play laser tag, I didn't exactly know WHERE it was. I had a general idea though and being as stubborn as my dad, I thought I would be able to find it.

An hour and a half later As I angrily parked my car outside of "Bob's Land of Laser Tag," in East McKeesport, PA, Jimmy slept soundly in the passengers seat, as the music I had selected was "Songs That Make Me Think, Volume III."

It didn't matter at all at this point that "Bob's Land of Laser Tag" was not the laser tag facility I had known OF and that I had no idea how I got there. I woke Jimmy up and our adventure began. I was put on a team with a married couple and Jimmy went with the other team, composed of three high school-aged boys, who seemed to think laser tag was Mortal Kombat.

Anyway, we played four different games over a period of two hours for $17/person. We had such a great time playing capture the flag, release, and that game where you just run through the building trying to kill the other team.

They had this awesomely combative music playing and the laser tag facility itself glowed with lights, confusing wall paintings, and monsters that popped up unexpectedly, all add to the confusion. I felt like La Femme Nikita. I was wrong about laser tag; I would highly recommend a few games as an awesome weekend activity.

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Conductor Denis Colwell remarks, "The variety of musical styles presented on a typical RCBB concert range from classical and opera to familiar favorites from the Broadway stage, the silver screen, the big band era, and of course, folk traditions."

Be sure to check out the River City Brass Band. You can catch them this spring at the following locations:

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After two Grammy's, TLC files for bankrupcy

By Steve Jones, USA TODAY

From the outside, it seemed that TLC was on top of the world three years ago. The adventurous trio's first two albums had sold a combined 14 million copies and they'd just won two Grammys for their work on 1994's *CrazySexyCool*.

But on the flip side, Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes and Rozanda "Chilli" Thomas were anything but happy. They were embroiled in disputes with their record label and management company, and wound up filing for bankruptcy, despite having generated $175 million in record sales.

It took months, but they finally worked things out. With the release of their third album, *Fan Mail*, they can get back to what they're best at - setting trends and taking names. In the five years since *CrazySexyCool* came out, they haven't lost any of their enthusiasm for their work.

"I'm excited, but a little nervous," says Thomas, who has a 20-month-old son with longtime producer Dallas Austin. "You want your fans to like you still and you wonder if they are going to get into us again."

Judging from the airplay generated already by singles *No Scrubs* and *Silly Ho*, fans seem ready to forgive the long layoff. Watkins says the group needed the time to straighten out their financial and legal situations and "get our lives back together."

Despite selling more than 3 million copies domestically of 1992's *Oooooooohhh . . . on the TLC Tip* and 10 million of *CrazySexyCool*, the group filed for Chapter 11 creditor protection in July 1995, citing $3.5 million in liabilities and less than $1 million in assets. At the same time, they sought to void their contract with LaFace Records and sever ties with Pebbitone Inc., the management company headed by former singer Perri "Pebbles" Reid.

Even winning two Grammys didn't bring them joy.

"We were going through so much at the time, smiling while we weren't happy," Watkins says. "But now I am happy when I look at my Grammy, and I really can acknowledge my accomplishments."

Ultimately, the trio, who are all in their late 20s, won a more favorable contract from LaFace and settled with Pebbitone and Lloyd's of London late in 1996. The insurance company had been their biggest creditor, claiming it was owed $1.3 million by Lopes, who was found guilty of setting the 1994 fire that destroyed the home of her then-boyfriend, pro football player Andre Rison.

"Everything is fine now," says Watkins. "I'm not mad about anything that we've been through. It was business."

LaFace co-president Antonio "L.A." Reid says, "There was never a time when LaFace and TLC were not on the same page. Once they were financially OK, they had to go live their lives as adults. The toughest thing was pulling us back together to make this record."

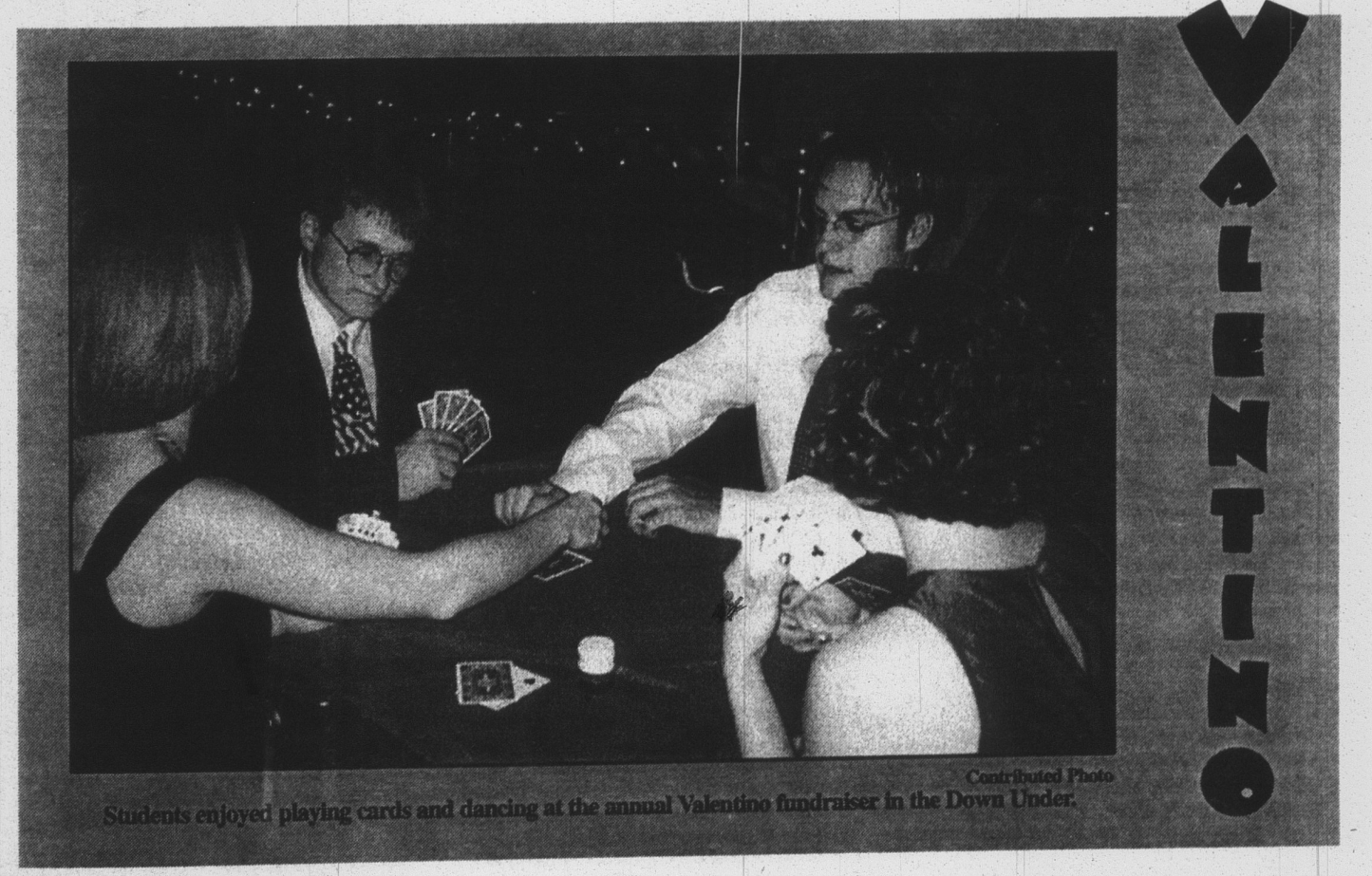
Both Lopes and Watkins took on outside projects between albums. Lopes started Left Eye Productions, a development deal with Sony Records, and has already signed two groups - Jena-Si-Qua and Blaque. She also hosted MTV's talent search show The Cut. Watkins, who is national spokeswoman for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, appeared in the recent Hype Williams movie Belly and is working on a pictorial book of poetry.

Thomas says many assumed the group had disbanded, but they never considered it.

"We went through a lot of stuff together, and it all made us closer and much wiser."

Watkins says their fans' loyalty inspired the group to dedicate *Fan Mail* to them.

"This is our way of thanking them," she says. "They never turned on us, even when Lisa burned the house down. If anything, they turned on Andre, wanting to know what he did to make her do it."



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Students enjoyed playing cards and dancing at the annual Valentino fundraiser in the Down Under.

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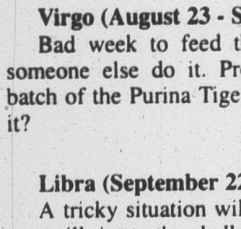

February 20-26

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
You will continually burn the roof of your mouth on pizza this week. It won't be ending anytime soon, so get used to that senseless, scalded feeling.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
That rash should clear up soon. Stop worrying. We won't tell anyone.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Beware of celery.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
This week, a huge red balloon will float by you, being pursued by a small person of the French persuasion, and a film crew. If you wish to cause cross-cultural mirth, cross your eyes, talk in a high-pitched voice, and whack yourself in the head with a baguette. Otherwise, don't.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Good day to buy chocolate for someone you love.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
Bad week to feed the Bengal tiger. Let someone else do it. Probably just an "off" batch of the Purina Tiger Chow, but why risk it?

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
A tricky situation will arise this week, but you will rise to the challenge and draw a satisfactory conclusion. Oddly, you will hit upon the right thing to do by suddenly recalling an old Gilligan's Island episode.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
Bad news: people think you're becoming paranoid. Isn't that just typical, though? I mean, they don't HAVE invisible malevolent air-squids spying on THEM, do they?

Sagittarius (November22 - December 21)
You will quit your job, run away from home, and spend the rest of your days working on a shrimp trawler, under an assumed name. Personally, I think that's over-reacting. Although, you may benefit from this experience when the re-make Forrest Gump is twenty years and you know so many shrimp types that you could get cast as Bubba.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
Time heals all wounds, yes. But that doesn't mean you should tie Time Magazine around your sprained ankle. It's a figure of speech you see, not meant to be taken literally.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
This week is a good time to remember that old Minnesota proverb: "Good humor is the suspenders that keeps our working clothes held up high."

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
You will accidentally hit yourself on the head this week while putting away dishes. While you won't be seriously injured, you will begin having strange dreams that you are a half-witted Leicestershire workman living in the year 1771. When you wake up, you won't really know if you're a present-day person who dreamed of being a half-witted workman, or vice versa. You'll also have the odd impression that someone named Lao Tsu is laughing at you...(That part is true.)

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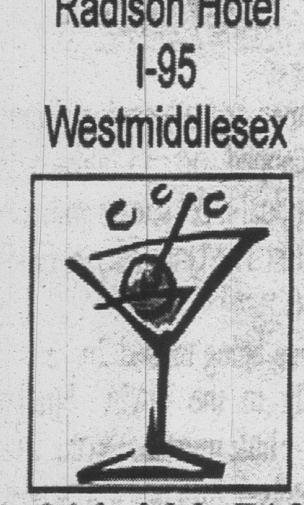

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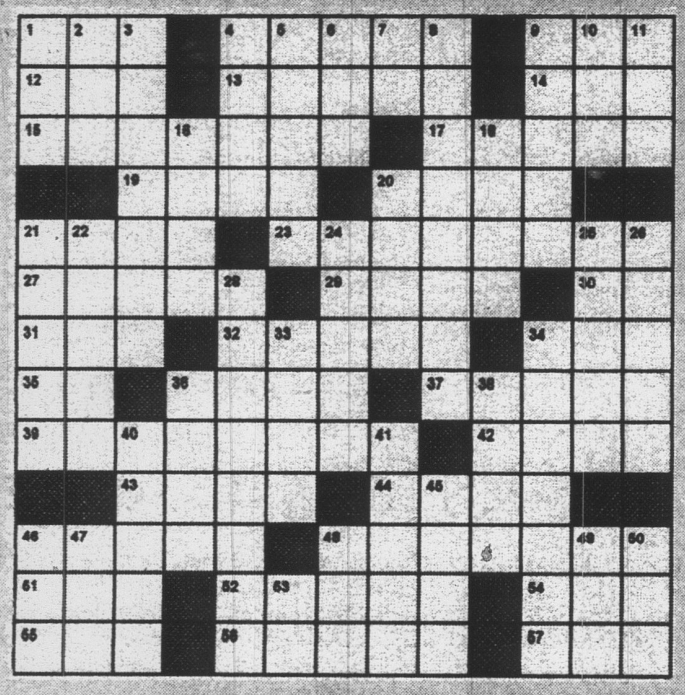

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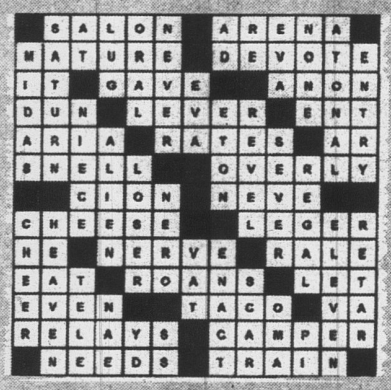

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31 Order (abbr.)
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35 Southern New England state (abbr.)
36 Wide-mouthed pitcher
37 Rent
39 On the same team
42 Gr. God of war
43 Clock face
44 Melodious song bird
46 Record keeper
48 Behaviors
51 Policeman (slang)
52 Muse of lyric poetry
54 Bring action against
55 Small bird
56 Measured
57 Number

DOWN

1 Flap
2 Mistake
3 Spotted animal
4 End
5 Arrangement
6 Born
7 Not out
8 Red bird
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11 Time standard (abbr.)
16 A republic of Africa
18 Family names in zoology (suf.)
20 Cheese
21 Game
22 Scary
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25 Fat
26 Positions
28 Senator
33 In fact
34 Blackest
36 Prince (Arabian)
38 Deserve
40 Good at doing
41 Make happy
45 Head movement (two words)
46 300 (Roman)
47 Card game
48 Cushion
49 Feel remorse
50 Chinese currency
53 Egyptian sun god

Professors, students, staff recommend all-time favorite books

We asked some faculty and staff members for a list of their 10 favorite books. The following list was the result. If you'd like to submit your own list, send it via email to: holcad@westminster.edu, Subject line: Favorite Books.

William "Doc" McTaggart:
Absalom! Absalom! - William Faulkner
Lady Chatterly's Lover - D.H. Lawrence
David Copperfield - Charles Dickens
A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man - James Joyce
Into the Wild - Jon Krakauer
The Great Gatsby - F. Scott Fitzgerald
Merriam-Websters Collegiate Dictionary
Tristram Shandy - Laurence Stern
Remembrance of Things Past - Marcel Proust
The Sorrows of Young Werther - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Jack Kerouac: King of the Beats - Barry Miles

Benita Muth:
Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen
Persuasion - Jane Austen
Jane Eyre - Charlotte Bronte
Absolom, Absolom - William Faulkner
Go Down Moses - William Faulkner
The Gospel According to Mark
Charms for the Easy Life - Kaye Gibbons
On the Occassion of My Last Afternoon - Kaye Gibbons
Souls Raised from the Dead - Doris Betts
The Sharp Teeth of Love - Doris Betts
I Am One of You Forever - Fred Chappell
Brighten the Corner Where You Are - Fred Chappell
Walking Across Egypt - Clyde Edgerton
Measure for Measure - Shakespeare
All's Well that Ends Well - Shakespeare
Merchant of Venice - Shakespeare
Much Ado About Nothing - Shakespeare
Paradise Lost - John Milton

Betsy Ford:
One True Thing - Anna Quindlen
The Crown of Columbus - Michael Dorris and Louise Erdrich
Possession- A.S. Byatt
City of Light, City of Dark - Avi

Dan Hrozencik:
Steppenwolf - Hermann Hesse
Crime and Punishment - Fyodor Dostoyevsky
The Brothers Karamazov - Fyodor Dostoyevsky
All Quiet on the Western Front - Erich Maria Remarque
The Awakening - Kate Chopin
Grendel - John Gardner
The Last of the Mohicans - James Fenimore Cooper
The Iliad - Homer
The Three Musketeers - Alexander Dumas
Anna Karenina - Leo Tolstoy

Babs Quincy:
The Healing Connection - Jean Baker Miller
When Things Fall Apart - Pema Chodron
Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls - Mary Pipher
Love in the Time of Cholera - Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Selected Poems - May Sarton
Refuge - Terry Tempest Williams
The Stone Diaries (and others) - Carol Shields
Beach Music - Pat Conroy
Return of the Native - Thomas Hardy
The Work of the Moment - Toni Packer
The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood - Rebecca Wells
Little Altars Everywhere - Rebecca Wells
The Secret Garden - Francis Hodgson Burnett
The Little Princess - Francis Hodgson Burnett
The Little Prince - Antoine DeSaint-Exupery
Daily Meditations - Joan Borysenko

Steve Montgomery:
To Know As We Are Known - Parker J. Palmer
Telling Secrets - Fredrick Beuchner
The Transforming Vision - Brian Walsh and Richard Middleton
The Brothers K - David James Duncan
The Mystery of Marriage - Mike Mason
The Divine Conspiracy - Dallas Willard
The Jesus I Never Knew - Phillip Yancey
The Signature of Jesus - Brennen Manning
Reaching Out - Henri Nouwen
In The Name of Jesus - Henri Nouwen
The Fabric of Faithfulness - Steve Garber
Tom Sawyer - Mark Twain

Kang-Yup Na:
the Bible
Plato's ... anything
Song of the Bird - Anthony de Mello
Confessions and City of God - Augustine
Institutes of the Christian Religion - John Calvin
Tao te Ching - Lao Tzo
Merchant of Venice - Shakespeare
Romeo and Juliet - Shakespeare
King Lear - Shakespeare
Macbeth - Shakespeare
Montaigne's essays
Don Quixote - Cervantes
Fathers and Sons - Tergenev
Crime and Punishment - Dostoyevsky
Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck
A Separate Peace - John Knowles
The Empty Mirror - Janwillem van de Wetering
Godel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid - Douglas R. Hofstadter
The Mind's I: Fantasies & Reflections of Self & Soul - Douglas R. Hofstadter
Metamagical Themas: Questing for the Essence of Mind & Pattern - Douglas R. Hofstadter

Cary Horvath:
The Joy Luck Club - Amy Tan
The Good Earth - Pearl Buck
The Color Purple - Alice Walker
The New Testament (KJV)
Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck
The Grapes of Wrath - John Steinbeck
The Painted Bird - Kosinski
Brave New World - Huxley
The Odyssey - Homer
She'd Come Undone - Lamb
Insomnia - Stephen King
The Chronicles of Narnia - CS Lewis
Original Aesop or Mother Goose works
The Vanishing Pumpkin - Johnston
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The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig (Trivizas and Oxenbury)

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AROUND THE GLOBE

Falwell contends that Tinky Winky is a homosexual

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) The Rev. Jerry Falwell suspects so, telling parents that the purple "Teletubbies" character from the popular children's television show is a homosexual role model.

Under a headline that reads "Parents Alert: Tinky Winky Comes Out of the Closet," an article in the February edition of the National Liberty Journal notes that Tinky Winky has the voice of a boy yet carries a purse.

"He is purple _ the gay-pride color; and his antenna is shaped like a triangle - the gay-pride symbol," the story said. The paper is edited and published by Falwell.

Falwell contends the "subtle depictions" are intentional and in a statement issued Tuesday said, "As a Christian I feel that role modeling the gay lifestyle is damaging to the moral lives of children."

A spokesman for Itsy Bitsy Entertainment Co., which licenses the Teletubbies in the United States, said that what Falwell's newspaper described as a purse is actually Tinky Winky's magic bag.

"The fact that he carries a magic bag doesn't make him gay," Steve Rice said. It's a children's show, folks. To think we would be putting sexual innuendo in a children's show is kind of outlandish."

The British show aimed at toddlers began airing on U.S. public television stations last spring and is now as popular as Barney, a singing dinosaur who also happens to be purple.

The Teletubbies are portrayed by actors in oversized, brightly colored costumes. They all have television screens on their tummies and, according to the story line, live in a superdome hidden in the hills.

Other than Tinky Winky, the troupe features Dipsy in green, Laa-Laa in orange and Po in red. The Teletubbies dance, sing and share "bi-i-ig hugs" beneath a radiant sun emblazoned with the face of a laughing infant.

Rice said Falwell was attacking "something sweet and innocent" to further his conservative political agenda. "To out a Teletubby in a preschool show is kind of sad on his part. I really find it absurd and kind of offensive," he said.

Falwell's spokeswoman, Laura Swickard, said the founder of the now-defunct Moral Majority agreed with everything that was in the NLJ article and would not comment beyond his one-paragraph statement. In 1997, Falwell urged General Motors, Chrysler and Johnson & Johnson to withdraw their sponsorship of an episode of the sitcom "Ellen" when the lead character announced her homosexuality.

Judge in Paula Jones' case may cite Clinton for contempt

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - The judge who oversaw Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit against President Clinton said Tuesday she'd consider citing the president for contempt because of his testimony about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

But U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright said she would step aside from the case if she were asked to do so by attorneys because of her contact with a House impeachment case manager.

Wright raised the possibility of contempt in a footnote to her decision on Sept. 1 to release a transcript of Clinton's testimony in a deposition in the Jones case.

Wright said in an order Tuesday that she had not considered the matter further because the case had been under appeal and impeachment proceedings were still pending against Clinton.

A settlement agreed to by Clinton and Jones' lawyers in November ended the appeal issue, and the Senate ended the impeachment proceeding Friday by voting to acquit Clinton.

"Accordingly, I believe that now it is time for the court to address the contempt issue," she said.

When the judge released Clinton's deposition, Wright said she "has concerns about the nature of the president's January 17, 1998, deposition" but "makes no findings at this time regarding whether the president may be in contempt."

In the Jan. 17 deposition, Clinton said: "I have never had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky." He acknowledged Aug. 17 before a federal grand jury - and again in a nationally televised address - that he had an inappropriate relationship with Lewinsky.

The White House referred all requests for comment to Clinton's private lawyer in the case, Robert Bennett. Bennett did not immediately return a call to his office seeking comment.

Wright said she would step aside from the case if asked, because she had contact with Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., and her law clerk provided an affidavit for possible use in the impeachment case.

She said Hutchinson wanted her testimony about Clinton's demeanor during his deposition testimony, including where his attention was directed. She said she was not willing to be a witness in the impeachment proceeding and suggested that other people could provide the same evidence.

Her law clerk, Barry Ward, later provided an affidavit about Clinton's deposition.

The judge said she didn't think those were reasons for her to step aside, but she said she would do so if any of the lawyers involved in the case file a motion by noon Friday asking her to do so. If that happens, the contempt matter would be decided by another judge.

Simpson memorabilia goes up in flames; collectibles haven't been selling well

LOS ANGELES (AP) - O.J. Simpson memorabilia went up in flames to a chorus of cheers and boos Wednesday, a day after it was sold at auction to help pay off the $33.5 million judgment he owes in the deaths of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend.

Two No. 32 football jerseys and a Professional Football Hall of Fame induction certificate were burned and two trophies were smashed outside the Criminal Courts Building in a protest organized by a Christian radio talk show host who purchased $16,000 worth of items.

The auction Tuesday raised $430,000, including $255,500 for Simpson's Heisman Trophy.

"We are destroying O.J. Simpson's property in front of the L.A. courthouse because the criminal justice system is destroying justice before our very eyes," protest organizer Bob Enyart of Denver said.

The destruction was criticized by some spectators, and by Simpson, who said it was a waste.

"I wonder about the mentality involved in this," Simpson said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "The guy's burning up $16,000 he could use to fight AIDS or help kids with cancer or even donate to battered (women's) homes."

Several hundred spectators booed and cheered at the destruction of the items, which included jerseys from the University of Southern California and the National Football League's Buffalo Bills and two 1973 "Lifesaver" trophies apparently given for charity contributions.

The Heisman was the auction's big item and was not part of Wednesday's demonstration. The winning bid of $255,500 came from an anonymous East Coast collector.

The prices at the auction surprised some collectors because Simpson sports memorabilia hasn't been selling well.

"Most people don't want to have anything to do with O.J. Simpson. There's a real sour taste in their mouths," said Scott Welkowsky, owner of Out of This World Memorabilia in Orange County.

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Study suggests bulimia may have biological cause

CHICAGO (AP) - A new study adds to evidence that the eating disorder bulimia springs at least in part from a chemical malfunction in the brain and not merely from excessive desire to remain thin, researchers say.

In the study, released Sunday, women who had suffered from bulimia and recovered were more affected psychologically than other women by being deprived of tryptophan, which plays an indirect role in appetite regulation, researchers found.

Tryptophan is an amino acid that occurs naturally in many foods and is used by the body to make serotonin, a mood- and appetite-regulating chemical in the brain.

Compared with normal women, the recovered bulimics reported bigger dips in mood, greater worries about body image and more fear of losing control of eating after being deprived of dietary tryptophan for about 17 hours, researchers said.

The study, published in the February issue of the American Medical Association's Archives of General Psychiatry, involved 10 recovered bulimics and 12 normal women.

Subjects were given identical-looking fruit drinks and snacks in the study, some with tryptophan and some without. They were not told which was which.

"These findings suggest that lowered brain serotonin function can trigger some of the clinical features of bulimia nervosa in individuals vulnerable to the disorder," said researchers led by Katharine A. Smith of the University of Oxford, England.

An expert not involved in the study said it adds to growing evidence that bulimia, a disorder in which sufferers typically alternate between binge eating and starving or purging, is biologically rooted and seems to have something to do with the system's inability to regulate serotonin.

Dr. Walter H. Kaye of the University of Pittsburgh, said he and his colleagues last year reported finding abnormal levels of a serotonin-related chemical in the spinal fluid of actively bulimic women.

"What this (new study) is saying ... is these disturbances persist after people recover - and more likely are there before people develop the disorder - and these may be the kind of vulnerabilities that create eating disorders in the first place," Kaye said in a telephone interview Friday.

Supermodel recovers from alcoholism and drug abuse

LONDON (Reuters) - British supermodel Kate Moss has revealed she is a recovering alcoholic who at one stage had not walked down a catwalk sober for 10 years.

Moss, 25, described a hedonistic jet-set life of champagne, vodka and marijuana in her decade as a top international model.

But she told The Face magazine in an interview that "things got out of control" and that after five weeks in a London clinic specializing in drink and drug abuse she hopes to have put the past behind her.

Moss, who came to fame as a waif-like 15-year-old, said that in the worst days of her addiction she started drinking at 10 in the morning and would carry a hip flask on photo shoots.

"I kind of lost the plot really there a little bit," she said. "I don't want to go back to how I was."

Moss said she had not walked down a catwalk sober in 10 years in a world where some top models regularly started their days with champagne.

"That's what you do. You just kind of have champagne. You always have champagne before shows. Always. Even at 10 in the morning. It got to the point one time when we said 'We're not going out without any champagne.' Terrible."

Millioniare Moss, who now attends meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, said she started drinking and smoking marijuana at the age of 12 in the homes of friends on her way to school in south London.

After booking herself into a London clinic in November, she says she has now thrown out her hip flask and has never been happier.

"I'm sober. I'm single. I have great friends. I like my job. I'm not stupid," she said.

Hillary Clinton plans to focus on women for 2000 election

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton may or may not run for the Senate in 2000 but the real news could be made by women competing for the presidency and vice presidency.

The first lady stoked speculation Tuesday by saying she would give "careful thought" to running for the U.S. Senate seat from New York being vacated by fellow Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan who is retiring next year.

If she ran, and especially against Republican New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the race could turn into a political slugfest as well as a media circus.

But several analysts believe it would be a sideshow to the real action on the gender front at the presidential and vice presidential levels.

Elizabeth Dole, a former Cabinet secretary and the wife of defeated 1996 Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole, has stirred excitement by saying she is seriously considering seeking the presidency. She may become the first truly viable female presidential candidate in U.S. history.

On the strength of one foray into New Hampshire, which will stage the first presidential primary of the 2000 campaign this time next year, Mrs. Dole leapfrogged over her prospective Republican rivals into the lead in one recent state opinion poll.

Even if she does not win the nomination, Mrs. Dole is high on many lists of prospective vice presidential candidates, which may pressure the Democrats to put a woman on their ticket too.

"It is quite possible that both parties will nominate women for vice president and that would be very exciting," said Ellen Malcolm, president of Emily's List, a political action committee that raises campaign money for Democratic women.

Among Democratic women seen as possible vice presidential choices are California Sen. Dianne Feinstein and New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen.

Only one woman has ever been nominated for vice president — Geraldine Ferraro — who filled the No. 2 spot on Walter Mondale's losing Democratic ticket in 1984. But much has changed since then.

"The pool of possible candidates reaching for the top is much bigger and women have narrowed the credibility gap by fighting and winning tough campaigns," Malcolm said.

In 1984, no female Democrat had ever been elected to the Senate without first being appointed to fill a vacancy. The first Democratic woman elected in her own right, Maryland's Barbara Mikulski, won her seat in 1986. There are now six Democrats and three Republicans.

Women have also made inroads at the state level and last November all five elected statewide offices in Arizona, including governor and attorney general, were won by women.

"Women have crossed the threshold of credibility. In the past, there was always the concern that women candidates would cost votes," said Anthony Mughan, a political scientist at Ohio State University who has studied women in politics.

"My impression now is that both parties are convinced that women can win tough elections. The question is, when will a woman win the big one?" he said.

But Mughan was uncertain if the United States was ready to elect a female president, saying: "A vice president is more credible."

In the aftermath of the impeachment trial of President Clinton, female candidates may seem even more alluring to voters, said Renny Fulco, a political scientist at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

"Elizabeth Dole has been quietly selling herself as someone who could never encounter the problems that Clinton encountered, because she is a woman," she said.

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Intern reflects on Lewinsky's role in office

By Mary Owen
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(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - Shannon Joyce will only be a footnote in American history.

The 23-year-old former White House intern was never subpoenaed and didn't make it into Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report on President Clinton's inappropriate relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

But Joyce, a native of Dayton, Ohio, did work with Lewinsky in the White House Office of Correspondence for then-Chief of Staff Leon Panetta during the momentous fall of 1995, when the relationship between Lewinsky and Clinton began.

"Thirteen months ago it was unfathomable," she said. "You were an intern and you got to shake his hands and that's it. Well, I was wrong."

Joyce and Lewinsky were among four unpaid interns in the office. Lewinsky was completing her summer internship when Joyce started work in September 1995.

Neither Joyce or Lewinsky had clearance into the White House executive wing, which houses the president's office, but their supervisor sometimes escorted them there.

Joyce didn't believe Lewinsky could have had a relationship with Clinton until the September 1998 release of the Starr report. The report named key players, such as Betty Currie, who would have made a relationship possible.

"If you went anywhere you shouldn't be, they stop you," she said. "With that understanding, I wasn't convinced it could happen when she was an intern. When the Starr report came out, it filled in the holes for me."

Joyce, a George Washington University student when the story broke, remembers reading *The Washington Post* the morning of Jan. 21 and nearly choking on her Raisin Bran cereal. By the time she returned from class at noon, a *Washington Post* reporter was waiting at her home.

"It was very strange," she said. "I was stunned. It wasn't until I saw her picture on TV later that night did I actually realize that I really knew this person."

Joyce said Lewinsky was lively and talkative, but she didn't know her that well. She perceived the former intern as smart and ambitious and not the "crazy, obsessive, Washington wannabe" the media sometimes portrayed.

Lewinsky put in many hours, often coming in before Joyce and leaving work after Joyce. Many White House employees would use tactics such as delaying lunches to see the president whenever possible, Joyce said.

"Washington is full of ambitious 20-somethings," she said. "It's not unusual, especially for those who work for the government, to put in a lot of hours, especially during the government shutdown. It was expected of you."

It was during the 1995 shutdown that the relationship between Lewinsky and Clinton began.

Joyce worked as a reporter in the Washington bureau of Cox Newspapers, which owns newspapers including *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and the *Austin Statesman-American*, during most of the scandal's unearthing.

Her journalism career made it difficult to stop giving media interviews when she just didn't have time.

"There were several that bordered on harassment, calling me several times a day and giving me a guilt trip," she said. "I felt like I had this moral obligation to do something that I ask people to do for me every day."

Joyce said since she left Washington in November, she has lost interest in the story that has been told too many times. She didn't watch the Senate vote because she was working, but listened to it intermittently on the radio.

Joyce is not convinced details of Monicagate needed to be made public. But once details were released, they needed to be formally handled, she said.

"As long as the process has been followed, for the most part, justice has been served," she said. "The second that he possibly lied about it in court, then it's not private anymore."

The not-so-famous former White House intern said she doesn't believe she will be a part of history that anyone remembers, but the experience will make for good stories for her children. Joyce has a scrapbook of stories she's quoted in, and she saved the Jan. 21 Washington Post article.

"I'm sure it would have sounded a little better if I could say I knew the woman who brought the president down," she said. "But, I can rephrase it and say that I knew the woman who got the president impeached."

Hacker penetrates U. Montana c.s. department

By Matt Gouras
(U. Montana)

(U-WIRE) MISSOULA, Mont. - The UM Computer Science department was informed Thursday that one of their computers was being used to try to hack into the Florida State University computer system, a UM computer science student said.

Brian Adams, a senior in the department, said FSU called to advise them of the attempted breach. The Computer Science department found the computer responsible and determined that it was not the origination point of the hacking.

Instead, a hacker broke into this computer and used it as a "launching station" to mount assaults on other computer systems. The CS department broke the hacker's connection to UM's system and has begun the process of identifying how the hacker got in.

The hacker's original location, how long the person had access to the system or how many systems the person compromised has not yet been completely determined, Adams said. But at this point, the CS department believes that the hacker only had access to this one server and its small network.

"This guy could be in Singapore, or he could be next door," he said. "We're trying to follow his footsteps."

So far, they have not been able to find any indication of malicious intent, Adams said, and the person only broke into one Web server, which contained no information of value.

Since they caught the hacker in the act, he said, this computer will be used as a teaching tool for campus technicians to learn how to stop hackers.

"Right now, this is a very isolated incident," Adams said. "Just one computer on a small network. There are no signs, so far, that he is in the CIS department's system."

UM Computer Science professor Don Morton, who was aware of the incident, declined to comment about it.

Adams said the motive for hackers in this type of situation is often to gain access to a computer just to see of they can do it, then to use it as a station to move on to another one.

John Cleaveland, executive director of UM's Office of Information Technology, said that, although he was not familiar with this specific incident, this kind of thing happens occasionally, and there is no reason to be concerned.

The potential danger is that the hacker is sophisticated enough to set up a program that "sniffs" the system for passwords and identification codes, Adams said. The hacker would then begin saving the information and compiling a database of names and passwords.

But this is highly unlikely, Cleaveland said, because these programs are large and easily detected on a network.

The people in Computing and Information Services who need to be aware of this type of thing have been notified, Adams said, but there is no reason for them to notify all of the departments in this type of situation.

Adams said, "Right now, it is business as usual. I told our people to change their passwords, which is a good thing to do intermittently anyway."

One of those students, Chad Berkely, had access to the computer that was hacked, which could have compromised his password. Because he also provides computer support to the journalism school, Berkely said he changed the passwords on that network, too.

Professor's cancer treatment close to solution

By Andrew Lin
(Ohio State U.)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS - A new cancer treatment created by an Ohio State graduate came one step closer to being used on humans Thursday.

The National Cancer Institute announced that it was able to reproduce the results of Dr. Moses Judah Folkman, who earned a degree in biosciences from OSU in 1953. He is a professor of pediatric surgery at Harvard University.

In May, Folkman published his findings on endostatin, a natural protein that was able to wipe out tumors in mice. The protein works by blocking angiogenesis, the growth of new blood vessels that support tumors.

The ensuing media frenzy was stifled in the fall when the Institute announced that its researchers were unable to reproduce Folkman's results in its own laboratories using endostatin shipped to its lab from Folkman.

Institute researchers, working in Folkman's laboratory at Children's Hospital in Boston, were able to reproduce the results.

Dr. Steven K. Clinton, the director of OSU's Division of Hematology and Oncology, transferred to OSU from Harvard six months ago.

"I know Dr. Folkman and many people in his lab," Clinton said. "They do outstanding work. I had no doubt that the previous results were scientifically sound."

Thus far, it is believed that the Institute researchers' previous inability to duplicate the results in their own lab was because of technical problems, such as transportation or injection of the protein.

"The anti-angiogenic proteins are very complicated biological structures; they are not simple chemicals like most drugs," Clinton said. "They are hard to prepare, hard to store properly and break down very easily if conditions are not optimal."

Folkman's team will now help the Institute reproduce the results in an Institute laboratory. The Institute has also begun to design endostatin studies for humans.

Clinton, one of several OSU faculty members studying angiogenesis, said that OSU researchers would like to test endostatin on human cancer, but few institutes will be given this opportunity early on.

"If humans were mice, we would have conquered the disease long ago," Clinton said. "Folkman can cure mice, and so can many others. We often lose something in the translation to humans for many reasons."

Overall, Clinton described the potential for endostatin as "guardedly optimistic."

"It should be presented as education concerning one of many great ideas currently being pursued with optimism," he said. "But we have been here before. Magic bullets just don't happen very often."

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Pro-greek rally draws attention to Dartmouth debate

By Brad Russo

HANOVER, N.H. - As many as 800 students, mainly Greek house members, crowded the ice-covered lawn of Psi Upsilon fraternity Saturday afternoon to participate in a spirited rally at which 15 students gave emotional speeches in support of the continuing existence of single-sex fraternities and sororities at Dartmouth, the school that inspired the movie *Animal House*.

The crowd members, many of whom wore Greek letters and green ribbons as symbols of their support for the current system, braved the cold weather for two hours. The speakers represented a wide spectrum of the Greek community, as well as one unaffiliated student, who expressed anger towards the Board of Trustees' historic, social, and residential life initiative which calls for an end to single-sex Greek organizations at the College.

In contrast to the largely repressed anger and opinions during Thursday's Opening Ceremony of the annual winter carnival, the speakers at Saturday's rally seemed to hold little back, using imagery, quotes, and metaphors of the strongest rhetorical caliber.

The crowd cheered as Kappa Delta Epsilon sorority president Anne Mullins '00 said, "we will fight tooth and nail to maintain current system."

Alpha Theta coed fraternity president Michael Holmes '00 questioned, "who among you wouldn't defend your homes and families."

Landis Fryer '99 compared the administration and Trustees to Dr. Jack Kevorkian "assisting in a slow, calculated suicide" of the Greek system.

The words were strong and the images were stronger as some students wore signs on their backs that said "my house is my family."

As the students protested, camera crews from national television networks circulated among the crowd, reminding all that the current controversy is not contained within the confines of small-town Hanover, but has spread to become an issue of national attention.

That gravity and weight were not lost on those in attendance at Saturday's rally who refused to accept earlier statements by the college president and trustee chair that this decision "is not a referendum." Instead, the Greek leaders have chosen to fight the decision to coeducate existing Greek houses and this rally contained their battle cries.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity president John Finley '00 addressed what he said he saw as that effort's national significance.

"This is not simply about us here at Dartmouth College ... what happens here cannot be isolated," Finley said. "The eyes of the world are upon us now. It is up to us to make a statement that colleges do not have the authority to take from us our most distinctive human attribute — free will ... Fear not. We will not let you down."

Former Alpha Chi Alpha fraternity member John Muckle '99, addressing the administration and Board of Trustees, said that "there's more involved here than social life. There are bonds, friendships and loyalty ... The blatant disregard you have expressed to us thus far is completely unacceptable. I challenge the administration for once to open their minds."

Intending to present a diversified voice in favor of allowing single-sex fraternities and sororities to continue at the College and counter the Trustees' argument that the houses as they exist now are exclusionary, the organizers of the rally invited numerous students with different interests and backgrounds to speak in favor of the current system.

Sigma Nu fraternity member Connor Smith '00 said his house gave him the support he needed to publicly announce his homosexuality and Delta Delta Delta sorority member Sarah Burgamy '00 said she was openly gay in high school and still looked for a college with a strong Greek system.

"I don't know if [the administration] is blind or what," Burgamy said. "We're not all the same but we're all family."

Delta Sigma Theta sorority president Mikisha Brown '00 said while she has heard rumors that historically black fraternities and sororities like hers would not be affected by the Trustees' initiative, she felt the need to support her fellow organizations."

"We need to take a united stand," Brown said. "Now is the time for activism and action, not silence and indifference."

Coed Greek member Holmes said "the option to join a coed house is already available," adding "the supply of coed houses already meets, perhaps even exceeds, the demand."

Others echoed the importance of allowing individual students the opportunity to decide for themselves in what capacity to be involved with the Greek system. Many speakers emphasized the intimate and sacred personal bonds created within a house as well as the worldwide fellowship created by national Greek houses.

Mullins and others discussed the role of the Greek houses in educating Dartmouth students on issues of importance such as sexual abuse, alcohol use and eating disorders -- education she said is lacking in other areas of the College.

"The only significant alcohol abuse and awareness education we have gotten is through the Greek system," Mullins said. "We have charged the administration with providing more education and more social options for the entire community. We will stand firm. We will stand strong — not only because we love the Greek system, but because we require social choice, and most of all because we love Dartmouth."

Unlike previous rallies and protests on campus that directly or indirectly pitted students against students, Saturday's event presented the pro-Greek position as being one for greater social choice for all. It allowed students to choose social options for themselves — and in so doing, pitted students solely against the administration and the Trustees.

Unaffiliated student Leda Eizenberg '00 said while she decided not to join a sorority she never decided not to participate in Greek life and opposes the Trustees' Greek reforms.

"I'm offended by the administration's unfathomable attempt to destroy Dartmouth's Greek system," Eizenberg said, attacking the Trustees' initiative at its coeducational core. "Both sexes are entitled to their own spaces if they feel that they need it... I may not be in a house but I can honestly say I would not want to attend Dartmouth without Greek life."

Chris Miller, a member of Alpha Delta when he was a Dartmouth student, co-wrote *Animal House*, the 1978 comedy about frathouse debauchery.

"Every time they plant a tree or modify the curriculum they constantly have student meetings and discussions," complained Catherine Curran, 19, a sophomore and sorority member from Las Vegas. "For something this drastic, they should have gotten student input."

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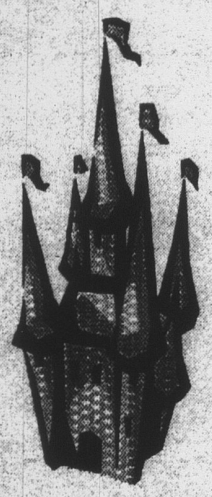

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By Robert Bolt

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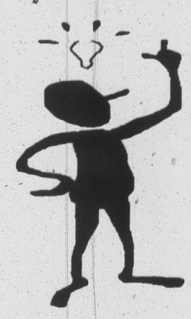

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Beeghly Theater

AGENDA

Welcome ..... by T. Williamson
Report on February Board of Trustees' Meeting &
Strategic Plan Implementation ..... by Williamson
Summer Music Festival Proposal ..... by Williamson
Budget Projections for Remainder
of 1998-99 & 1999-2000..... by W. Birkhead
Report on Accreditation ..... by J. Deegan
Construction Plans for West Hall Site
and Renovation of Thompson Clark ..... by Birkhead

Questions and Answers
Adjournment

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The Scrawl staff invites you to submit a design for the cover of this year's 60th anniversary edition. The winning entry will receive $50. Submissions are due February 19th to Box 159. E-mail questions to nolanjl.

Bands to play on Earth Day April 10. For more info call Josh Martin, Ext. 6503.

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Glacier Park, Montana will hire 900 college students for summer jobs in all segments of hotel and hospitality areas. Jobs include hotel front desk clerks, room attendants, cooks, wait persons and tour guides. Students may also participate in guest entertainment, such as the American Cabaret Theatre, a Glacier Park tradition. Work begins early June-late September. Majors of particular interest to the company: accounting, music and theatre. Details: call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 207-2620 or visit their website: www.gpihr.com.

Hallmark Cards, Inc. takes summer interns for creative positions, visual arts positions, language arts, and sales. Contact Jackie Meade, Career Center, Ext. 7343.

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Calendar of Events

Friday, Feb. 19
Swimming GLIAC Championships
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Board of Trustees meeting - Various Campus Locations
11:40 a.m., Chapel, David Derby
6 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Retro Dance - TUB Lounge
8 p.m., Pit-T Crew Woodwind Quintet Concert - Orr
10 p.m., JT's Cafe - Down Under

Saturday, Feb. 20
Swimming GLIAC Championships
Alpha Phi Omega Social Function
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
1 p.m., W Basketball at Wayne State, MI
3 p.m., M Basketball at Wayne State, MI
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel

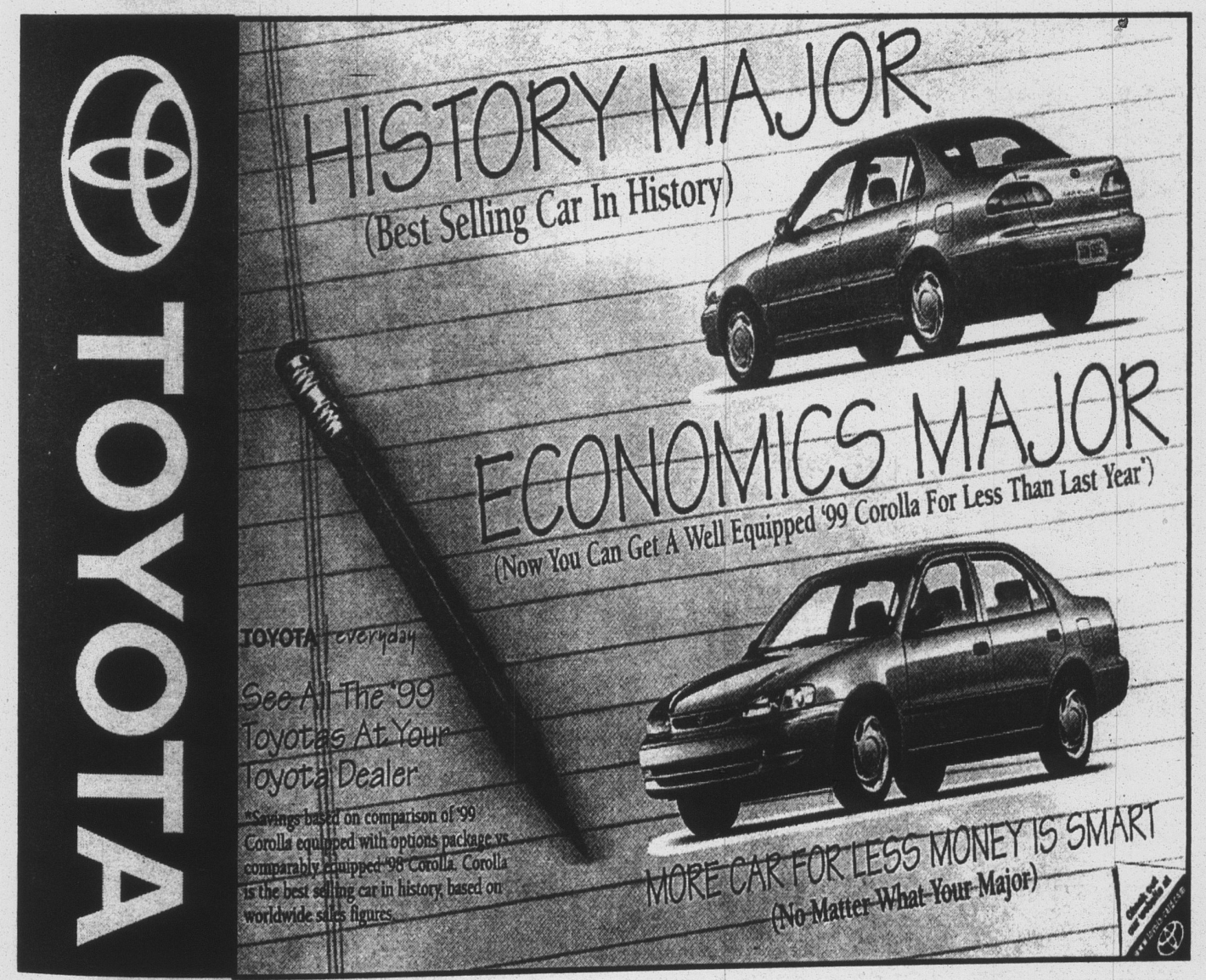
Sunday, Feb. 21
3 p.m., Chamber Ensemble Recital #2 - Chapel
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Vespers, Rev. Jeff Moore - Chapel
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
8:15-10 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

Monday, Feb. 22
Phi Mu Unity Week
Washington's Birthday
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Brian Kiehl
3-5 p.m., Administrative Staff meeting - TUB A/B
5 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi meeting - Alpha Sigma Phi House
5:30 p.m., Panhel meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m., Zeta Tau Alpha meeting - TCF 116
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6 p.m., Phi Mu meeting - PH 112/113
6 p.m., Diversity Symposium: Talking about People - TCF 116
6:30 p.m., Kappa Delta meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
7 p.m., BSU meeting - PH 231
9 p.m., WestPACS (Business & Industry) Job Fair Orientatio

Tuesday, Feb. 23
File your FAFSA
SGA Runoff Senate Elections
7 a.m., Tuesday Morning Fellowship, Camila Bari Lopez - Lindley Dining Hall
11 a.m., LAWPAC event: "Careers in Law" - PH 131
11 a.m.-3 p.m., Campus Crusade for Christ Info. meeting - TUB Grill
5:3.0.-6:30 p.m., Campus Crusade for Christ Info. meeting - TUB A/B
7 p.m., PERC (Education) Job Fair Orientation - TUB A/B
7 p.m., Diversity Symposium Event: Appalachia through Music and Art - Down Under
9 p.m., Circle K meeting - TUB A/B

Wednesday, Feb. 24
SGA Runoff Senate Elections
11:30 a.m., Faculty Forum, Teaching with Technology - PH 131
3:30 p.m., Diversity Symposium: Workplace Issues of Employees - Chapel
4:15-5:30 p.m., Phi Sigma Tau meeting - PH 116
7 p.m., SGA meeting - TCF 116
7:30 p.m., Leap Joans Concert - Down Under
8 p.m., Theatre Westminster presents Another Antigone - Beeghly
8-9 p.m., Discussion: Lenten Themes - OM 210
8 p.m., CPC meeting - TUB A/B
8:30-9:30 p.m., SAVE meeting - TCF 111

Thursday, Feb. 25
Spring Phone-a-thon Ends - Thompson House
W Basketball GLIAC Tournament
M Basketball GLIAC Tournament
11 a.m., ALL CAMPUS MEETING, PBIRC Report - Beeghly Theater
11:15 a.m.-noon, Mass - OM 210
6:30 p.m., Ed. Dept. Portfolio Workshop - HSC 150
7 p.m., Diversity Symposium: Health Outcomes of Domestic Violence - Hoyt 152
7 p.m., IFC meeting - TUB A/B
8 p.m., Theatre Westminster presents Another Antigone - Beeghly



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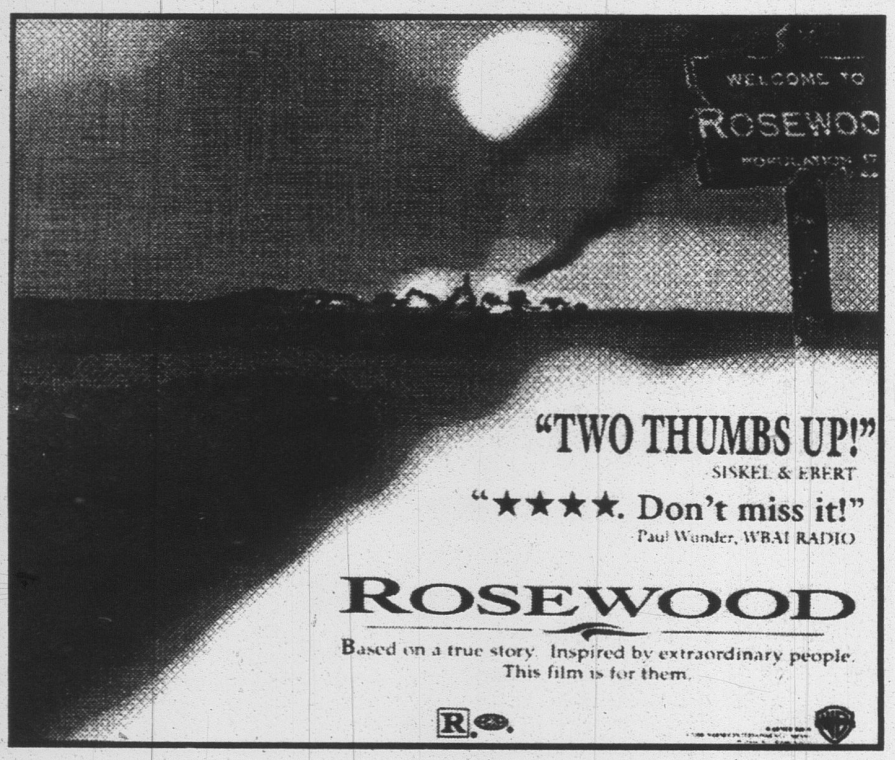

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Friday Feb. 19 at the Down Under

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Fusco to step down as athletic director but continue teaching

Director of Athletics Dr. Joseph B. Fusco will step down as athletic director June 30. He will continue teaching physical education through the 1999-2000 school year, after which he tentatively plans to retire.

Fusco has served as Director of Athletics since 1985, when he replaced the late C.G. "Buzz" Ridl. During that 14-year span, the athletic department has grown from 12 varsity sports to 16, with an emphasis on the addition of women's sports. During Fusco's tenure as athletic director, Westminster has added men's soccer (1986-87), women's swimming (1987-88), women's cross country (1988-89), and women's soccer (1998-99) as varsity sports.

"Joe has led the Westminster Athletic Department through a period of great success," said President R. Thomas Williamson.

In addition to the growth of the athletic department, Fusco has also overseen a number of improvements to the athletic facilities. He led fundraising for construction of a new physical fitness center in Memorial Field House, which was completed in 1994. The installation of new bleachers and a media center in Buzz Ridl Gymnasium was also under his direction.

"Through wisdom, foresight and hard work, he has laid the groundwork for strong programs and facilities that will benefit Westminster student-athletes for years to come. I am personally grateful for Dr. Fusco's leadership throughout my tenure at Westminster," Williamson added.

Prior to the 1997 football season, he oversaw the construction of the two-story football press box, as well as the renovation of the football bleachers.

In addition, Fusco was very supportive of the Mansell Education Wing at the field house, which is currently under construction. The wing will result in more classroom space, meeting areas, office space, and an expanded lobby area. Fusco has also served as coordinator of the Towering Titan Organization, the main athletic fundraiser. Since 1985, TTO has raised over $1.5 million for Titan athletics while building an endowment fund currently worth over $650,000.

"I've truly enjoyed leading the Titan athletic program over the past 14 years and will continue to help the program in any way I can in the future," said Fusco. "However, I believe it is time to step aside and allow the administration to select someone new to lead the program."

Although his accomplishments are numerous, Fusco is probably best known for his time as head football coach. From 1972-90, Fusco led the Titans to a record of 154-34-3 and four NAIA Division II National Championships (1976, 1977, 1988, 1989). When he stepped down as football coach at the conclusion of the 1990 season, he was tied for second in a ranking of winning percentages among active NAIA football coaches.

A graduate of Wilkinsburg High School in Pittsburgh, he played football as an offensive guard for the Titans under College Football Hall of Fame Coach Dr. Harold Burry from 1956-59.

During his playing career, Fusco earned three letters as well as spots on all-state and all-district teams.

He began coaching football at Wilmington

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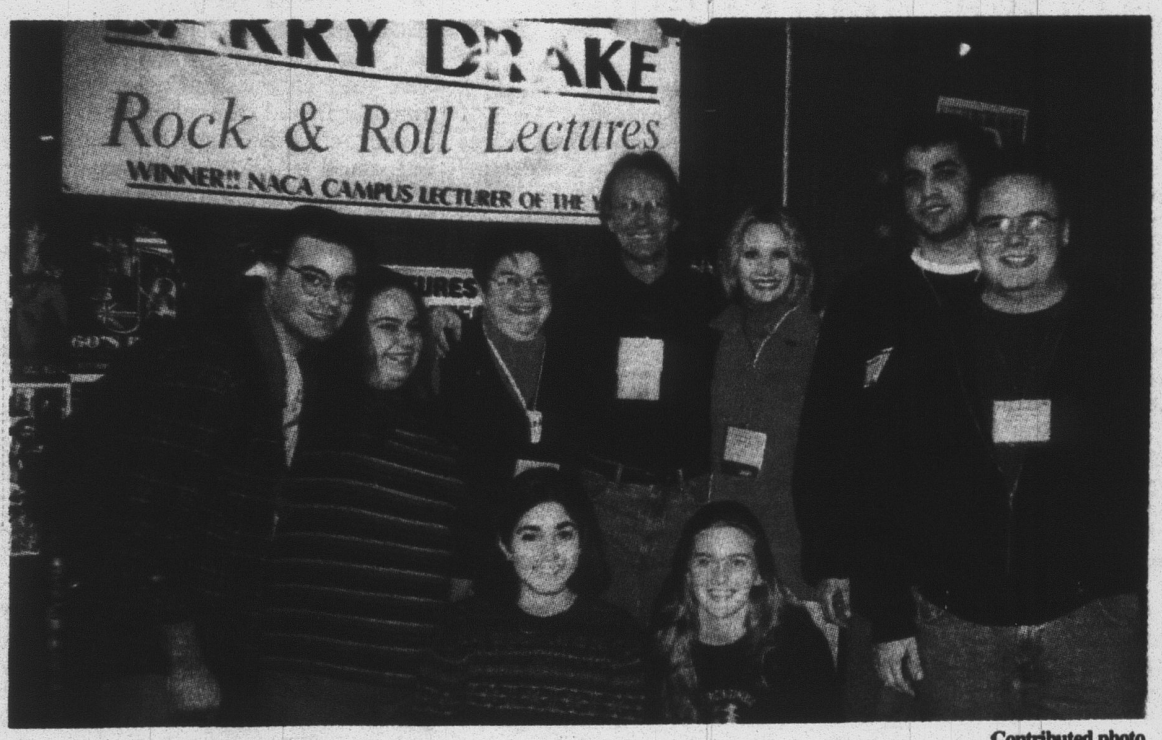
Fusco proudly helps hoist the NAIA Div. II trophy into the air with players and friends after winning the National Championship game at Faucet Stadium in 1986.



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Members of CPC pause for a moment during a long day of previewing campus acts at a national convention.

CPC attends conference to plan for 1999-2000

By Matthew Saxton
LAYOUT EDITOR

Seven members of the Campus Programming Committee attended the National Association for Campus Activities conference in Nashville, Tenn. last week. The purpose of the conference was to book different acts that will perform on campus during the 1999-2000 school year.

Megan Alrutz, Dana Glunt, Chad Taylor, Matt McMurray, Ali Vasapoli, Megan Mamula, and Matt Saxton were the CPC delegates chosen to attend the conference based on their involvement in CPC activities and interest in the performances on campus. Dean Camille Hawthorne also attended as the advisor to CPC.

Held in the Opryland Hotel in Music City USA, the conference gave students the opportunity to see and hear various performers. Students were also able to meet many of the performers and celebrities.

The five day conference consisted of educational sessions that help students better organize campus activities, various showcases to see specific performers and lecturers, and marketplace buying sessions to book the acts.

These events created a rigorous schedule. Activities and meetings began as early as 8:00 a.m. and ended as late as 1:00 a.m. the next morning.

Several performers have all

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Weekend Weather

Friday: Rain, High 52, Low 36

Saturday: Rain, High 45, Low 29

Sunday: Cloudy, High 44, Low 31

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CAMPUS LIFE

Priest to display other talents directing next play

By Kendra McClymonds
STAFF WRITER

Putting down his rosary beads and picking up a script, Fr. Bob Miller of the St. Camillus Parish in New Castle will direct the third theatre production of the year.

What does the priesthood have to do with theatre arts? According to Miller, both are a very important part of his life.

"The priesthood and the theatre have always been intimately connected for me," he said. The connection was made even stronger during his undergraduate years at St. Vincent College where he was a theatre arts major and later earned a Master's degree in theology.

When Miller decided to become a priest 18 years, it was partly because of the theater.

"My involvement in dramatics increased my self esteem and confidence which made me a happier person," he said. "That increased my faith thus leading to the priesthood."

Miller will direct *A Man for All Seasons,* written by Robert Bolt. The play is about the life of Thomas More, the Chancellor of England who refused to acknowledge King Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon, or his decision to marry Anne Boleyn. The Catholic Church declared More a saint in 1935 and the play depicts More's struggle to uphold Christian morals.

"A great man in the public eye who would not compromise his integrity deserves reflection," Miller said. "I think this is very timely in light of what our nation has undergone."

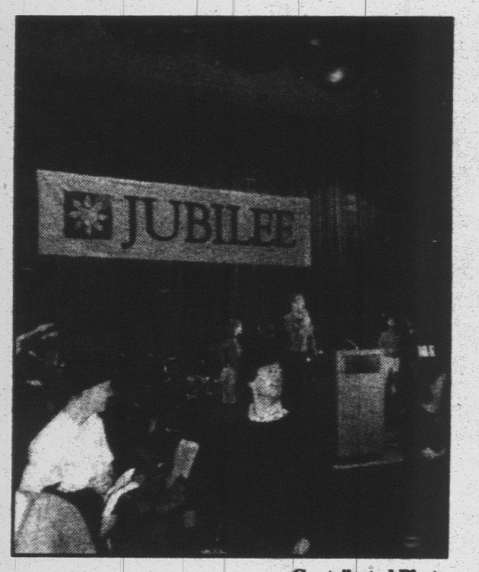
Although the play was written for a predominately male cast, Miller said he plans to convert some of the parts to female roles, because the high demand for male actors has caused some concern for those involved with the production.

"I hope that whatever the guest director decides to do will be in the best interest of the show and everyone involved," said sophomore theatre major Kristy Bronder.

Miller has directed various high school plays, but looks forward to working with college students.

"I thought it would be a good thing for me to get involved with the campus life," he said.

Auditions for *A Man for All Seasons* will be Mar. 1-2 in Beegley Theatre. The performances will be Apr. 28-30 and May 1st at 8 p.m.



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Crowds gather at the annual Jubilee.

Jubilee allows students to praise, celebrate

By Nikki Quimby
STAFF WRITER

"Lord I lift your name on high, Lord I love to sing your praises." This song may be unfamiliar to you, but it will not be unfamiliar coming from the Pittsburgh Hilton this weekend where the annual Jubilee conference will be held.

Jubilee is sponsored by the Coalition for Christian Outreach, a ministry for students in the tri-state area; including Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. The CCO has representatives at several college campuses throughout those regions. Here at WC, we have 8 CCO staff members. The Coalition is sponsoring Jubilee '99, to remind people that "this is God's world." This year's conference will take place this weekend, February 26-28th. The conference theme is of course, Jubilee, coming from the many Biblical references to the year of Jubilee. The year of Jubilee is the 50th year, in which all debts and sentences are lifted and the land is returned to its rightful owner. During that year, you are to rely completely upon God to take care of all aspects of your life, you are not to work, not to get food, nothing. According to the Bible, God will provide.

Jubilee '99 is for students of any major, ranging from accounting to zoology, who want to put God in the center of their life. Titan Traverse director Steve Montgomery is just one of the eight college employees who are a part of the CCO.

"This is a student-run conference," said Montgomery. "It gives students a chance to challenge the world and bring God to the center of their life."

God say in the book of Genesis, "You are the light of the world." According to the book, when God created the world and his first command was "Let there be light," he then told his disciples "You are the light of my world."

The conference schedule includes guest speaker Elaine Storkey, a highly acclaimed author and speaker among the evangelical Christian Community in Great Britain. Also on the schedule is a concert by Sarah Jahn and her opening artists, The LeapJoans, who performed on campus earlier this week. Finally, special guest James Ward will perform.

The weekend is packed with soul food, from seminars and games, to rest and relaxation. Jubilee should prove to be a weekend those in attendance won't soon forget.

Symposium showcases Appalachian culture

By Ashley Law
STAFF WRITER

Debra Thompson, an instructor at Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky, visited Westminster on Tuesday to share her experiences of music and art from the Appalachian Mountains for one of the annual Diversity Symposiums.

Thompson has visited the college for a number of years with a different objective.

"Union College's Appalachian Semester program recruits from Westminster. In years past, I came to set up a table in the TUB and talk about my program," said Thompson.

"This year was kind of nice because I got invited to show the students what I actually love to do," she said. "I was honored."

Dr. Kristin Park, sociology professor, developed a relationship with Thompson over the years because the Appalachian Semester works directly with sociology. The classes offered in the program are on the culture, economy and social institutions of Appalachia. Students in the program are also required to complete an independent field practicum/ research project.

Park realized that Thompson's involvement in the Diversity Symposium had the potential to increase the visibility of the Appalachian Semester on campus.

"I knew that Debra was a musician so I thought she would be a great addition to our Diversity Symposium," Park said.

"Appalachian music and art are part of our heritage and American heritage. We also were interested in a program that was not just a lecture but more artistic."

Thompson shared stories about the music she plays. Thompson also included brief histories on types of singing, banjo, guitar, mountain dulcimer, and percussion playing in relation to the Appalachian musical style. She showed artwork such as baskets, quilts, toys, and other handmade items crafted in the Appalachian tradition.

Not only did Thompson give students who attended the opportunity to learn about the Appalachian culture through music and art, she also told stories about Appalachian life, such as the life of coal miners, for example.

"The program was very good, " junior, Sandy Stonge said about the program. "I really like music like Debra played anyway, so it was a great experience, plus there is nothing like live music."

"I decided to go to the program because I am interested in Appalachian culture," sophomore, Sarah Phillips said. "My dad got transferred to Kentucky last year and I really don't know a lot about the people there. I thought this might help."

First year students are required to attend some of the Diversity Symposium events and made up a large part of the attendance.

Information about the Appalachian Semester at Union College may be obtained from the Office of Admissions or the director of the program at Union College at (606) 546-1324. Students can also learn more about Appalachian music and art in general by using the Internet, or participating in service-oriented projects to the area," Thompson suggested

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ready been booked as a result of the conference. They include Frank Caliendo, a comedian; The Jen Cohen Band; Tom DeLuca, a hypnotist; Barry Drake, a lecturer and music historian; and Craig Karges, a mentalist, who was named by NACA "Entertainer of the Year" at the convention award ceremony. Other performers are still under consideration by CPC, and not all of the entertainment slots have been filled for next year.

"There were some good acts, there were some bad acts, as there are every year. But we have a good variety for next year," said CPC Chair Megan Alrutz.

"We had very good opinions [from the CPC delegates] and very good choices of acts," said CPC Co-chair Dana Glunt. "However, we still need to discuss our favorite entertainers more."

According to the delegates, the task of choosing performers for the campus is difficult because not every student will enjoy every performance. The student representatives must choose acts they feel the majority of students will enjoy. In addition, the delegates must consider the college's $50,000 budget for CPC events when selecting the performers.

The national conference is held once a year and draws students from various colleges and universities from across the U.S. Regional conferences are held each semester and consist of only schools from a specific area. Westminster is in the Great Lakes conference region.

The next national NACA conference will be held in Boston in the spring of 2000.

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Area High School from 1960-66, compiling a 50-12-1 record. He then moved on to Grove City High School, posting a 5-2-2 mark before rejoining the Titan football program as an assistant in 1968. He served as offensive line coach over the next four seasons, including the 1970 squad that won the inaugural NAIA Division II National Championship.

Throughout his career, Fusco has received numerous accolades. He is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame, the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, the Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame, the Lawrence County Sports Hall of Fame, and the Towering Titan Hall of Fame. He was named NAIA district coach of the year six times and NAIA Division II Coach of the Year twice. He has also been the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Citation from the Alumni Association.

Fusco, 61, earned both his bachelor's degree and master's degree at Westminster. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1980. He and his wife Gail live in New Wilmington and have two sons, Joe and Mark.

McGinnis as new advisor for the *Argo*

Connie McGinnis, assistant director of the Celebrity Series, was recently selected by the student publications board as the new *Argo* advisor.

"We had five really strong candidates; we couldn't lose in choosing any of them," said Sheila McBride, chair of the SPB. "But after discussion with the editor we made a choice."

Effective immediately, McGinnis will replace Molly Spinney, who stepped down from the position in December. Though Spinney submitted her resignation, she promised to continue fulfilling her duties until a new advisor was selected.

"The reason I applied was because working in Celebrity Series, I miss the contact with the students," McGinnis said.

McGinnis graduated from Youngstown State University with a BA in English. She then began working in the office of the provost at her alma mater where she was involved with counseling students about their complaints and assisting them with their requests.

She has related experience ranging from her position of circulation/production manager of the Bostonia magazine at Boston College to the assistant director position she held at Carnegie Mellon University. Through these positions, Connie was able to work with students and with a publication at Boston College.

She came to Westminster in 1993 as an admissions receptionist. In 1997, she began working with Celebrity Series.

Although she admits she currently doesn't know about the detailed steps in the production of the *Argo*, she wants to initially focus on the internal aspect.

"I want to work with the staff to develop a good team and good communication," McGinnis said. "I want to make sure everyone feels motivated."

This coincides with what Amy Polen, editor of the *Argo*, was looking for in an advisor.

"I want someone who is open to working with the students," Polen said, "someone open to communicate."

Polen was satisfied with the choice.

"I am confident with her abilities as an advisor and as a confidant," Polen said. "I think she'll do a good job with the staff."

McGinnis wants to take an active role in her advisory position.

"I want to be in step with who the editor is and their strengths and weaknesses," McGinnis said. "I am looking forward to meeting and working with the rest of the staff too."

Polen and McBride both said that Connie seems "very enthusiastic," and they both are confident with her new role.

"I'm sure she'll do a fabulous job," McBride said.

"I look forward to working with her," Polen added. "I think she is going to do a good job with the staff."

Book analyzes gender discrimination in language

By Katie Brentzel
STAFF WRITER

As part of the Diversity Symposium lecture program, author Rosalie Maggio discussed her book, *Talking about People: A guide to fair and accurate language* on Monday, Feb. 22. The book, presented as part dictionary, part editorial advice, analyzes words used on an everyday basis and emphasizes the notion that words, and the ways in which they are used, demand constant attention.

The central topic revealed gender discrimination through our language choice.During her talk, Maggio outlined what constitutes biased language, the topic of her book.

"We talk about people and mention their age, religion, ethnicity, and race. I wanted to point out that it is not always appropriate, accurate, or respectful to mention these things," said Maggio.

Maggio, a self-proclaimed "wordsmith" said, "Words are so powerful. I like to think about how I use them, because how I use words reveals so much."

"The words we use on an everyday basis communicates our sensitivity of diversity. Many of the words we choose are offensive without out knowledge," Cary Horvath, coordinator of the event said.

Maggio's experience as an author has broadened in the twenty years she has been writing. Her works include books on word use and communication, children's books, and a biography of the French language.

These works have made Maggio the recipient on a number of writing awards including the Abigail Award in 1988 and "Outstanding Book" by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in the United States.

Phi Kappa Tau names new advisor

By Nicholas Hillebrand
STAFF WRITER

The Phi Kappa Tau fraternity recently named Dr. David Barner their new advisor. Barner will be taking over the position of Russell Martin, history professor, who resigned due to lack of time.

The duties of a fraternity advisor include acting as a liaison between the fraternity and the college, attending weekly meetings, and helping the brothers with many aspects of education.

Dr. Barner has been a member of the college community for eighteen years.

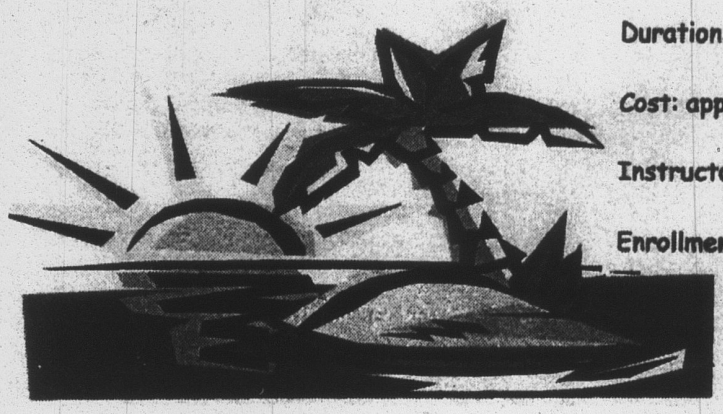
He has been the chair of the communication and theatre department for eleven years.

One of the main reasons that he got involved with the fraternity was because so many of his students are Phi Tau's. When asked what he expects from the fraternity he replied, "They appear to have a good reputation, and are heading in a good direction. I want to keep them heading in the right direction."

The fraternity system is nothing new to Barner. He was a member of the non-Greek fraternity ACACIA at Shippensburg. There he was a founding father of the fraternity, and he also held the position of publicity chair.

Announcing: A Travel Course

Ecology and Evolution of the Galapagos Islands and the Rainforests of Ecuador



Duration: January 2-16, 2000

Cost: approximately $2950.00

Instructors: Drs. Joe Balczon and Keen Compher

Enrollment limit: 24

Description: This travel course will be an introduction to tropical ecology and evolution. We will visit both the rainforest of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, to observe firsthand the biological wonder that Charles Darwin himself saw over 100 years ago. The opportunity exists for certified individuals to SCUBA dive on this trip (certification is obtainable through Westminster College).

Course Credit: the 4 credit hour course will earn Biology major elective credit and scientific discovery IP credit for non-Biology majors.

Itinerary

January 2.....leave Pittsburgh airport, arrive in Quito, Ecuador.
January 3-10.....fly to Galapagos Islands, embark on 8 day/7 night cruise of the Galapagos Islands.
January 11-15.....Rain and cloud forests of Ecuador
January 16.....return to Pittsburgh

For more information, contact
Dr. Balczon: 312 Hoyt (946-7215) Balczojm@westminster.edu
Dr. Compher: 222 Hoyt (946-7210) Compherk@westminster.edu

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 3, at 5:15 p.m., in Hoyt 212.

NEWS

Ensembles perform in chapel

Photo by Laura Butchy

Shawn Cloonan conducts the Flute Choir at Sunday's concert.

By Meghan Duda
STAFF WRITER

People of all ages gathered last Sunday in the chapel to hear the Chamber Ensemble Recital.

Richard T. Greig, director of bands and instructor of musical education, counted this as his third year of putting on the recital.

"They performed really well," Greig said. "It really takes a lot [from the students] because many are not conducted. The students practice together and encourage each other to learn as musicians do. They learn by having the group learn from each other," Greig added.

There are usually three ensembles per year, one in the fall and two in the spring. However, this was the first of the year, due to the cancellation of the fall recital because of a scheduling conflict.

The hour-long program consisted of five separate groups: a brass quintet, woodwind trio, saxophone ensemble, a flute choir, and a woodwind quintet. Each group played a few selections ranging from "Fantasia" by John Milton to "Maple Leaf Rag" by Scott Joplin.

"I thought it was a broad spectrum of selections," Preston Dibble a sophomore music education major said. "When the saxophone ensemble played the jazz [the Maple Leaf Rag] it was cool."

The Brass Quintet began the performance with "La Tromba" by Francois Couperin, "Fantasia" by John Milton, "Scherzo" by John Cheetham and "Two Short Pieces (from 42 Hungarian Folk Melodies)" by Bela Bartok.

"I was really impressed with the brass quintet because they are all freshman except the trombonist," Dibble said.

The quintet consisted of Paul Carlson and Lisa Raidel on the trumpet, Allyson Parks on the horn, Leslie Baylor on the trombone and Dan DiDesiderio on the tuba.

The next group, the Woodwind Trio, is a group who developed from an outgrowth of a music course. The trio performed six selections from "Divertimento" by Malcolm Arnold. The group's members included on flute Melinda Eckles, on oboe Kerry Barker and on clarinet Rebecca Hall.

This was followed by the Saxophone Ensemble, the latest group to be added to the chamber ensemble. The ensemble performed "Romance and Troika" by Surge Prokofiev, "Allerseelen" by Richard Strauss, and "Maple Leaf Rag" by Scott Joplin. The group's contributors were Robin Whelply, Kathleen Morgan, and Ryan Vaccaro on alto; Michael Taylor on tenor and Douglas Black on baritone.

The Flute Choir, the largest; oldest; and only conducted group, performed "La Primavera" by Antonio Vivaldi. The group includes Jaclyn Habaugh, Laura Bird, Robyn Zellers, Melinda Eckles, Amanda Rosbach, Jessica Prevost, Jennifer Scott, and Kim Smida was conducted by Shawn Cloonan.

The final group was the Woodwind Quintet. This group contains a large majority of seniors and was labeled "busiest" by Greig due to their numerous performances at the college and in the Pittsburgh area. The woodwind performance consisted of eight selections from "La Cheminee du Roi Rene" by Darius Milhaud. Group members are flute: Gabrielle Bero, Christina Andrae; clarinet: Chaleen Shephard; horn: Lisa Steiner; and bassoon: Jennifer Williamson.

Jaclyn Habaugh, a sophomore member of the Flute Choir, felt that the entire performance was a success.

"The entire thing went really well," Jaclyn said. "But, the Woodwind Quintent was by far the best."

Pat Bittler, a Mercer area resident, was a first-time attendee to the Chamber Ensembles.

"I play the organ and have an appreciation for music," Bittler said. "It was very relaxing."

But Greig did have one complaint to make about the recital.

"I wish more students would attend," Greig said. His goals for future performances include to "working on publicity to gain more attendance."

The next musical event will be the "Jazz and Java" concert put on by the Jazz Ensemble in the TUB lounge at 8 p.m., March 3.

Rare planetary displays will be visible in next few months

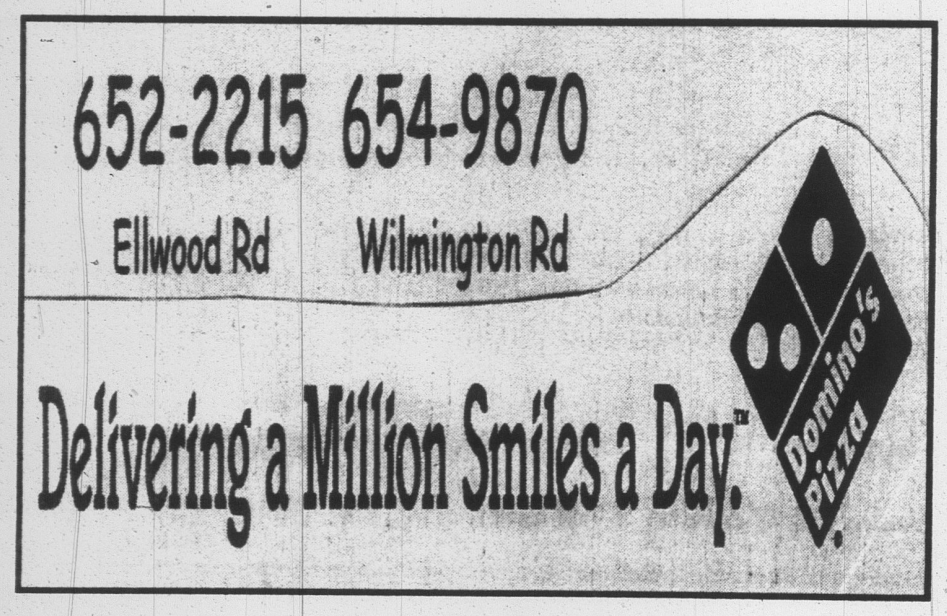
Several people have asked professor G. Samuel Lightner about the brilliant "stars" in the west after sunset. Actually, they are part of a spectacular planetary display, appearing now until March.

From mid February to mid March four "naked eye" planets (Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn) will be visible simultaneously in the early evening sky. Not until April-March 2002 will a greater number be visible at the same time. Also, we will be treated to a rare close conjunction of Venus and Jupiter. The next time

they will appear this close will be in 2015.

While looking at the planets this month, don't overlook the other stars visible this time of the year. To the South is the mightily hunter, Orion, and surrounding Orion are some of the brightest stars in the sky. This area is the richest in bright stars of any region of the sky. Currently, the brightest and closest planet to the horizon is Venus. It is brighter than any other object in the night sky, except the Moon.

Come to the weekly sky observing to learn more. Meet outside of Hoyt 104 at 8:30 p.m. on Monday evenings (weather permitting). Then, go with the group to the rooftop observatory. Venus sets about two hours after sunset now. Above Venus and not quite as bright is Jupiter. Then comes Saturn, which is dimmer, but still seems like a bright star. It is above and left of Jupiter. The distance between Jupiter and Saturn remains relatively constant for this period, but Jupiter and Saturn are setting earlier each day.



Delegates from SAA attend district conference at IUP

By Kim Bartley
STAFF WRITER

Eight members of the college Student Alumni Association joined almost 300 delegates from schools in the mid-Atlantic region attended the SAA/SF District II Conference last weekend.

The conference was held at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and was hosted by the IUP Ambassadors, an organization similar to the SAA.

Delegates from Westminster were Anne Wilson (president), Melissa Wiley (secretary), John DeRiggi (publicity chair), Amy Young (events chair), Mandarin Dague, Amy Houk, Alexa Janacone, and Brooke Tokar.

Throughout the weekend, delegates attended a presentation by a motivational speaker, an awards and recognition dinner, and various student-led seminars. The delegates also presented their own seminar, "How to Build a Student Alumni Association."

The purpose in going to the conference was to look for new programming and activity ideas from other alumni organizations, since Westminster's SAA is only two years old.

"Even though our organization is young, I think our delegates found that we are an active and effective organization," Mary James, SAA advisor, said.

Some of SAA's immediate goals are to become involved in regional alumni activities. Wilson and Wiley are planning to participate in alumni events in Harrisburg, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and Philadelphia over spring break.

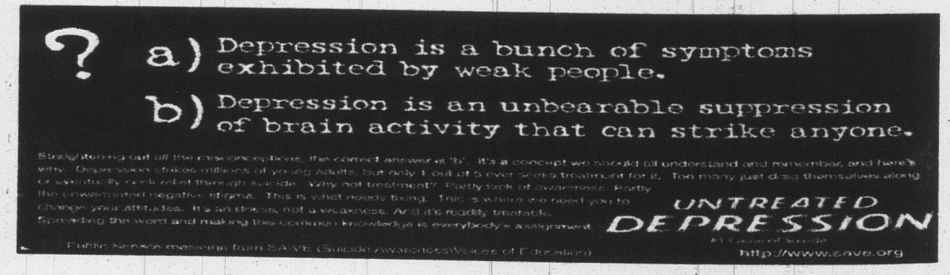
Other members will assist with alumni events on campus, at President R. Thomas Williamson's home, and in Pittsburgh later in the spring. The members of the SAA also hope to develop a long-range plan to provide direction during the 3-5 years. Part of the reason for this plan is to determine how to encourage more student and alumni interaction, and increase student awareness of the value of a life-long relationship with the college.

The SAA currently sponsors Mardi Gras in the spring semester and a bonfire at Brittian Lake held at the beginning of the fall semester.

This is not the first time that the SAA has sent representatives to an event like this one. In 1997, Ms. James and Jessica Hanlin, a founding member of SAA, attended the conference. They both said they thought the conference was a great experience because it increased their awareness of SAAs and the benefits of participating in conferences.

Wilson agrees.

"It was a productive weekend. We got many new ideas and ways to promote growth for a bigger and better SAA," she said.



Awareness dinner marks start of Relay for Life events

By Christopher Campbell
STAFF WRITER

A dinner was held last Thursday to raise college and community awareness about the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

President and Mrs. Williamson, New Wilmington mayor Guy "Curly" McCrumb and junior Mike Zebrine, Relay chairman, were some of the people at the dinner.

"The president and mayor are crucial in reaching potential Relay teams from the college and New Wilmington," Zebrine said. "Presenting all the facts about Relay and getting them excited about the event are key in helping reach this year's goal of $15,000 for the American Cancer Society."

The dinner was held at The Tavern. Sandy Aquaro, the Tavern's owner, donated the private dining area, dinners, and service.

The evening began with prayer offered by Dr. Nancy Macky. The annual relay is held in honor of her husband, the late Dr. Peter Macky, died of cancer two years ago. Dinner followed.

Afterwards, Zebrine and Junior Christopher Campbell, public relations co-chairperson for the Relay, spoke on how the relay at Westminster began, and what they are expecting this year.

"The Relay for Life is organized by the brothers of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and they have been an integral part in getting the event off the ground, said Zebrine. "But for the Relay to be successful, Westminster students, faculty, staff, and the community must get involved."

"The $10,000 raised last year for the American Cancer Society was exciting, but it is only a start. This year's total could be much, much higher," he added.

Bruce Bauman, an ACS staff committee member and advisor to Westminster's Relay, spoke next. His speech partly focused on an award received by the college's Relay for the most money raised per person in a county of Pennsylvania.

Lawrence County has three Relays, the most of any county in the state. The money raised by the Relays, divided by the population of the county, was the highest in the state, Bauman said.

Other topics discussed were ways of getting Wilmington High School and local churches involved, ways of receiving more corporate support, and ways of encouraging and challenging all of last year's teams to participate again.

Camille Hawthorne, dean of student affairs, offered ideas for getting more faculty and staff involved. She said she hopes non-greek teams will also participate.

The Greeks showed enormous support for the Relay last year, but they only make up 50% of the campus. If more independents become involved the size of the Relay could practically double, Hawthorne explained.

Phylis Wagner, Westminster Board of Trustees member, her husband Wendell, an Alpha Sigma Phi alumni, and Bobbi Patterson, who led the Kiwana's Club's relay efforts last year, added to the brainstorm session.

"Many exciting ideas were presented tonight, and if things continue to go this well, the Relay should be a huge success," Williamson said of the dinner.

The Relay for Life is a campus and community wide event to raise money and awareness for the fight against cancer. Teams of 8 to 12 people raise money in the forms of pledges or donations, and agree to have one member of their team on the track at all times during the 12 hour event.

This year's Relay is on April 10. All money raised goes directly to the American

Cancer Society. Anyone interested in forming a team should contact Mike Zebrine at 946-3720, or extension 7991.

Increasing student demand for pizza puts Papa John's on wheels

By Derrick Bash
STAFF WRITER

Prima's and Domino's have a new contender in the battle to win the support of pizza eating Westminster students.

Located in New Castle, Papa John's has begun delivering exclusively to Westminster College.

Prompted by student inquiries about the availability of delivery, Papa John's implemented a trial delivery service to the college. After several weeks of successful business, they have decided to keep delivering.

"Numerous students called asking if we delivered. We didn't, but decided to give it a try due to the large number of requests coming from the school. It's worked out fine for us and the students. Unless any problems arise, we'll keep

delivering," said a Papa John's manager.

Student reaction to Papa John's new delivery service has been good, although at least one student feels it's unnecessary.

"When it comes to pizza, Prima's is the only place I'll go," said junior Don Kelly. "Prima's is part of the Westminster tradition. We should support them," he said.

Freshman Marla Smith is pleased that Papa John's now delivers,"I love pizza. It's nice to know there are businesses so ready to accommodate their customer's needs," she said. "I'm impressed."

Weekly Announcments

The World Trade Institute of Pace University offers a summer internship program in New York City June 5 - August 6. The application deadline is March 15. For more information call the Career Center, Ext. 7343.

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The State Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania has internships available in Harrisburg for summer and fall terms. The internships deal with public policy and legislation, and offers a stipend. Please send resume and letter of interest to: Angela C. West, Communications Specialist, Planned Parenthood Association of Pennsylvania, 1514 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17102. Deadline for summer internships is March 31, and deadline for fall internships is April 30.

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The Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Washington, D.C., has approximately 90 volunteer positions for the 1999-2000 program year. Jobs include working with children and adolescence giving legal assistance, providing housing, tutoring, etc. Application deadline is March 1. Applications can be downloaded from the Web site www.lvchome.org.

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Yellowstone National Park has opportunities for work in their service stations for students who have completed their first year of college. First year employees can earn up to $6 per hour.

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The Badlands National Park is looking for interns to fill various positions during the summer. The internships are on a volunteer basis, and requires students who have completed three years of college. The Badlands administration requires that interns have skills in public speaking and a background in natural sciences. (CC)

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Grotonwook-Oceanwood Christian Camp and Conference Centers are looking for students to fill summer ministerial positions. They are also willing to consider other internship possibilities. (CC)

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The Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, Inc. is looking for interns. This child-focused, facility-based program provides representatives to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases. (CC)

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Pennsylvania State Government is looking for accounting interns. Interns earn $9.07 per hour in a 37.5-hour work week, and could lead to a full-time position after graduation. (CC)

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Choate Rosemary Hall is looking for summer teaching interns in a variety of programs and fields of study. (CC)

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The Pennsylvania State Archives and The State Museum of Pennsylvania has internships available. Positions may be tailored to suit student's needs and may be paid. For more information, contact Jackie Meade in the Career Center.

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The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has a professional intern program open to full-time students. Positions are available throughout Pennsylvania, and are designed to provide a learning experience while earning money. The DEP is seeking students with majors in various fields including biology, environmental science, chemistry, computer science, public relations, political science and business. Interested applicants must complete an application and academic verification statement that can be found at its website,

www.dep.state.pa.us/depjobs. The application deadline is March 1.

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The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, New Castle, is seeking a college student to compile a business directory. Work will involve calling businesses, gathering data, entering data, and completing the directory. Minimum wage. (CC)

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The Lawrence County Planning Commission, New Castle, is offering a college student the opportunity to take on a research project to identify the need for additional public transportation in the Lawrence County area. The ideal candidate is a mature student who is interested in statistical research, and could design the survey, implement it, compile the information, and produce the report. (CC)

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Summer Job/Internship/Community Service Day, scheduled Tuesday, March 23, in the TUB lounge, will have representatives from approximately 60 organizations on campus to interview students for summer jobs, internships, or community service. Students who plan to interview must sign up for an interview appointment and submit a resume for each interview to the Career Center, located on the second floor of the TUB.

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State Farm Insurance is taking applications for its 1999 Western PA Summer Internship Program for students who have completed their junior year. The internship, which pays $10.50 per hour and offers a limited benefit plan, provides work experience in the insurance industry. (CC)

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The Family First Sports Park, Erie, promotes a sports atmosphere where athletes and their families come to cultivate character values. Internships are available to college students in the are of sports management (soccer & basketball), marketing, sales, hotel/motel and fitness club management..

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Rainforest Action Network, San Francisco, has environmental internships available in the fields of media operations, database coordination,

campaign administration, and information assistance. Requirements: computer skills, environmental knowledge, and an interest in conservation. (CC)

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The Carnegie Science Center is seeking Westminster interns or volunteers for the summer. Work is available in a variety of areas including exhibits, children's tours, etc. (CC)

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Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade (CC).

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The College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania is offering an internship award for students of color. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full time in a Pennsylvania college or university, have reached sophomore status, and be a member of a racial minority. March 1 is the deadline to submit applications.

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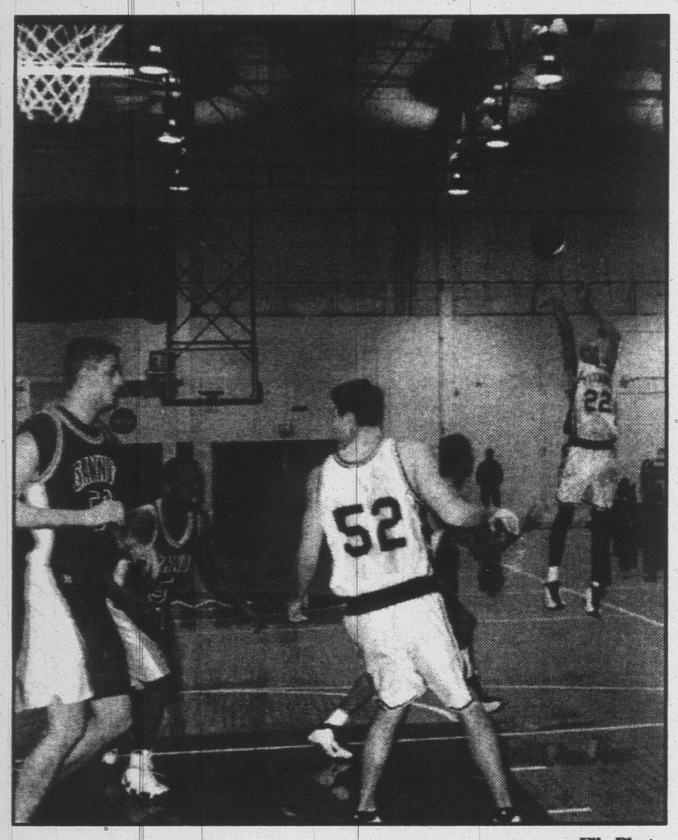
Subway, located at the intersection of routes 208 and 18, has a unique plan for part-time employment. Any student who works for this Subway for a minimum of 250 hours between July 1 and the following June 30 will receive help towards tuition in the amount of $1 per the number of hours worked during that time. In addition, students earn $5.15 per hour. (CC)

SPORTS



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In a final shot at the playoffs, the Titans won two in a row.

Titans end season on a high note with two wins in a row

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster men's basketball team was in a desperate position. They needed to win a pair of tough games to keep their faint GLIAC playoff hopes alive. The Titans won them both in dramatic fashion, coming back from halftime deficits.

The Titans traveled to Mercyhurst on Feb. 13 and snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 66-60 win. Then they returned to Ridl Gymnasium on the 15th and topped regionally ranked Ashland 71-68.

The Titans went into Mercyhurst and got into some early trouble. The first ten minutes featured a 12-0 Laker run to put them ahead of the Titans 24-11.

But the Titans responded, outscoring the Lakers 19-9 to cut the halftime deficit to 33-30. Over half of the run was made while Westminster's leading scorer and rebounder Henry Klinar was on the bench.

The second half was a struggle with five ties and six lead changes. With 3:05 remaining, the Titans took the lead 56-52 on baskets by Klinar and sophomore Chad Phillips.

After a Laker basket, Westminster extended its lead to a comfortable 61-54 with a Phillips three-pointer and a pair of free throws by the only Titan senior, Ryan Sturgess.

But the Lakers struck back. Jeff Woleben and Jody Crymes each hit a trey to slice the Titan lead to 61-60 with 41 seconds remaining.

Then Westminster hit some key free throws. Sophomore Andy Wormsley made three out of four and Sturgess made a pair. The Lakers missed their final three shots of the game.

Junior center Bryan Conrad posted his second double-double of the season with 14 points and 14 rebounds. Wormsley scored 17, while Phillips added 12 and Klinar 10.

The Titans then returned home to take on Ashland. The Eagles, ranked seventh in the Division II Great Lakes Region, arrived and found a Titan team ready for a fight. In the first half, Ashland could not shake the Titans. At halftime, the Eagles only had a 38-34 lead.

In the second half, the Titans kept playing hard and eventually pulled off the three-point upset. Klinar led Westminster with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Sturgess added 19 points, and Wormsley 12.

But not even these two victories could keep Westminster in the playoff hunt. Due to other games around the GLIAC, the Titans were eliminated from any postseason possibilities.

Seniors play tough in final loss to Ashland

By Rebecca Snyder
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team dropped its last home game of the season 83-60 to Ashland University (8-17, 6-12), and saw its overall record drop to 3-22.

The Lady Titans trailed by only 5 points with 5 minutes left in the first half, but Ashland's lead increased to 23 by the end of the half.

Early in the second half the Lady Titans were down almost 40 points, but rallied late to bring the loss to 23.

"This was a hard loss, but I think the seniors gave a good game and played with lots of intensity," said freshman Amy Nansen.

All four seniors posted strong games for the Lady Titans. Jonelle Kish led her team in scoring with 16, including a 4-6 performance behind the 3-point arch. Karin Urbaniak added 15 and led the team with 5 rebounds. Dena Streit and Nicole

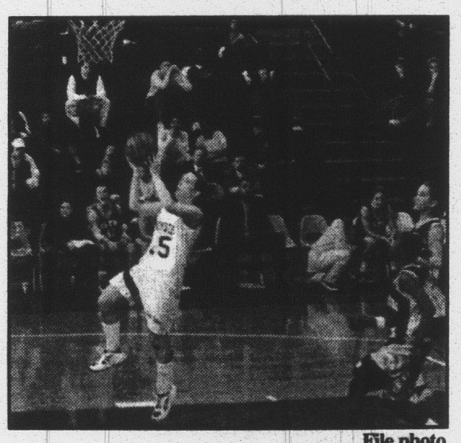
Cox also contributed with 11 and 5 points.

This game also honored the seniors for their four years of athletic contribution. Despite a frustrating season, the seniors looked back on this year with positive thoughts.

"Even though this has been a hard season, I'm really proud of everyone on our team," Kish said. "We all stuck it out, and I think it brought us a lot closer."

Urbaniak had similar thoughts.

"I think we've continually played better throughout the season. There's been a lot of intensity and we've played hard right to the end," she said.



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The Lady Titans finish a tough season.

The following organizations will be on campus the weeks of March 1-5 and 15-19.

Organization	Positions Available	Resume Deadline
Baltimore Co. Public Schools	Teaching	March 1
Robeson Co. Public School	Teaching	March 1
Northwestern Mutual	Sales Leading to Mgmt.	March 1
Buchanan Ingersoil	Accounting, Application Specialist	March 3
Aetna U.S. Healthcare	Marketing Representative	March 4
Richmond City Public Schools	Teaching	March 4
Dietrich Industries	Marketing, Sales Management	March 16
Butler Co. Radio Network	On-Air, Sport Support Positions	March 16
Ryan Homes	Sales, Management	March 16
Dun & Bradstreet	Customer Investigation Consultant	March 16
Canfield Local Schools	Teaching	March 17
Glade Run Lutheran Services	Mental Health Workers	March 18
Hermitage School District	Teaching	March 19

A view from the sidelines: Trade Talk

By Jenny Grundy
SPORTS WRITER

The time has come . . .I have been waiting for this since the last game of the World Series last season . . .it's the start of Spring Training and talk of trades.

Nearly all aspects of baseball excited me; it really doesn't matter what game I'm watching, or even what teams are playing, or the trades that go on . . . I love the sport. Now, to my point at hand, I must say that I am very glad that the trade fell through involving Tony Womack, Al Martin of the Pirates and Bernard Gilkey of the Diamondbacks.

Just in case you don't know the scenario, the Pirates agreed to trade Womack and Martin to the Diamondbacks. The D-backs weren't excited at the original proposal of just taking Martin for Gilkey, so Cam Bonifay decided to throw second baseman, Tony Womack into the equation also. The D-backs agreed to the trade, realizing that getting him in the deal would really add to their team.

First of all, I thought it was pretty shady of Bonifay to agree to give up Womack as long as Arizona would take Martin. Bonifay has been trying to trade Martin now for a year, but he is a hard player to get rid of. Considering Martin went from a starting left-fielder and batting third in the line-up at the season's start, to a pinch hitter that stepped to the plate maybe once a game near the end of the season, what team really wants to gamble with a player like that?

To top it all off, Martin's attitude toward his own team is pretty anything but loyal, having made it known that he too wants to leave Pittsburgh, as soon as he can get a ticket out. Not exactly the best attitude for a team struggling to meet the .500 mark last season.

Womack on the other hand, would definitely be a loss to the Pirates. Every team wants a leadoff batter like Womack. The .282 batter last season stole 58 bases! He's quick, and he's got a great attitude that a struggling team like the Bucs, really need right now. And since the Pirates do not have any big-time sluggers, they're going to have to depend on all of the doubles, triples and stolen bases that they can get.

I hope Bonifay realizes that if he plans to get rid of Martin, he's going to have to look towards another avenue, because loosing Womack, just to get rid of Martin, is not the way to go.

I hope that Bonifay finds a way to trade Martin, because at this point, his presence is hurting the Bucs more than it's helping them. Someone is bound to take him. I just hope that Bonifay doesn't throw away his bouquet of daisies just to get rid of the wilted one in the center.

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A successful swim season finished with conference titles.

Swimmers triumph at championships

By Adam Kunkle
STAFF WRITER

The men and women's swim teams completed a successful season last weekend at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich.

The two teams competed in their first Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) championship. The women's team placed third overall, while the men came home with the conference championship.

"It was a great performance by both the men and the women. I am so proud of what we did," said senior co-captain Greg McAtee.

Pacing the men's team was junior standout Dave Gesacion, who captured first place in both the 100 and 200-yard butterfly. This performance earned him swimmer of the meet, which is voted on by the coaches of the conference.

Other first-place finishers for the men included freshman Bryan Lytle, who won the 1650-yard freestyle with a time of 16:43.62. Also placing first was the men's 800-yard freestyle relay of Lytle, Glenn Giles, Chris Giles, and Gesacion.

Rounding out the first place finishes for the men was the winning 400-yard freestyle relay with McAtee, Lytle, senior co-captain Jeff Cole and Gesacion. The winning time was 3:12.25.

The seniors were happy to see their careers end on such a memorable event.

"Winning the conference meet to end out my career is a great feeling. I couldn't have asked for a better ending," said senior co-captain Josh Gurekovich.

On the women's side, freshman Jamie Sell contributed with a third place finish in the 500 yard freestyle and a fourth place result in the 200 yard freestyle.

The women's 800-yard freestyle relay placed second in the conference with a time of 8:03.08. Competing in the relay was Tina Proudfoot, Stephanie Dawson, Gretchen Burwinkel, and Sell.

Freshman Sarah Weaver also contributed with two third-place finishes in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke.

Overall both teams were satisfied of their accomplishments throughout the year.

"We set out this year to accomplish our goals that we made at the beginning. We came together, worked extremely hard and reached those goals," said sophomore breaststroke specialist Kelly Vernal.

When it was all over, the women's team had finished third with 307 total points, and the men won the conference championship with a total of 476 points.

After the meet, Coach Rob Klamut was awarded men's coach of the year, which is voted on by the other coaches in the conference.

Intramural Basketball Schedual

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9:00 - 2 vs. 7
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National League
7:00 - 3 vs. 6
7:00 - 4 vs. 5
9:00 - 2 vs. 7
9:00 - 8 vs. 1

A League
7:00 - 7 vs. 5
8:00 - 1 vs. 4
8:00 - 2 vs. 3

Women's
7:00 - 4 vs. 2
7:00 - 5 vs. 1

MARCH 2

American League
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National League
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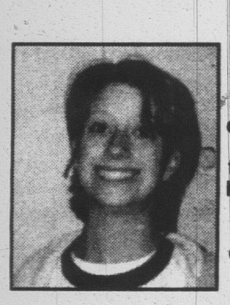
How do you feel about campus security?

Brad Dell, freshmen, "I called one day and asked to unlock TCF romm 208, their responce was 'Is that in the TUB?"

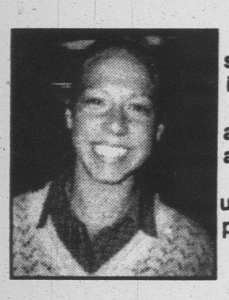


Lara Hoffman, senior, "I feel safe here because it is a small campus in a quiet town. However, I am disappointed in the quality of security here since the change to a new company this year. The guards don't know people as well anymore and they seem generally clueless."

Tara Severin, freshman, "I feel very safe on this campus. I always see campous security driving around campus, and I think they do a good job of keeping an eye on things.

Laura Stanley, freshman, "I do feel safe. I have been escorted and they have been very efficient and helpful every time I call them. They sometimes get a bad rap because of the parking ticket thing, but that is just one part of their importance here."

Crystal Oswalt, freshman, "I feel this campus is much safer than most- because it is private and small. I feel safe because I see the security guys on campus and they seem to do a good job.



Ellen Johnston, sophomore, "My opinion of campus security has gone downhill after their tardiness to a harassment call that should have been urgent. I just think that people always need to be prompt."

Heather Hendrickson, sophomore, "I don't see them as much around as I did last year, but that may be just because I am so used to them."

Martine Barclay, sophomore, "You call and sometimes its busy, and sometimes they don't answer for seven to ten rings. When you finally get through, they make it seem like you are bothering them. When they show up, they don't have a clue of what they ought to do."

Meredith Etcher, freshman, "I always see campus security driving around late at night. I have never felt unsafe here, but if I did, I would know where to find them."

Photos by Kristen Kress

Our View: Faculty insults students

Last semester the Holcad requested permission to report what happens at regular faculty meetings. Since Westminster is a private institution, laws requiring open meetings do not apply. The request was a simple effort to educate students about changes around campus, but some faculty members seemed disturbed by the idea.

Although the faculty quickly voted down the idea of a reporter attending faculty meetings, the faculty sent the suggestion to release the minutes to student media groups to a committee, where it is still pending. Of course, the Holcad already has the faculty meeting minutes. But rather than print the readily available faculty notes in their entirety, the Holcad is waiting for faculty authorization. In the meantime, a few excerpts from the December meeting might persuade students to encourage the faculty to decide to release the information.

In response to the Holcad's desire to attend meetings, Dr. Ross Wastvedt motioned to deny the request for two reasons. According to the minutes, "He reported a sense that the request comes as a hope to participate in decision making. Additionally, the Holcad, although a good lab experience for students, is not always accurate."

The Holcad strives to provide students with accurate, timely information about campus. While trying to inform the students of faculty activities, the Holcad staff has made no attempt to be involved in the faculty's decision-making process. The idea is preposterous.

Journalism students write articles for the Holcad as part of their grade. The rest of the staff works diligently all week to bring the campus the best publication possible. It is unclear how such a job is considered a "lab experience" because none of the staff members receive academic credit for their work or a grade in a class called "Holcad."

The minutes report that other faculty members added the following comments to the discussion. "There are frequent misquotes in the Holcad, a student's presence may inhibit open discussion, and the true understanding of faculty meetings takes a long time."

As for the unsubstantiated criticism of the Holcad, like any other newspaper, the Holcad does not claim to be perfectly accurate. Even so, thus far this year no faculty member has informed the Holcad staff of a misquote, and no one has provided information to correct inaccurate reporting in the Holcad.

In regard to student presence inhibiting discussion, the faculty is probably right. Students should not attend faculty meetings. But faculty members patronize students by suggesting students are not intelligent enough to grasp what goes on at the meetings.

After the motion to allow a reporter to attend the meetings was voted down, Dr. Dave Barner suggested the minutes from faculty meetings be made available to all student media groups. This idea seems the perfect solution to the disagreement: no student presence, just students being informed.

However, faculty members offered several arguments against the motion.

1. "There's no guarantee that the students will interpret the minutes correctly, especially if they are not present."

Students and faculty members will all interpret the minutes differently, but that is true of anything. The faculty should assume that students are mature and intelligent enough to draw their own conclusions. Especially since the faculty doesn't want them present.

2. "The minutes contain commentary that is too detailed for release."

In response to the suggestion that the minutes are too detailed, Dr. Nancy Macky moved to amend the motion and require the faculty secretary to create a summary version of the minutes to release to the public. Excellent idea.

3. "Some faculty matters are works in progress."

Students need to know about works in progress; let's look at an example. If the newspaper reports that J-term has been eliminated, then it is already too late for students to do anything about it. If the newspaper prints the news that the faculty may revise the calendar to eliminate J-term, then students have the opportunity to express their feelings on the matter to their faculty advisors. Even if this didn't change the outcome of a faculty decision, at least students wouldn't be able to complain that they didn't know how it happened.

4. "Much of the faculty business is published in other venues."

This very well may be true. Perhaps the faculty should make students aware of venues where timely information about college decisions may be found. The college newspaper certainly seems to be an ideal venue.

5. "Information might be taken out of context."

The faculty secretary does a marvelous job of preparing the minutes of the meeting, and the secretary can easily provide enough of a context for students to understand. Also, keeping meetings a secret won't improve the Holcad; as the minutes noted, "no information will not increase accuracy."

Perhaps the most significant comment to note in the faculty's discussion came from Dr. Bryan Rennie. He said that this is an important decision that sends a clear message to students.

He is right. The decision to share information about significant college topics is extremely important. At this juncture, the message the faculty is sending says students don't have a right to know what is happening at the college. Do students really need to point out that without them there would be no college? Isn't the students' voice essential for shaping the college in the future?

Most students would answer yes. The faculty should not be afraid to share their ideas with the student body; in fact, the faculty should encourage students to respond to new ideas before they are implemented.

If a personnel matter or other topics of a private nature are discussed at a faculty meeting, then those topics need not be published. But general discussion should not be a secret from students who are interested in the future of the college.

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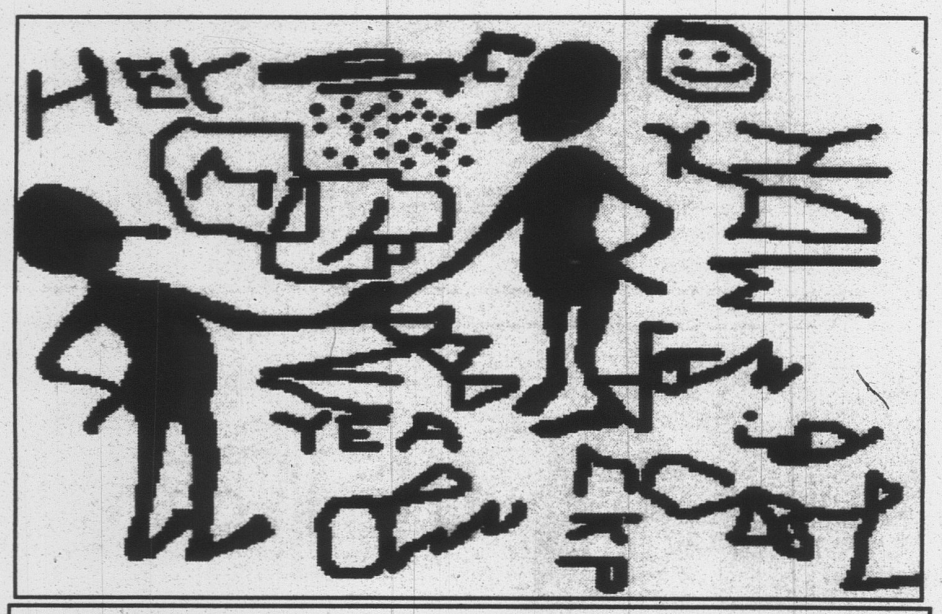

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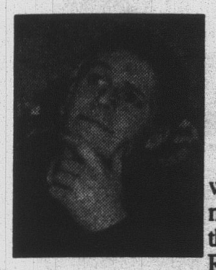

By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

Like any other warm-blooded mammal on the town, I have the desire to survive. Recently though, as a direct result of the increase in movies of mass destruction such as *Shakespeare in Love*, I have been rendered increasingly concerned about the survival of my person and proud lineage sure to produce an ultra-powerful dynasty of tough but fair autocrats. Though I realize my superior quickness, agility, and undeniable toughness brand me as a hard target for would-be assailants, it seems as though the world has become increasingly more militant, sending me into this spiraling blob of uncertainty regarding the future.

I did a short evaluation of my own personal level of security the other day while playing a robust game of "ride the blazing three-wheeler through the propane foundry", and deduced that my life can be equitably termed haphazard and fancy-free, opening me up to certain worldly dangers. These dangers then decrease my chances of surviving, and then what happens to the whole dynasty thing? So how could I increase my chances of survival while still retaining my dangerous, touch and go, live and let die lifestyle?

To answer this puzzle I found it once again necessary to employ the wisdom of a think tank of distinguished scholars and other knowledgeable individuals, willing to deliberate on my special situation. For this rockin' committee I found it sensible and even tactful to team up with Steven the former circus monkey whose irrepressibly hilarious antics keep the laughs coming with ingenious ideas right close behind. For the second specialist I had considered contacting a trained individual at the department of defense or another security professional, but instead I elected to employ a one pound slab of margarine named Super Dude who has eyes made of tacks and a special way with the ladies. Surly this band of misfits could forge ahead to safety glory, insuring safety and security for others and myself for years to come.

The brain trust immediately bolted into action, igniting fierce debate and deliberation, most of it involving Steven's unquenchable desire to gnaw on Super Dude's head. But finally, we were able to manufacture what we all deduced to be a superior way of insuring life continuance for all.

First, we agreed it was probably wise if I acquired a reputation for being a gun-toting maniac ready to fire at will at any and all things daring enough to wander between the crosshairs. To establish this goal I decided that screaming inaudibly and waving a rifle around at a school board meeting would immediately propel me into the ranks of the communities most feared, thereby forcing the number of thugs willing to injure me to plummet, and resulting in a greater security factor. We also determined that I should attempt to make friends with a giant lobster, or preferably lobsters, just in case of a chance confrontation. It's always good to have connections.

Now one of my biggest concerns has recently been the abundance of burglars in the area. If anything has been threatening my security, it's most certainly these cunning rascals. To combat these raiders of the night, my committee and I formulated a couple innovative plans that could easily create a political firestorm that could rock this nation to its very foundations. First,

we thought it would be sensible to rig an entrance to my residence with a giant torching device that could create the Wall O' Flames, which would envelop any individual entering the door and render them a towering inferno. On the door would be a sign declaring "Burglar Entrance" to entice those dastardly scoundrels into to trap to end all traps. This door would also be available to any of those conscienceless corporate bigwigs who may just be passing through with their impregnable fortress of double talkin' jive.

The other notion the group developed was to advertise an immense "Burglar Convention" complete with jewels and money ripe for the stealing on billboards in the area. These eye-catching billboards would also boast delicious hamburgers whose scent we would use to lure those burglar scavengers into a giant cage with specially bred burglar-hating wildcats.

Other safety tips explored generally dealt with health tips such as avoiding those mouth-watering Crisco-bacon sandwiches my family is famous for, and especially keeping clear of elaborate, experimental robots whose primary objective is to go completely berserk and spontaneously fire death lasers in multiple directions for no apparent reason. Though we weren't positive these robots exist or are currently at large, all agreed that it was best to just not find out.

Soon after the robot development, Super Dude was called away on business by Puff Daddy and Shaq for work on a new remake of Lynard Skynard's "Sweet Home Alabama", and Steven supposedly had a water skiing engagement with the former cast of "Transformers". Personally, I was satisfied in the knowledge that I had contributed to a safer world and had made strides to insure my survival and eventual dynastic takeover of some unsuspecting country. That's why the first letter of safety is s, for sure is safe around here, so lets all embrace feudalism.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the article written on the so called selfish driver Jeff Gordon. It is after writing like this that I wonder whether this was the writers personal forum to rip apart the driver who had beaten her favorite driver. To say that Jeff Gordon was only happy about the money he earned is an uneducated look at it. I seem to remember a driver who jumped out of his car whooping it up after winning the super bowl of all races. As for the money issue, no one in their right mind wouldn't be geeked after winning over two million dollars and getting their name in the record books for making the most money in one race. The fact that Jeff Gordon is now the class of NASCAR may make you upset, but it is a fact of life, I'm sorry if the best driver now can be understood in a post race interview it is just the fact that the times are a changin'. Who will you tear apart next week? I guess we can look foward to Mark Martin being called selfish for winning and not bowing down to the one time class of NASCAR, Dale Earnhart. Hopefully your next article will "on track".

Matt Deegan

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Calvin Klein's loss was a win

Staff Editorial
Daily Targum (Rutgers U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Let's make this brief: Calvin Klein recently pulled his children's underwear advertising campaign after facing much criticism. Why did he do it? He knew that he'd pushed the American people's buttons. The ad: two little boys in their tighty-whities holding hands while jumping on a sofa. Seems innocent - for an Underoos ad. The problem with Calvin Klein's latest campaign may not be the actual content of the advertisement, but rather the context in which it is presented.

If the photograph were part of an Underoos or Pampers promotion, no questions would be asked. There would be no assumed sexual innuendoes, no talk of pedophilia, no talk of gay children. But once the photo goes black and white and has the Calvin Klein moniker, it is an instant target for criticism.

The man who introduced a 15-year-old Brooke Shields in 1980 to say, "Nothing comes between me and my Calvins," and Kate Moss' waify heroin chic look to the masses cannot be subtle.

So even if this ad scheme for children's underwear was created with angelic hands and not meant to draw criticism, it did achieve the primary goal of advertising: GRAB YOUR ATTENTION!

The bland advertisements are never remembered. It's the wild ones, the wacky ones and the controversial ones that linger in the back of everyone's pop culture scrap books.

Nobody would have remembered this ad if it were for Pampers, because it would be the expected ad from that company. People will remember this Calvin Klein ad. Even if people have yet to see the billboard in Times Square or the ad in a magazine, they'll remember the gossip, when everyone got their panties in an uproar over this borderline marketing of child pornography.

Some may say Calvin Klein lost - that he was censored, or at least gave in to the pressures of censorship. He didn't. People noticed his ad more than any other for a week, so he made his point. He didn't lose - CK won.

Birth control needs insurance

By Kelly Zeigler
Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY — Last week, Utah senators killed Senate Bill 31, which would have required insurance companies to cover female birth control in health plans that provide coverage for other prescription medicine.

This sudden reversal in legislative opinion, which originally looked favorably upon the bill, was a shock to supporters and an unfortunate step backward in the fight for equal reproductive health care for men and women.

If a health insurer covers prescription drugs in its plan, it should also cover a wide range of female contraceptives to close the unequal health care gap between the sexes.

Supporters of the bill recognize the truth: seven out of ten young women are sexually active and are in need of contraceptives. Women generally pay 68 percent more for health care services and products than men. Contraceptives intended to promote safe sex and improve women's health should be made more available and affordable.

Insurance companies that cover some contraceptives fail to compensate for the most effective and popular means of contraception. The "pill" is the most widely used birth control method among college-aged women and runs about $35 per month without insurance. This cost is at least doubled by the mandatory visit to the doctor to obtain a prescription. If

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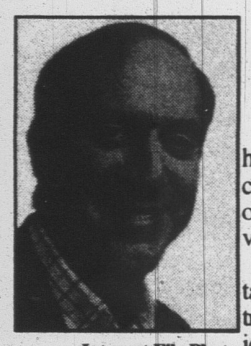
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Siskel leaves thumbprint on movies



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Gene Siskel

By Susan Wloszczyna
USA TODAY

A mighty thumb has fallen. And film criticism has lost one of its most respected voices.

Gene Siskel, the tall, bald one who traded strong opinions and stinging barbs with portly TV partner Roger Ebert for 24 years, died Saturday at age 53. The exact cause was not released, but Siskel announced two weeks ago that he was taking a leave from their weekly syndicated series to recover from last year's brain surgery.

Siskel joked, "I'm in a hurry to get well because I don't want Roger to get more screen time than I."

"Our show founded the genre of battling opinions," Ebert says. "We did it for so long, we would disregard the camera. Gene always said he had an audience of one - me."

The animosity was no act.

"When we seemed annoyed, it was because we were annoyed," Ebert assures. Some disagreements were legendary. "Gene didn't like *Apocalypse Now* and I was appalled. I liked *Cop and a Half* and Gene was appalled." When Siskel revealed the much-hyped "secret" of 1992's *The Crying Game*, Ebert gave him a tongue-lashing.

But what the pair always shared was a passion for the art they praised and panned. As Ebert wrote in his Sunday appreciation: "When he picked *Babe: Pig in the City* as the best movie of 1998, some people thought it was a strange choice. I didn't . . . It was trying something new . . . It had something worthwhile to say. It stood for what he stood for."

Chicago Sun-Times writer Ebert and Siskel of the rival Chicago Tribune were often perceived as more populist and less esteemed than their peers in New York and Los Angeles.

But few wielded as much power or boasted such name recognition. Their trademark "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" were signposts for moviegoers not privy to big-city critics. "People felt that they could trust them," says Paul Dergarabedian of box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

A show with *Washington Post* critic Tom Shales airs next, but no regular replacement has been named. Ebert has said, "I can't imagine what it will be like" without Siskel. For fans of the unique duo, the balcony is closed - forever.

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10 Ways to Avoid a Date

"I'd love to, but..."

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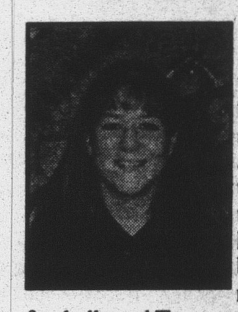
2) There's a disturbance in the Force.
3) The President said he might drop in.
4) I'll be looking for a parking space.
5) I'm observing National Apathy Week.
6) The monsters haven't turned blue yet, and I have to eat more dots.
7) I'm having all my plants neutered.
8) I'm staying home to work on my cottage cheese sculpture.
9) I'm writing a love letter to Richard Simmons.
10) The last time I went, I never came back.

In Kristen's Corner: *Varsity Blues* is a must see



Though it's been in theatres for quite some time now, attracting some medium sized audiences, I just got out to see *Varsity Blues*. It's the story of a backup high school quarterback who becomes the reluctant hope of a football-mad Texas town. I think the best way to describe *Varsity Blues* is *The Program* meets *Dead Poets Society*.

Director Brian Robbins is perhaps best known as rebel brainiac Eric Mardian in the '80s sitcom *Head of the Class*. As the Varsity Blues Web site notes, the supporting cast includes not one but two "former fashion models who have graced the covers of many magazines."

Varsity Blues is juvenile and predictable. Which is one reason I really enjoyed it. It is also not subtle, which is the other reason I liked it. Subtlety, here, is a coach named Kilmer (pronounced "kill more"), a rascally leader called Mox(ie) and a cheerleader saved from full-frontal nudity by strategically placed whipped cream. *Varsity Blues* is, on the other hand, a lot of fun. James Van Der Beek makes a surprisingly likable Jonathan Moxon, the fan/backup quarterback who's pushed onto the field after an injury takes out first-stringer Lance (Paul Walker). He also becomes the reluctant leader of a typically motley collection of players, all of whom have been driven to the physical and psychological breaking point by tyrannical coach Kilmer.

No one's going to credit *Varsity Blues* with rising above the teen-movie category; it's difficult to praise any movie that involves flaunting the breasts of a sex-ed teacher, and verbal musings (though quite funny) about the exact nature of the substance growing on one character's groin. But even as the oh-so-familiar plot complications bubble to the surface and float away, the film somehow has a charm about it. The gorgeous Lance isn't some arrogant (jock) jerk; Johnny isn't some 90-pound weakling who pulls a last-minute Rocky routine while "Eye of the Tiger" plays in the background; and the big win actually happens midway through the big game.

Of course, I know these are small points that hardly add up to a major victory. But sometimes it's not about winning, it's just about playing....

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Grammy Awards Rap-up

Lauryn Hill Breaks Grammy Record

By Michael Fleeman
AP ENTERTANMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) - First came the "Miseducation," then the coronation. In a night of victories for women and hip hop, Lauryn Hill won five Grammys - a record for a woman - on the strength of *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*,' her solo debut album that crossed musical lines and established her as a force in the recording industry. Hill's five wins in one night - album of the year, best new artist, female rhythm and blues vocal, R&B song for "Doo Wop (That Thing)" and R&B album - topped the four Grammys won by Carole King in 1971 for "Tapestry."

"This is crazy because this is hip-hop music," Hill said in accepting the first best-album Grammy for a hip-hop artist as the usually staid awards show took its biggest step out of the mainstream. Rap has been eclipsing rock as the dominant musical form for young people, and routinely produces best sellers. Much of the credit goes to Hill, a 23-year-old mother of two whose music mixes rap andR&B and touches on family and political issues. She had won two earlier Grammys with the Fugees.

Shania Twain, Stevie Wonder, the Dixie Chicks and the Brian Setzer Orchestra each were double winners Wednesday night.

Sheryl Crow won for best rock album, and Madonna also picked up her first musical Grammys, including best pop album for her excursion into electronica, "Ray of Light." She also won best dance recording and best short form music video.

"I've been in the music business 16 years. It was worth the wait," Madonna said backstage. After 51 years of performing, Patti Page won her first Grammy, for traditional pop vocal performance for "Live at Carnegie Hall - The 50th Anniversary Concert." She joked backstage that family members once asked what her grandchildren should call her.

"Grammy. Because I'll never get one," she recalled telling them. "Now they can call me grandma." Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks didn't have to wait quite as long. They won a comedy album Grammy for *The 2000 Year Old Man in the Year 2000* - 39 years after losing in the same category to Bob Newhart.

Titanic sailed on as the ballad "My Heart Will Go On" won four Grammys, including best female pop vocal for Celine Dion and best song written for a motion picture or television. James Horner and Will Jennings picked up the writing trophies.

The Academy Award for best song was one of 11 Oscars for *Titanic,* and while the movie's soundtrack was the top-selling album of 1998, with more than 9 million units sold. Horner told the Shrine Auditorium and national television audiences he initially considered the song just a movie theme.

"It spoke to a lot of people," Horner said backstage. "It obviously was very romantic in a wistful, timeless way." He admitted he no longer listens to the song.

Actor-rapper Will Smith won best rap song for his good-natured "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It." He paid tribute to God, "the jiggiest wife in the world" (actress Jada Pinkett Smith) and his son, about whom he received bad news in his first parent-teacher conference Wednesday.

"His rhyming skills are down," Smith said. "I swear - that's what the teacher told me." Jay-Z's *Vol. 2 ... Hard Knock Life* won best rap album, though he skipped the show because he doesn't like the way the Grammys treat rap. The Beastie Boys won duo or group performance for "Intergalactic."

In his 12th Grammy victory of the 1990s, Eric Clapton won male pop vocal for "My Father's Eyes." Crow won for *The Globe Sessions* and paid tribute to A&M Records, just swallowed up in a corporate merger.

"This is a really nice thing for me," she said, adding, "I want Lauryn Hill to produce my next record."

The Dixie Chicks' *Wide Open Spaces"* was an upset winner for best country album over the better-known Garth Brooks and Twain. "We're freaking out," the tearful trio said in accepting the award.

And the winner is.....

A complete listing of Grammy winners can be found at www.grammy.com

Record of the Year
My Heart Will Go On
Celine Dion

Album of the Year
The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill
Lauryn Hill

Song of the Year
My Heart Will Go On

Best New Artist
Lauryn Hill

Best Female Pop Vocal Performance
My Heart Will Go On
Celine Dion

Best Male Pop Vocal Performance
My Father's Eyes
Eric Clapton

Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group
Jump Jive An' Wail
The Brian Setzer Orchestra

Best Dance Recording
Ray Of Light
Madonna

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Best Female Rock Vocal Performance
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Best Reggae Album
Friends
Sly and Robbie

Grammy challenge 1999

You'll never forget the GRAMMYs. The question is how well do you remember them? You can check you answers a www.grammy.com

1. What country's flag did Jerry Seinfeld wave?

2. Of Sheryl Crow, Aerosmith, Vince Gill and Alanis Morrissette, who wasn't backed by an orchestra?

3. These GRAMMY winners accepted and said, "We can't wait another 39 years for a GRAMMY."

4. According to James Horner, who sang the first demo for Song of the Year winner "My Heart Will Go On."

5. How many artists performed a song, then immediately won a GRAMMY?

6. How many languages did Rosie O'Donnell speak on the telecast?

7. This GRAMMY winner went to a parent-teacher meeting on the day of the show.

8. While making his speech he joked, "I get no respect around here."

9. He accompanied Lauryn Hill on guitar when she sang "To Zion."

Humor-scopes

Feb. 26-
March 5

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Good week to call an old friend, and reminisce. (It turns out to be much, much harder to reminisce with a new friend, although it's often entertaining to try.) It may also be a good time to test the age old addage 'you can pick your friends, but you can't pick your freinds nose.'

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
You will come up with a theory about people - that you can learn a lot about them, simply by removing the first letter of their name. For example, Ron -> On. That's why I'm on-line. That also explains why Hugh acts so primitive and Laura has that Heavenly glow. And if I were you, I'd avoid Alice.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
This week you will be overcome by a desire to learn a new skill, probably knitting. Resist it. You will read something about power tools, in a magazine with a blue cover, which will change your life.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Remember: two wrongs don't make a right. But three rights make a left, and if you do that fast enough, it square dancing.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
If you've been wanting to become a religious leader, this is the week to get cracking on it. Put posters up and chalk on campus (but only in the designated chalking areas). Try to develope a following and look out for you competition from Grove City. Otherwise, probably an uneventful week.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
This week you will have a strong desire to skip all of your classes and just hang out in the TUB. Pass your time by making colorful signs for students that don't go this school that say, "Your the best! Love, your Mom."

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
This week is the day you will discover your larger cosmic destiny! A television infomercial and a 1010 number are somehow involved. Steer clear of Billy Blanks.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
You will call someone, who will insist on calling you "Seven". Humor them — act impressed. Continue the trend by calling one of your other freinds "Eight." Maybe it will become the latest thing and everyone will think that you are realy cool.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
You will discover what Shakespeare actually meant, when he wrote "Hey nonny, nonny", in Much Ado About Nothing. It turns out that it was simply in-field chatter that somehow made it into the play, and that Shakespeare not only enjoyed softball, but was a reasonably good shortstop.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
Beware of celery.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
While attending a séance "just for fun", you will be possessed by the spirit of Rasputin. Surprisingly, it will be a good career move. An all girl folk band will sing songs about you to crowds of thousands of fans who have gathered at a weeklong festival celebrating a Biblical woman.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
You will find yourself in an argument with one of you professors. You'll start shouting things like, "If you are sloppy about how you explain things, I will be sloppy about how I learn things." and "If you think this is the only class I have a paper due in, you've got another thing coming." Suddenly, you realize that you are totally naked. Then you'll awake to the sound of your neighbors alarm clock. It was only a dream.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Census Bureau wants to revive sampling

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Census Bureau will unveil a plan Wednesday to use sampling for counting Americans in the 2000 census for all purposes except congressional reapportionment, a Clinton administration official said.

The Supreme Court last month rejected the administration's effort to employ statistical sampling for generating figures used for determining how many House members each state gets.

Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt was scheduled to make a "major announcement" Wednesday at the National Press Club.

"He's going to put out a summary plan and a framework," the administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday night.

The plan that Prewitt was set to submit to his superiors at the Commerce Department would allow the bureau to generate an official number based on the sampling models after an actual count was conducted for the purposes of reapportionment, the official said.

Those sample-augmented numbers would be used for a variety of other purposes, including the distribution of more than $180 billion in federal funds each year.

Prewitt also planned to announce plans for a national publicity campaign and a partnership with community-based organizations to reach out to people who ordinarily don't respond to census takers.

The debate over the once-in-a-decade measurement triggered a bitter partisan fight in 1998 and the administration's latest sampling plan is likely to reignite it.

A senior Republican congressional staffer noted that the bureau had previously rejected the idea of developing two numbers as overly complicated and difficult to manage.

"It's a complete flip-flop, and it draws into question the political motives behind the decision," said the GOP staffer, also speaking on condition of anonymity.

Rep. Dan Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Census subcommittee, backed by the GOP leadership, has introduced an $800 million package of measures aimed at increasing accuracy without using sampling.

After the 1990 census missed an estimated 4 million people, many members of minority groups, the National Academy of Sciences endorsed statistical sampling for the next count.

But Republicans complained that reapportioning the 435 House seats based on sample-based numbers could work to the advantage of Democrats. They challenged the administration's earlier plan before the Supreme Court, arguing that it violated a constitutional requirement for "actual enumeration" of all Americans every 10 years.

In year-end budget talks last October, the two sides were so far apart on the census that they finally decided to approve money for the Commerce Department. The first sampling plan developed by the administration called for counting first 90% of the populace by traditional means, but accounting for the last hard-to-reach 10% by sampling.

California man convicted in sex slayings

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) - A man who evaded authorities for years was convicted Wednesday of 11 counts of first-degree murder in a series of sex slavery killings dating back to 1984 and 1985.

The jury also found special circumstances of multiple murders that make Charles Ng eligible for the death penalty, to be determined in a separate penalty phase of the trial.

Ng looked down at the defendants' table as the verdicts were read and showed no reaction.

Court clerk Terri Walsh read out the verdict for each count, intoning: "We, the jury, in the above entitled case find the defendant, Charles Chitat Ng, guilty of first-degree murder."

One count, No. 4, was dropped by the judge earlier today after jurors pronounced themselves deadlocked on it.

The trial began Oct. 26. Ng, a 38-year-old Hong Kong native, was accused of helping fugitive survivalist Leonard Lake kill seven men, three women and two baby boys in 1984 and 1985. The killings were allegedly part of a kidnapping and sex slavery plot hatched by Lake and carried out with Ng's help. Some victims were videotaped and the tapes were played in court.

Lake, who lived near San Francisco, committed suicide in June 1985 after police questioned him. Ng feld to Canada and alluded police for six years.

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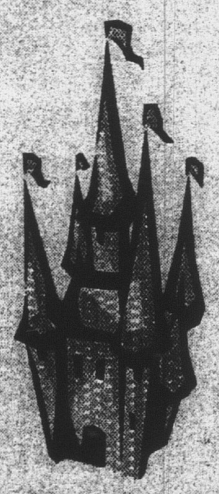

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U-WIRE NEWS

E-books eliminate traditional full backpack burden

By Daniel Duggan
The State News (Michigan State U.)

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — Heavy backpacks and bookshelves filled with books may become a thing of the past.

Electronic books, or e-books, could have the potential to replace printed books.

The handheld devices, about the size of a small paperback, can hold the equivalent of several printed books. The devices come with options such as a back-lit display, for reading in the dark, and touch screens, so users can write notes to be saved on a digital page.

With the ability to purchase a new book online and download it into the device, using e-books requires some knowledge of computers, but it is becoming easier. Large online bookstores such as barnesandnoble.com are now selling the texts used for e-books.

Ben Boyd, vice president of communications for barnesandnoble.com, said e-books are not for everybody but are helpful for those who use them.

"The e-book is not for everyone," Boyd said.

"It is really powerful, and once this gains more popularity, instead of lugging around two or three books, people will be able to use one e-book."

There are several types of e-books now in production, all with different features and book purchasing methods.

- The Rocket e-book, Nuvo Media Inc. The cost is $499, and it comes with a back-lit display and touch screen for writing on the screen. To order titles, a user must have a connection to the Internet to download books into the device.

- The Millennium e-book, Librius.com Inc. The Millennium boasts the most inexpensive e-book on the market with a price of $199. Users must select from the Librius.com library of titles, which is still growing, and they must download titles with a computer.

- The Softbook, Softbook Press Inc. The Softbook can be purchased for $599. To receive a constant flow of books, the Softbook can be purchased for $299.95 plus 19.95 a month for 24 months. It has an internal modem, so all a user has to do to order is plug the Softbook into a phone jack.

At Kent State University in Ohio, e-books are being tested as the textbook for several classes. Students can use an e-book instead of a printed textbook. Roger Fidler, a journalism professor at Kent State, is involved with this project and is also conducting research on ways to make the features easier to use, the memories larger and the displays clearer.

"Our philosophy is a blend of print media values with cyber media," Fidler said.

"We are studying the page structure and trying to improve the readability of e-books. We're also working on improving the LCD displays so that they require less power."

But Gary Reid, director of undergraduate studies for MSU's Department of Telecommunication, said they need to know more about this product before they start replacing printed books.

"The jury is not out yet," Reid said.

"[Using e-books] requires a change in mind-set, since it's a new format and more research needs to be done."

U. New Hampshire senate sanctioned for alcohol violations

By Kimberly Fusaro
The New Hampshire (U. New Hampshire)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.H. — In an attempt to begin repairing the shattered reputation of the student senate, the administration has issued three sanctions, which they said they hope will educate senators while holding them accountable for their mistakes.

An investigation of senate in the last weeks of January ended with two senators admitting to drinking during a senate meeting. One of those senators is underage.

The fate of the two guilty senators, who were forced to resign from the organization, lies in the hands of the judicial board. The rest of senate is being forced by the administration to participate in a morals and ethics workshop, an alcohol awareness workshop, and a community service activity.

Some senators said they feel the sanctions may have a positive impact on senate. Molly McCarthy, speaker of the senate, said the sanctions will mark the beginning of many changes in senate.

"Student senate owes the university community an enormous apology," McCarthy said. "These sanctions are the first in a series of steps we will be taking to make amends for our transgressions and to reevaluate our organization and its function."

Doris Gesamondo, senate parliamentarian, said she was upset about the sanctions at first but that she felt some good would come from them.

She said she hoped that senators would find the workshops and community service "informational, and an instrument to build cohesiveness within our group."

She also said the sanctions would serve as a reminder to students and senators that senate "is not above the rest of the student organizations."

Student Body President Keith Levitsky said he felt the sanctions were necessary to maintain the integrity of senate. "We must hold our organization in the highest regard," Levitsky said.

Alex Yiokarinis, the judicial affairs chair, agreed."The student senate cannot afford to further distance itself from any other part of this university," he said.

Other senators said that they resented the sanctions and felt they were being punished for the mistakes of people who weren't even a part senate anymore.

Brian Trojan, co-Lord senator, said he felt he had done nothing wrong.

"When we were at that meeting, we had no idea what was going on," Trojan said.

"I feel like I'm being punished. The individuals involved should be punished."

Trojan said he didn't think anyone would benefit from the sanctions.

"It's not going to change anything. It's not going to do anything," he said.

Jay Talbot, the Jessie Doe senator, also said he was upset by the sanctions.

"If that's what the communist court system of the administration wants us to do, I think we don't have a choice," Talbot said. "A lot of us are old enough to know our morals. For [the sanctions] to be mandated and dictated to us is ludicrous."

The administration emphasized that the sanctions should not be viewed simply as a punishment.

"I call on the membership of senate to use this episode as an opportunity to redirect its considerable energies and talents into focusing exclusively on what is best for the student body at UNH," said Anne Lawing, director of student life.

"Being held accountable through sanctions is an excellent way of taking the first step in putting closure on this period and getting on with their business," Lawing commented.

"Only now they have the opportunity to do a better job for the students."

Several senators said they felt that the workshops and the community service should become a permanent part of senate.

"The student senate should participate in community service projects anyways," said Yiokarinis.

Student Body Vice President D.J. Haskins agreed:

"They're things we should be doing all along."

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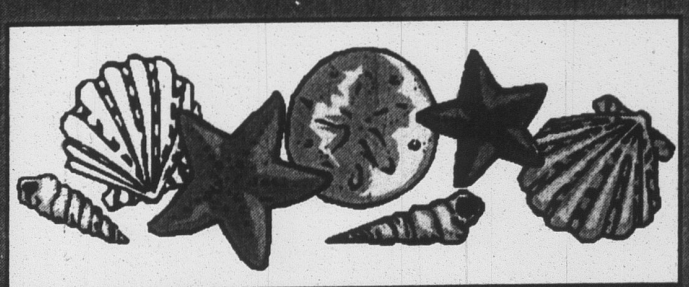

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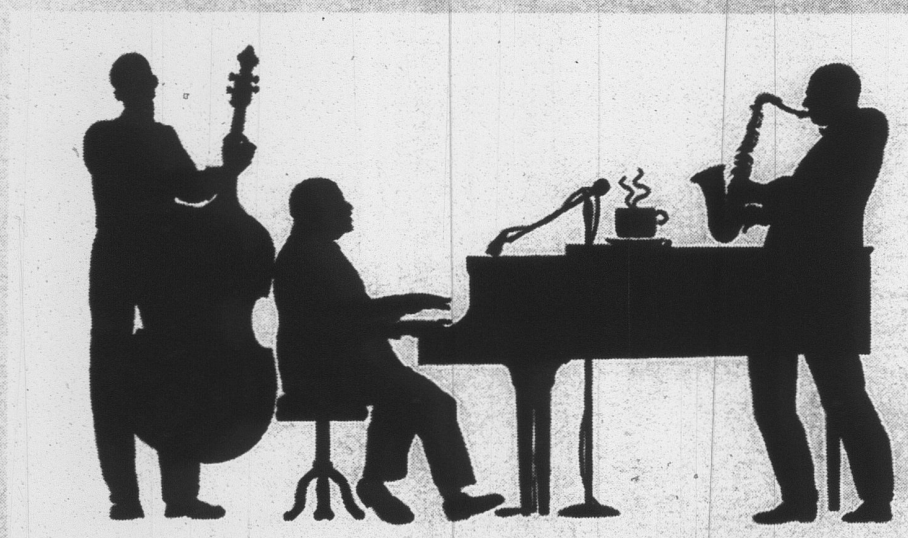

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Saturday, Feb. 27
Jubilee Conference at Pittsburgh Hilton
Zeta Tau Alpha Date Party
W Basketball GLIAC Tournament
M Basketball GLIAC Tournament
SGA Officer Training
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
3 p.m., Kimberly Chase Senior Piano Recital - Orr
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel
8 p.m., Theatre Westminster presents *Another Antigone* - Beeghly

Sunday, Feb. 28
Jubilee Conference at Pittsburgh Hilton
SGA Officer Training
2 p.m., Heather Meinke & Shaun Cloonan Voice Recital & Recital
3 p.m., Spring Fling Reception at Sheraton Station Square
3 p.m., Westminster Orchestra Concert - Orr
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
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6:30 p.m., KD mtg - TUB A & B
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Tuesday, Mar. 2
File your FAFSA
7 p.m., BSU mtg - PH 231
8 p.m., Foreign Film Festival - Down Under

Wednesday, Mar. 3
4 p.m., English Department Colloquia Series - TUB A & B
5 p.m., Student Alumni Association mtg - TUB A & B
5:30 p.m., SGA Banquet - Russell Dining Hall
8:30 p.m. Pre-Law Student Interest Group mtg

Thursday, Mar. 4
8:25 a.m., Geology Field Trip - Carnegie Museum
7 p.m., IFC mtg - TUB A & B
8 p.m., Celebrity Series - Grease - Orr

Friday, Mar. 5
11:40 a.m., Chapel
6 p.m. Halls Close

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ance companies covered the pill, the amount would drop considerably—to about $7 per month. This price is far closer to the means of college-aged, sexually active women.

Lower costs will allow more women to use effective methods of birth control instead of settling for the cheapest means of prevention. With the liberty to choose more efficient means of protection, unwanted pregnancies will decrease while the practice of safe sex will increase.

Opponents of the bill in the senate argued that insurance rates would rise and make health plans too expensive. The proposed bill would have raised insurance rates only $3.08 per year. This small cost would have been more than compensated by the decrease in pregnancy rates and prenatal care.

It is ironic that most health care companies provide for obstetric care, sterilization, and prenatal care, yet refuse to compensate and cover various forms of female contraceptive products and services.

Health care providers are operating under the illusion that they will make money by forcing women to pay directly from their own pocket for birth control. The problem with this is that providing birth control is much more cost effective than paying for all of a pregnant woman's needs.

Women have the right to choose between a variety of products to care for their bodies. Denying this opportunity is discriminatory and irresponsible. How can safe sex be promoted if the means are not practically available?

Powerful institutions, such as the LDS church, have issued statements that allow for the use of birth control, even if only between married couples. It's not the 1800s anymore; families do not need to be in the double digits to survive. Utah should advocate practical and economical family sizes.

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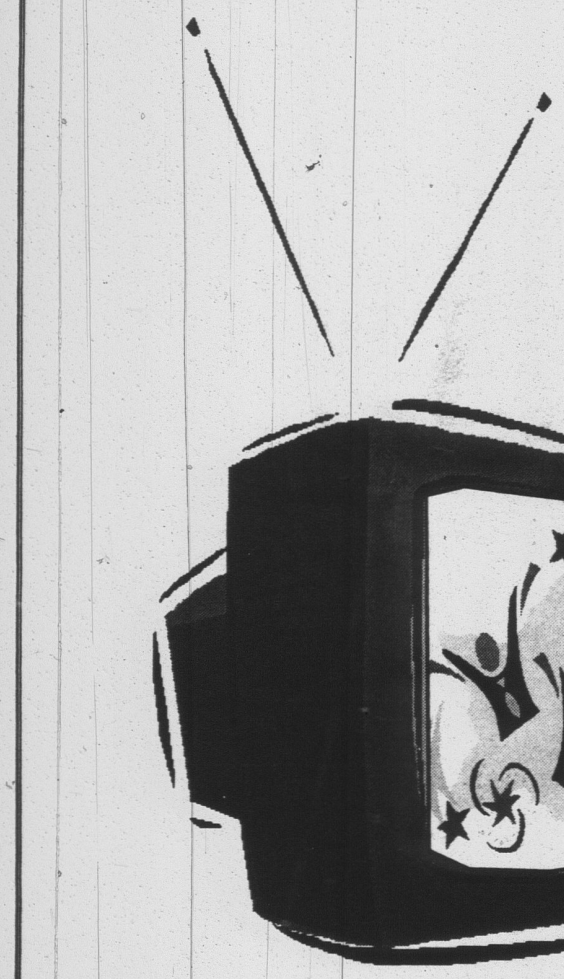

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Students stranded at Cancun mall over Spring break

By Bethany Nastal
COPY EDITOR

Spring break usually means rest and relaxation for college students. But this year, twenty-four Zetas learned a new definition of spring break. The group of women found themselves stranded in a Mexican mall with no transportation or lodging.

After refusing to cancel their trip and receive a refund, the women soon found themselves stranded in a Mexican mall with no transportation or lodging.

The vacation began at 2 p.m., when the twenty-four students arrived at Pittsburgh International Airport for a 4:30 departing flight. A total of 172 students, about 150 from area colleges and universities, were booked on the flight headed to Cancun, Mexico. At 8 p.m., those students were still waiting for their Sky Trek International charter flight.

The students booked their plans with Surf and Sun Tours of Phoenix, Ariz. through Uniglobe All Star Travel located in Ellwood City. Uniglobe was chosen because Shannon Mack, who had saved $700 to go on the trip, works at Uniglobe part time. Mack's sister-in-law, Renee Welsh, handled the booking.

At 8 p.m. the students were told the plane departure wasn't until 11:45 p.m. Mack called Welsh to tell her the news. After getting off the phone, Welsh decided to call Surf and Sun to make sure the girls' hotel room would be held, but the line was either busy or voice mailboxes full.

Welsh and her mother went to the airport and were startled to find no representatives from Sand and Sun at the airport to help the women. Irate parents who called Uniglobe found that Welsh had no authority over the girls, since they were all over 18 years old, and the women were given the option not to go and get their $765 refunded. It was an offer they shouldn't have refused, but did.

Guaranteed ground transportation to the hotel, the plane left at 3:10 a.m. The flight was through Panagra Airlines, not the original carrier.

The students finally arrived in Cancun, were picked up at 7:20 a.m., and taken to a shopping mall for breakfast at 10:30 a.m., not a bad place for twenty-four college students.

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Contributed photo

Members of the equestrian team pose at the Fall horse show for a photo with Coach Mary McKinley (right) Assistant Coach Linda Winters (left) and Rufus the dog.

Second home show of season planned by equestrian team

By Kendra McClymonds
STAFF WRITER

The Equestrian Team will host its second home show of the season at the Little Neshannock Stable this Sunday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m..

The team, under the direction of head coach Mary Mckinley and her assistant, Linda Winters, has already begun to prepare for the show.

"Each team member has to pitch in," said junior Emily Baldwin. "We need the most help handling the horses and working in the concession stand."

Horse-handling and concession work are only two of many responsibilities for the team. The wooden jumps must be painted and the horses need to be exercised, groomed, and saddled. Also, when the show is over, the horses have to be cooled down and fed.

Freshman Kristen Greenwood, who only began showing this year, is excited about the upcoming home show.

"I just hope to have a good ride," she said.

Though more experienced, Baldwin is just as excited.

"I really hope all our team members have a good time. That's the way it's supposed to be. Even though it's hectic, it's nice showing on our own turf."

Penn State University, Slippery Rock University, California University of Pennsylvania, Seton Hill, Bucknell, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and West Virginia University are just a few of the colleges that will travel to New Wilmington to participate in the show. Riders will compete in a variety of classes such as Hunt Seat walk/trot, walk/trot/canter, Novice, Intermediate, and Open. The more advanced jumping events will be held in the morning.

Peg Lefelhocz of Madison, Ohio will be judging the show. The show is free to students and the public.

Etiquette dinner displays manners, fashion

By Don Kelley
STAFF WRITER

Do you chew with your mouth open? Do you know which fork is the salad fork and which is the dinner fork? Do you even hold your fork properly? For those who don't, there was help at the "Dress for Success: Etiquette Dinner" held at Russell Dining Hall.

The dinner was held Feb. 24, and it was set up to teach students how to conduct themselves professionally during interviews and business meals. Students also learned how to dress for interviews and employment.

Ellen Allston, an etiquette professional and Personnel Manager at Ansoft Corp., conducted the dinner.

"She was great," said senior Diandra Streit. "She gave me a lot of pertinent information that I will use in the future."

Some students were also asked to model interview and business casual wear, provided by area retailers.

"The fashion show enabled us to see what the latest styles were for interviewing," said senior Diana Peters. "[The dinner] really helped because many of the seniors are concerned about this right now."

While learning how to eat correctly may seem childish to some, students found the formal etiquette training in this area helpful.

"I learned a lot of little things that you probably wouldn't think of while eating," said junior Matt McMurray. "I didn't realize there was so much you have to be aware of while eating during a business meal."

The Etiquette Dinner was a success, with about fifty students in attendance.

Photo by Brandon Cleary

Students dine in style at the annual etiquette dinner.

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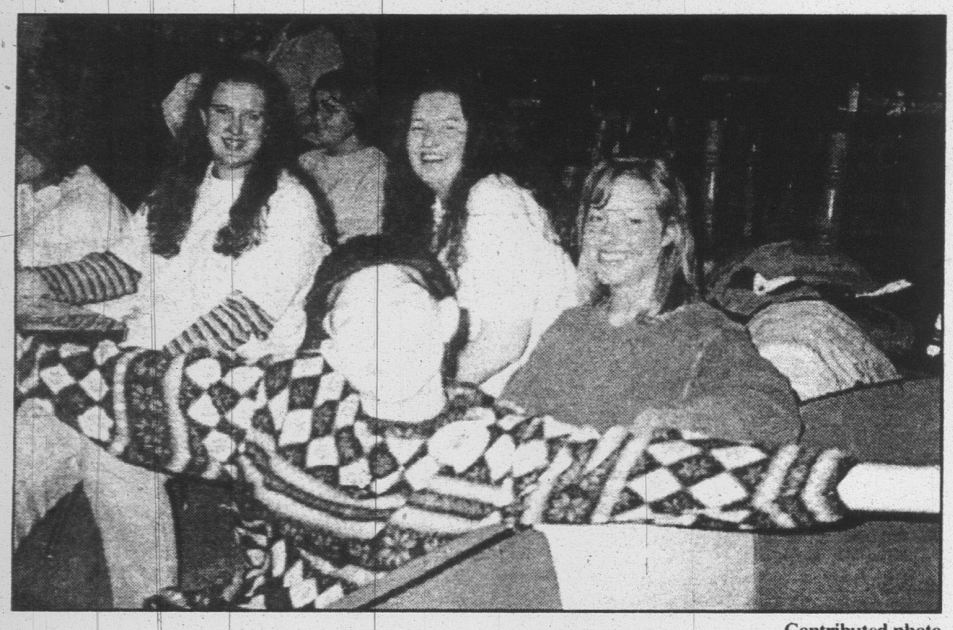
CAMPUS LIFE

Students can "Party Like It's 1999" on Lil' Sibs weekend



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Members of CPC pause for a moment during a long day of previewing campus acts at

By Autumn Mentzer
STAFF WRITER

This year's Lil' Sibs weekend will kick off March 26 and end on Sunday the 28th.

"This will be the 9th year that Westminster has done Lil' Sibs weekend," said Lil' Sibs organizer Camille Hawthorne. "It's a great time on campus; an event that I believe CPC and SGA take pride in." Helping Hawthorne with the festivities this year are student volunteers Steph Malisko and Meg Skiba.

According to Malisko, the festivities start with JT's Café on Friday night, followed by either Disney's *Mulan* or *Antz*. On Saturday, participators will enjoy a matinee movie, followed by the multi-talented Rick Kelley who will perform in the Down Under at 8 p.m.

"Our plans are tentative as of right now. As the weekend gets closer, we'll have a better idea of the set schedule," said Malisko.

Every year, Lil' Sibs weekend attempts to plan a fun craft activity that students of all ages can enjoy. Last year's craft was colored sand art.

According to Malisko the committee is in the process of getting a local craftsman to show participants how to make hand molds from wax.

"Every year the Lil' Sibs crew does an excellent job of organizing events that all age levels enjoy," said senior Allison Culver. "I brought my sister one year and we had a blast!"

Malisko, Skiba, and Hawthorne are diligently working on a weekend that many students and their siblings look forward to.

"Lil' Sibs weekend gives my sister, brother, and I a time to get together. Every year we have more fun and grow a little closer," said senior Valorie Hohmann.

As the traditional weekend comes closer, the theme and weekend's activities will be announced and publicized.

"We are hoping that this year will be as successful as last year's Lil' Sibs weekend," said Malisko.

Guest speaker shares advice at colloquia

By Darcie Yobp
STAFF WRITER

Robert J. O'Gara, public relations professional and professor at Point Park College, shared his experiences, advice, and a few laughs with students at the March 3 PR Colloquium.

"You picked this field because you don't like numbers, right?" a smiling O'Gara asked. "I mean, don't get me wrong, accounting is awfully enjoyable for some people (smiling again and a pausing for students' laughter) but I'm guessing you're not those people."

Public relations practicioners are like to communicate and interact with others and who enjoy challenges, O'Gara said.

O'Gara illustrated the challenges of working in public relations. He said a boss once told him that the ideal PR person is "5'8" in 6' of water . . . It's nice when you get a breath . . . [but mainly] you're working hard to get to the top."

PR people need to be prepared to deal with the unexpected, O'Gara added.

"The best thing [about PR] may be the worst thing: the continual challenge to keep up with new issues and events. You can be blind-sided at any time by something you did not anticipate," he said. "But it's fun to see change in the making."

O'Gara said strong writing and editing skills, computer skills, and "the ability to dig into and understand issues and strategy," are necessary characteristics of a PR professionals, if they expect to meet the challenges that face them.

He also emphasized the importance of networking (building relationships with professionals)—preferably before graduation, internships, and volunteerism.

"And don't discount the things you think you'll never use," O'Gara urged. Detailing several accounts when knowledge from college sociology, science, and business courses helped solve PR problems, O'Gara assured students they would make good use of their liberal arts education.

O'Gara said a well-rounded education is more important today than it was when he graduated from Utica College in 1967. Public relation responsibilities may now include advertising, marketing, and training.

Students attending the colloquium said they enjoyed O'Gara's visit.

"I am really glad he came to talk with us," said sophomore PR major Ashley Law. "It was fun to hear about his experiences in the PR field; it made the profession come to life."

"It's always an interesting time when Bob comes," agreed PR professor Deborah Mitchell. "He has a lot of stories and information about our field."

O'Gara, now 55, indirectly chose a career in PR rather than volunteering for the draft in 1960 when he graduated high school. Besides avoiding the Army, O'Gara said he did not know what he wanted to do. One of his teachers encouraged him to enter college because he had a gift for writing that he should utilize.

O'Gara said he first wanted to be a newspaper reporter, but changed his mind after taking a PR course. He admitted money was the deciding factor; there was more to be made as a PR professional than as a journalist.

"I put myself through school, and never having a lot of money, I decided I was going to have as much as possible," he said.

But O'Gara stayed in PR for other reasons, too. He told students he "found a real value" in "helping organizations grow by achieving a consensus with the public."

But PR and journalism do have something in common, according to O'Gara.

Photo by Brandon Cleary

Robert O'Gara speaks to public relations majors.

"It's so much fun to see your work in print . . . you work your buns off on something . . . and then you see it out there, influencing people."

O'Gara earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from Utica in 1967 and his master's degree in Liberal Studies from Dusquesne University.

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One-act festival to play in Down Under

By Amy Shuluga and Brad Dell
STAFF WRITERS

This Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Alpha Psi Omega, the campus theatre honorary, will present three student produced one-act plays in the Down Under.

Senior Laura Butchy directs "Line" by Israel Horowitz. "Sure Thing," written by David Ives, is directed by senior Ed Sciulli, and freshmen Brad Dell directs "The Zoo Story," written by Edward Albee.

Each director cast his or her own play at open auditions held in early February. The one-act actors are a combination of theatre and non-theatre majors in various years of schooling.

"It gives the rest of the campus a chance to do something we do every day. I think that they really enjoy it," Sciulli said.

Though the plays are relatively short, they are still challenging to direct.

"You get one shot to show the audience what you can do; that is a little scary," Sciulli said.

The directors prepare everything for their shows on their own. Helpful hints from other student directors may be used, but ultimately the organization of the show lies with the student director.

Butchy initiated the one-act festival last year as another venue for students interested in theatre to show their work.

"I hope the one-act festival becomes an annual tradition," she said. "The lower time commitment appeals to non-theatre majors, and one-acts offer new directors the perfect chance to test their skills."

For some of the directors, the pressure is a positive thing. Dell said he prefers directing to acting.

"One of the reasons I came to this school was because I was able to direct while still a freshman," he said. He considers directing his creative outlet.

Directors volunteered for their positions and were then approved by Alpha Psi Omega. Dell and Sciulli feel more than prepared for their roles as directors.

"I have directed in the past and I know I am ready for the task," Dell said.

In the fall Alpha Psi Omega sponsored production of the musical Prom Queens Unchained. The group also visits local high schools to present one-acts and performs skits for organizations such as the Lawrence County Women's Shelter. Students must maintain their GPA and earn a sufficient number of acting and technical theatre points to join the honorary.

"We needed the honorary," Butchy said. "It recognizes the long hours theatre students commit to their art."

The Down Under will open to the public a half hour before each show. Admission is free, but donations will be collected and the bar will be open for audience members to purchase food and drinks.

Photo by Brad Dell
Chris Snyder and Ben Tate rehearse for *The Zoo Story*.

The actors said they think students will enjoy the shows and they are excited about the upcoming performances. Freshman business and English major Scott Hauser has enjoyed the opportunity to perform in "Line."

"I love theatre," Hauser said, "and it's nice to do a play without putting in a ridiculous amount of time."

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The only problem was the van never returned to pick the students up from the mall. The girls were stranded.

Welsh called the Mexican police and the U.S. Embassy to look after the women, after Mack had called and described her and her twenty-three sisters' new dilemma.

Mack's mother, Marie, was interviewed March 8 on KDKA and described her conversation with Shannon.

"She said it's been the 24 hours from hell is what she told me, and you know, they're tired. They haven't had any sleep," said Marie Mack about Shannon and her sorority sisters. "She said she hadn't eaten anything for hours."

Welsh stated in the New Castle News that "Surf and Sun is blaming the charter plane company and hotels for overbooking." Welsh feels, however, the tour company is to blame.

Staying in six-star hotel, Presidential Intercontinental, the girls could proceed on with their original plans. The extra cost of the upgraded facility was paid for by Surf and Sun, as well as taxi fare from the mall to the hotel.

The Zetas were "guaranteed" a flight home Welsh told The Herald reporter Pam Mansell. The Herald also stated that "She [Welsh] has spent much of the last four days making sure the women get home without the major glitches." The women were scheduled to be on a Pan Am flight coming home.

But the trouble wasn't over. The Zetas ran into more problems on the way home. Their plane did not exist, and the students did not return home until late March 15, missing Monday's classes.

The Surf & Sun Tour Website claims, "Our goal is to create a memorable spring or summer break filled with fun and excitement." Surf and Sun Tours definitely made this trip memorable.

Other websites and travel agencies have begun updating their websites with disclaimers similar to the following found at www.surfandsun.com: "Caution: This site is in no way associated with 'Surf & Sun Tours' who represent themselves as a college spring break travel specialist. We have received several terrible complaints about their service and ask that anyone else with problems contact them by clicking on their name above. We also stress caution to any college students wanting to use their services."

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Habitat chapter meets $10,000 goal

It was a two-for-two week for members and friends of the Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter. In the days just before spring break, the students exceeded their goal of $10,000. On March 11, the students helped complete a new home, a day ahead of schedule. Thus these Habitaters made good on promises they made last fall - to send $10,000 to help victims of Caribbean hurricanes through Habitat's international work as well as build a home with Hosanna Industries for a local needy family, the Richard's.

A pancake breakfast at the Saxonburg Memorial Presbyterian Church on February 28, as well as an appeal to Westminster faculty and administration, allowed the HFH Chapter to raise enough money to fulfill their Habitat International pledge. HFH also gave over $1,500 to Hosanna Industries toward the cost of the materials for the Richard's house in Evans City, PA.

A Westminster contingency of twenty-five students along with thirteen new friends from the University of Georgia fought what can only be called very difficult conditions to finish the house a day ahead of schedule. It wasn't always easy going.

When the students arrived on the work site on March 3, the temperature was -2 degrees. What was difficult for the "northerners" was very hard on the folks from Georgia, many of whom had never seen snow. The mud, boot-top high the day before, had frozen solid and despite the cold feet and hands actually made the first day's work a lot easier. It was much easier to move exterior walls into position on the foundation on the now-solid ground.

The work went smoothly throughout the week, and the dedication on March 11, was the high point of the event. The overwhelming consensus was that the week was a tremendous experience.

"I'll be there next year," said one Westminster student.

"The best part was the challenge before us - to build an entire house in less than a week," said junior Collins Fobanjong.

Expressing the group's sentiments, Mark Johnston said, "I didn't give up my spring break for this. This was my spring break."

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Habitat students helped build a house over break.

With the completion of the yearlong fund raising effort, the Westminster Chapter has raised over $107,000 in the last seven years.

Internship day offers students a variety of opportunities

By Ashley Law
STAFF WRITER

Organizations from the Pittsburgh and Youngstown areas will send representatives to the college campus March 23rd to conduct interviews with students for summer and fall-term internships, jobs and community service opportunities on Internship Day 1999. The event is sponsored by the Career Center and will take place in the TUB.

Jackie Meade, coordinator of the event and assistant director of the Career Center, is excited about the event.

"We've had Internship Day for about 16 years now and it always proves to be a worthwhile experience," she said. "Surrounding organizations want Westminster students in their organizations because they are some of the most qualified students in the area."

Participating organizations are looking for people who can "think," according to Meade.

"Our students have had the advantage of a liberal arts education, and have been taught problem solving, and other critical thinking skills," she said.

In addition to thinking, Meade said that generally, companies and organizations affiliated with the Internship Day are looking for people who can write well, have some computer skills, and are proficient in public interaction.

Students must supply a resume to each organization in advance; interviews are then set up for the day.

"We have representatives from some top-notch companies and organizations. Plus, we get new additions everyday," Meade said. "It has also been the custom that if an organization really likes one of our students, they use their internship time to train them for a job after graduation."

Some of the organizations presently participating include: Allegheny Hospital, Carnegie Science Center, the Pittsburgh Film Office, United Way, WQED, Zambelli Fireworks, the Pittsburgh Symphony and the Pittsburgh Ballet.

"I was really excited this year about getting the Pittsburgh Symphony and the Pittsburgh Ballet to participate. Those two organizations have so much to offer our students," Meade said. "For example, in addition to actual performance with the organizations, they offer internship opportunities in many of our other disciplines."

Resumes may be submitted until March 19th for participation in the event.

"Going through the Internship Day experience at least allows students to practice their interviewing skills, which is very valuable to the learning process," Meade said.

Cuba offers much more than just fun in the sun

By Sara Rothenberger
CONTRIBUTING ALUMNUS

Foreword: There will be a Cuba Study Tour from late December 1999 to mid-January 2000. The on-campus classroom component, PS 520 or SOC 520, will be offered during the fall semester 1999. See Dr. Nichols (7254) or Dr. Park (7251) for more information. 1997 graduate Sara Rothenberger went on the trip in January of 1997.

It is difficult to remember what I was like before going to Cuba. It was a trip that changed my mind and my life. Before the journey to Cuba I was firm in my beliefs that I was a political liberal. During the week of class before the trip, I wrote in my journal, What really surprises me is that I am more conservative in my views of communism than I may have thought. Being a psychology student, I believe that people are way too selfish to live a communist life. Maybe if we realize the full human potential at once we can achieve it. But all I see is the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer. The experiences I had in Cuba led me to see that it is merely the U.S. that is too selfish to be socialist. Cubans treated us with the utmost respect, and for the two weeks that we were there — what was theirs was ours.

It is amazing to think of the enormous impact two weeks had on the rest of my life. In Cuba I saw how happy people can be even though they have nothing in the way of material possessions. Cuba's simplicity makes it easier for them to focus on what id important in life... health, education, family, and social justice.

Jesus, our tour guide, told us on the first day, "Cuba is not the paradise we had hoped it would be, but it is not the hell that some think it is."

This is certainly true. There are places in Cuba that are a veritable paradise, mainly for tourists. However the welcoming smiles all over the country were enough of a paradise for me.

It has been over two years since I have been to Cuba, but the trip is so fresh in my mind I feel it was only two weeks ago that I was dancing on a rooftop in Havana. Perhaps this is because everyday I draw on my experiences in Cuba to guide me. The latter might be a difficult concept to grasp. What I mean by it is that I am constantly aware of the focus that U.S. citizens place on material possessions, social status, and a success that is tangible. This awareness led me to live a year in voluntary simplicity. Learning to live in intentional community, work for social justice, and survive on a very modest wage with the support of others. Much like socialism, some would say. My experiences in the

Lutheran Volunteer Corps constantly served as a reminder that Cubans live this way. It helped me to know that I wasn't buying into the "There's nothing I can do about injustice" attitude that many U.S. citizens have. I continue to speak against the U.S. embargo on Cuba to whoever will listen. To me the embargo feels like a childish fight where no one could come to a compromise so "Mom" took away the toy we were fighting over, and she won't give it back until somebody says, "I'm sorry". Going to Cuba helped me put a face on the embargo. I saw poor children who wanted nothing more than to give me money with Che Guevara'a face on it. I met a man who went to the ends of Havana to recover a lost hat for us. I watched as Cubans danced the "Casino" with smiles as bright as the Caribbean sun. I answered the curious questions of children: "Do you celebrate your birthdays in the United States?" I became a genuine friend of our tour guide, something that was held to be impossible by previous tourists. I gave away my shampoo, soap and toothpaste to Cubans who don't have access to those necessities. I guiltily ate from a buffet of Caribbean delights harvested and prepared by a small village for us to enjoy. Through all this I realized that the U.S. can have a blockade on trade of products, but never on the trade of cultures.

I am currently in a Masters program to become a counseling psychologist. I have found that not only has my journey to Cuba helped me personally, but it has helped me emotionally and professionally as well. Going to Cuba has taught me that I am capable of empathizing with people that our society has under-appreciated for decades, and that they are capable of forgiving us for what our government has done to them.

Cuba is an experience that I will never forget and never take for granted. I plan to go back with some of the people that originally accompanied me there. We never want to forget that we are fortunate to have the things that we have, and that there are injustices happening because we choose to turn our heads and look the other way. Going to Cuba will be not only an experience that is beautiful, but it will be an experience that will have you looking your privileges in the face and you will not be able to turn and look the other way.

Alumna takes starring role in *Wuthering Heights*

Jodie Lynne McClintock, a 1977 Westminster College graduate, continues her successful acting career with a starring role in The Paper Mill Playhouse, Milburn, N.J., production of *Wuthering Heights*.

McClintock, who earned a B.A. in theater and a minor in English, plays Nelly Dean in the production that running until April 4.

She has performed on Broadway and internationally with Jack Lemmon in Jonathan Miller's production of *Long Day's Journey*. McClintock played Cathleen in the production reprised on film for PBS's "American Playhouse" and Showtime.

McClintock returned to the college in 1986 as a "Distinguished Alumni Lecturer" in theatre. She remains active teaching and directing in the U.S. and England.

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Perkins co-authors book with Korean professor

By Kristin Nejak
STAFF WRITER

Public relations professor James Perkins is co-authoring a book with Suh Ji-moon, a Korean professor. The book is titled *Korean War Poems: An Anthology*.

Perkins received a Fulbright scholarship and spent the last semester lecturing on American literature at Seoul National University, Korea.

Perkins met Professor Suh before he went to Korea at a conference for the American Studies Association of Korea. After the conference, Suh sent Perkins a letter asking him if he would help her translate the poems from Korean to English. Perkins felt the project would be worthwhile and the two began work on it about three months ago.

Suh earned her B.A. in English Literature at Eshwa Womans University and her M.A. from West Georgia College. At the State University of New York at Albany, she earned her Ph.D. in English Literature. In 1984, she was the winner of the Republic of Korean Literature Award for the translation division.

In addition to her extensive honors, Suh also had six other books and numerous scholarly articles and book reviews published. She has also read papers at several domestic and international conferences.

According to Perkins, the book, *Korean War Poems*, contains reflections on the battles and devastation of the Korean War, written by Korean poets who were first-hand witnesses. A few poems contain reflections on the emotions brought on due to national division after the war. Perkins said the two hope to include about 100 poems in the book by the time it is finished.

Perkins is helping Suh translate the poems into a more structured poetic format.

"The poetry loses something in the translation because of the use of articles and prepositions," Perkins explained. He is helping to transpose lines and add and delete articles and prepositions that may change the format of the poem once they are translated.

Perkins and Suh hope to finish the book by the spring so that it can be published in the year 2000. Next year will mark the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. He feels that the book may hold particular interest for veterans since it may conjure up feelings and memories.

Perkins hopes the book will also bring some perspective about the war to the public.

"There was a vicious war for fifteen years. That war is not over. There has been a truce but not a treaty," said Perkins.

Perkins will hold a faculty forum on April 14 to speak about his experience teaching in Korea. He will also discuss details of how his experiences in Korea helped him gain more perspective to co-author the book.

When asked what he hopes people will get out of the book, Perkins said, "We're going to get a history lesson whether we like it or not."

Photo by Rachel Jones

Suh Ji-moon and Dr. James Perkins work together on book.

Mock Convention 2000 in planning stages

The 2000 Mock Convention is rapidly approaching. The second oldest such event in the nation, Westminster's Mock Convention is a college tradition. Every four years since 1936, (with the exception of the war year of 1944), the college has sponsored a Mock Nominating Convention for the political party out-of-power. In the year 2000, the Convention will nominate Republican candidates for President and Vice-President.

The Convention is entirely student-run. Students plan and organize the event, and participate as Campaign Managers, State Chairs, and Delegates. A small group of 12-15 students make up the Executive Committee. These students undertake the day-to-day task of planning and managing the Convention.

Members of the Executive Committee may sign-up for a year-long seminar (2 credit hours per semester) and receive academic credit for their work on the Convention. Professor James C. Rhoads will serve as the faculty advisor for the event.

Weekly Announcments

Ellwood Group Inc. corporate office is offering a paid accounting internship to a student with junior or senior status, strong computer skills, and knowledge of Excel and Word. Starting around May 21 and paying $9.17 per hour, there will be 30 to 40 hours per week through the summer. Call Jackie Meade at ext. 7343 for more information.

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Theatre Group Job Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the State Theatre, Brunswick, N.J. More information about this job fair, sponsored by Johnson and Johnson, is available by calling (973) 593-0189 or visit their website at www.njtheatregroup.org. Registration forms are available at the Career Center.

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Inward Bound, a program of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio, is seeking worksite and program directors to run the summer program. Students would lead youth groups in a workcamp experience in Cleveland. Work is done with Habitat for Humanity and other groups in the community. Directors must be available between June 10 and August 20, 1999, and the pay package for the summer is $3,500. Housing is provided during the non-program weeks, and directors stay and eat with campers during program weeks. Mileage is reimbursable. Call the Rev. Robin Schreiber, at (216) 651-2693, or e-mail toRLSchreibr@aol.com. Application deadline is March 31, 1999.

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St. Francis College, Loretto, Pa., offers salaried positions to college students with a 3.0 minimum QPA, in a six-week residential summer program for 70 high school students. Duties include tutoring, counseling and supervising high school students as well as conducting recreational activities. Room and board is provided. Experience working with adolescents is desirable. Call (814) 472-3023 for more information. Application deadline is Friday, March 26.

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The State Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania has internships available in Harrisburg for summer and fall terms. The internships deal with public policy and legislation, and offers a stipend. Please send resume and letter of interest to: Angela C. West, Communications Specialist, Planned Parenthood Association of Pennsylvania, 1514 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17102. Deadline for summer internships is March 31, and deadline for fall internships is April 30. (CC)

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Yellowstone National Park has opportunities for work in their service stations for students who have completed their first year of college. First-year employees can earn up to $6 per hour. (CC)

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The Badlands National Park is looking for interns to fill various positions during the summer. The internships are on a volunteer basis, and requires students with three years of college. The Badlands administration requires that interns have skills in public speaking and a background in natural sciences. (CC)

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The Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, Inc. is looking for interns. This child-focused, facility-based program provides representatives to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases. (CC)

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Pennsylvania State Government is looking for accounting interns. Interns earn $9.07 per hour in a 37.5-hour work week, and could lead to a full-time position after graduation. (CC)

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Choate Rosemary Hall is looking for summer teaching interns in a variety of programs and fields of study. (CC)

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The Pennsylvania State Archives and The State Museum of Pennsylvania has internships available. Positions may be tailored to suit student's needs and may be paid. For more information, contact Jackie Meade in the Career Center.

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The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, New Castle, is seeking a college student to compile a business directory. Work will involve calling businesses, gathering data, entering data, and completing the directory. (CC)

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State Farm Insurance is taking applications for its 1999 Western PA Summer Internship Program for students who have completed their junior year. The internship, which pays $10.50 per hour and offers a limited benefit plan, provides work experience in the insurance industry. (CC)

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The Family First Sports Park, Erie, promotes a sports atmosphere where athletes and their families come to cultivate character values. Internships are available to college students in the are of sports management (soccer & basketball), marketing, sales, hotel/motel and fitness club management. (CC)

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Rainforest Action Network, San Francisco, has environmental internships available in the fields of media operations, database coordination, campaign administration, and information assistance. Requirements: computer skills, environmental knowledge, and an interest in conservation. (CC)

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The Carnegie Science Center is seeking Westminster interns or volunteers for the summer. Work is available in a variety of areas including exhibits, children's tours, etc. (CC)

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Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade (CC).

Library technical assistant published

Dwight E. Copper, technical assistant at McGill Library, was published in the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Two articles are included in the 1999 winter issue. They are "Mt. Hermon Presbyterian Church, Slippery Rock Twp., Lawrence County New Members 1869-1887" and "Newspaper items from The Guardian, Lawrence County, Pa., Sept 7, 1893."

Copper has been doing genealogical and local history research for about 12 years, with a focus on collecting, researching, printing cemetery records and church histories. He has researched over 90 cemeteries in Lawrence and Beaver Counties, and has published 34 volumes of such tombstone inscriptions, with brief histories of the accompanying church.

"After completing the tombstone inscriptions, I research newspaper obituaries, wills, deeds, family histories, and my personal scrapbooks and files for additional information," said Copper.

"My material is used to assist genealogists in their quest for data about their families."

Cooper has written several books on local history, and is currently working on another about the history of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of New Castle (1874-1975), and the Reformed Presbyterian Cemetery/Church at New Galilee, Beaver County.

In 1997, Copper had another article published in the Genealogical Society Quarterly about the marriage records performed by Westminster's fourth president, Dr. Robert Gracey Ferguson. The period covers 1867 to 1923, while Dr. Ferguson served as pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Mercersburg, and as pastor of the United Presbyterian Church.

Cooper received his undergraduate degree in library science and history from Slippery Rock University.

SPORTS

Titan golf season enters Spring season

By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

As Spring rolls around the corner, hot on its tail is the Titan golf team; a crew of 10 club-wielding kinsmen with their sights firmly set on GLIAC conference glory. Though limited in their ability to access open courses due to the fury of the Western Pennsylvania winter, the team has still been diligently preparing for the upcoming season with practices held in Old 77 and an instructional spring break trip to Georgia. With Coach Joe Fusco steadfast at the helm and a core of young but talented golfers, the Titans enter the spring season with a reputation as a potentially dangerous opponent.

Shouldering much of the scoring load for the Titans will be senior and team captain Chad Rittle, a fierce competitor known for his long drives and fiery leadership style.

"Being the only senior on the team, I try to keep everyone loose but also focused," he said.

Aiding Rittle in his leadership responsibilities are juniors Ryan Grissett and Dan Harding. Grissett, returning starter, is notorious for his strong grip, laser-like accuracy, and award-winning smile. Harding is also a returning starter, famous for his fairway accuracy, "SCUD missile-style" ball flight, and putting prowess on the links. Another notable returning starter is Mike Burnett, who is hoping to prove himself once again with his lengthy tee shots, superb bunker play, and unsurpassed intensity.

The remainder of this dynamic team is composed of a collection of sophomores and freshmen, eager to showcase their talents in league play. The freshmen class is hoping to make an impact in the upcoming season led by starter James McGovern.

"James should have a great future with the Westminster program because of his overall consistency," said Rittle, "but all the freshmen, especially McGovern, need to keep their focus, eliminate mental mistakes, and try to maintain their composure."

On their trip to Georgia over spring break, the Titans were fortunate to work on aspects of their game that could not be attended to while working inside.

"The trip was a valuable learning experience because many of the players were able to improve their overall game," said freshman Ryan Moore.

"It felt good to get some fresh air in my lungs and a golf club in my hands again," Burnett said. "I just couldn't wait to launch drive after drive into the stratosphere."

Other members of the team include sophomores Matt Colella and John Picciano, plus freshmen Moore, Leo DeCapua, and Justin Allen.

"We're all really excited about the younger guys on this team," said Rittle. "With Coach Fusco's guidance they have the potential be transformed into an unstoppable golfing tour de force."

The season kicks off next Monday at New Castle Country Club where they are hosting the Titan Invitational against various regional opponents.

"I can't wait until Monday," said Burnett. "My intensity is at its peak, the optimum level for me to make some incredible shots."

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A view from the sidelines: Spring break competition

By Jenny Grundy
SPORTS COLUMNIST

I have yet to come off of my spring break high. I had the time of my life last week and dreaded coming back to Pennsylvania into the snow and 30-degree temperature. While I was on break, I witnessed some competitive sports that took place on and off of the beach. Some you may be familiar with; others . . ..

Obviously, where there are beaches, there will be volleyball. Beach volleyball tournaments took place just about every day with fraternity- and sorority-compiled teams battling until sunset.

Then came beach-sketball. Now this game was something to see. This was actually a basketball game converted for beach play. There was no dribbling involved — no backboards on the hoops. The players were pretty dedicated for being on vacation considering they were covered in sand because they were sweating so much. I give them a great deal of credit for exerting so much energy during such a lazy week.

The Frisbees were flying all over the place, as were Nerf footballs. And that pretty much does it for the "normal" types of games seen at the beach. Now to move on to the more interesting forms of competition....

The most popular form of spring break competition was by far the wet T-shirt contests, taking place just about every hour. Every club I went to called about 10 women up to the stage, dressed them up in white T-shirts, poured water all over them, and directed them to the spotlight. Needless to say, the men in the audience enjoyed this event much more than the women did.

A roostering was the only event I competed in last week. This required very minimal physical effort ('common, I was on vacation!), while at the same time making a total idiot of myself in front of about 30 people while a partner and I had to rooster as loud as possible. We even got a new T-shirt out of the deal!

My favorite event to watch was the leg and feet competition on the beach, sponsored by Dr. Scholl's. This was absolutely hilarious because the guys and girls were in this one together. Picture 250-pound guys with hairy legs dancing to Sir Mix-A-Lot in front of everyone on the beach trying to receive the loudest cheers from the audience. Just the thought of it brings a smile to my face.

All in all, the week was full of adventure and entertainment from all angles of the sporting arena. And for those of you who have never been on a spring break trip, and even if you are not a sports fan, I strongly suggest that you go somewhere before you graduate. It will be the most fun-filled week of your life—just stay away from Cancun.

Softball team begins spring season with victories in Florida

The softball team opened the 1999 season last week at the Gene Cusic Classic in Fort Myers, Fla. The Lady Titans finished the week with a 4-6 record.

Westminster posted wins over St. Thomas (1-0), Slippery Rock (7-0), St. Anselm (8-7), and Marycrest (3-1), while dropping games to Assumption (7-0 and 13-2), St. Anselm (7-5), North Dakota (6-5), Slippery Rock (8-1), and Grand Valley State (3-1).

The tournament began March 7 with a 1-0 win against St. Thomas University (Fla.). Sophomore Bethany Pinkerton was the star of the opener, improving to 1-0 after allowing just three hits while striking out two. Offensively, the Titans got all the offense they needed when freshman outfielder Kristie Perrotte scored on an RBI hit by third baseman Liz Maurhoff. Perrote and sophomore outfielder Meghan Duda each went 2-for-4 at the plate in the win.

The second March 7 game was a 7-5 loss to St. Anselm College. Westminster was victimized by several fielding miscues, as St. Anselm won despite being out-hit 11-5 by the Titans. Duda led the team at the plate, going a perfect 4-for-4 with three RBIs. Pinkerton was 2-for-3 hitting with a double and a pair of runs scored, while junior Lynn Zolkowski added an RBI single. Earning the hard luck loss for Westminster was sophomore pitcher Melissa Bajus, who dropped to 0-1 despite allowing just four hits and three walks.

On March 8 the Titans opened with a 6-5 loss to regionally-ranked University of North Dakota. Pinkerton took the loss to fall to 1-1, giving up 10 hits while striking out two. Outfielder Jennifer Gales led the offense by going 3-for-4. Posting two hits apiece were Duda, senior infielder Stephanie Tangora and sophomore first baseman Courtney Behm. Tangora recorded a pair of RBIs, while Duda added one.

The second game on the 8th was an 8-1 loss to Slippery Rock. Bajus took the loss to drop to 0-2 after allowing six runs on six hits and five walks in 3 innings of work. Pinkerton worked the final three innings in relief, giving up two runs on three hits and one walk the rest of the way.

March 9 saw the Lady Titans drop two more games, starting with a 7-0 shutout loss to Assumption (Mass.) College. Pinkerton took the loss, dropping to 1-2 despite allowing just four hits and two walks while striking out two. Perrotte was the lone Lady Titan to record a multiple-hit day, going 2-for-3.

The Lady Titans closed the day with a 3-1 loss to GLIAC rival Grand Valley State, which does not count in the conference standings. Bajus fell to 0-3 with the loss, allowing seven hits while posting one strikeout. Zolkowski and freshman catcher Jackie Selznick each went 2-for-3 in the loss.

After a day off, the Lady Titans returned to action on March 11 with a 7-0 shutout of Slippery Rock. Pinkerton posted the win, the eighth shutout of her young career, to improve to 2-2 while allowing six hits and striking out a season-high 10 batters. Duda was 2-for-4 at the plate with a pair of runs scored and an RBI, while Behm was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Bajus and Maurhoff each added run-scoring hits in the win.

Bajus took the loss in game two, a 13-2 loss to Assumption, allowing 12 hits in three innings of work. Bajus and Selznick added Westminster's lone RBIs.

Westminster closed the tournament on a high note on March 12 with a pair of wins, starting with an 8-7 win over St. Anselm in eight innings. Pinkerton started the game, allowing 10 hits while striking out two in 6 1/3 innings. She was relieved by Bajus, who earned the win in relief to improve to 1-4. Maurhoff went 3-for-5 hitting, while Bajus, Pinkerton, Gales and Perrotte all collected two hits apiece in the win. Bajus added a pair of RBIs.

The final game of the tournament was a 4-3 win over Marycrest International (Iowa) College. Bajus started the game and earned the win, improving to 2-4, allowing five hits while striking out three. Pinkerton was 2-for-3 on offense, while Maurhoff added a pair of RBIs.

Baseball team challenged at starting match-ups

By Chris Cappabianco
STAFF WRITER

The baseball team opened its 1999 season over spring break in Fort Pierce, Florida, compiling a 1-3 record against stiff competition.

The team's trip started with a bang, hammering Delaware Valley College (PA) 12-1.

Junior outfielder Jason Smith led the team with three hits, including a double, a triple and 4 RBI's. Tom Nulph, shortstop, third baseman Tim Voelp, senior center fielder Chris Cappabianco added two hits apiece. Junior Vic Kaplack(1-0) notched the win, while senior Brian Zima also contributed with three scoreless innings.

"It was a good way to start the season," said Smith. "We needed some confidence to start the season."

The second game on the trip pitted the Titans against Blackburn College (Ill.).

The Titans jumped ahead 2-0 in the first, but couldn't hold on as Blackburn scored in 4 of the first 5 innings to stake an 8-6 victory.

Nulph and Cappabianco paced the Titans with 3 hits, including a double each. Voelp and Smith each added two hits.

Voelp (0-1) picked up the loss on the mound. Kaplack also threw three strong innings. The Titan hurlers gave up only one earned run in defeat.

In game three, the baseball team rallied to score seven runs in the final two innings, but it wasn't enough as Alvernia College (PA.) was victorious 10-7.

The Titans were led by Voelp, who collected a pair of hits, including a triple and 3 RBI's. Left fielder Eric Scheponik also collected a double, single and 3 RBI's for the Titans. Zima (0-1) took the loss on the hill.

In a rematch of game 1, Delaware Valley got revenge, out-dueling them 2-0, and allowing only three base hits. Voelp (0-2), who pitched 5 quality innings, took the hard luck loss.

"It was a good experience for us," said Sophomore Henry Klinar.

"I would have liked to win a few more games, but we are young and this will help us when we get into conference play."

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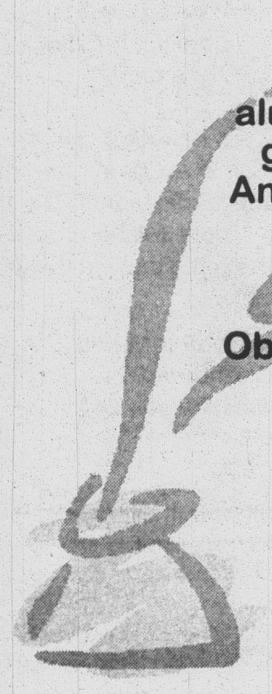

Have you ever wanted to make money from your writing? If so, Westminster alum-turned-author will show you how in a one-day workshop this March! And the good news is, you don't have to be an English or journalism major to take part. Anyone can enroll, and most likely recoup their investment with one sale to a publisher. Here's what you need to know:

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To learn more about Loriann's books and credentials, look up this web site: http://members.aol.com/lhoberlin/author.htm. Registration will be taken up until March 25.

OPINION

Question of the week

Who is your favorite professor, and why?

Diane Lutz, Sophomore, Elementary Education
Doc Guthrie
"Because he relates well to students, and he makes class lots of fun."

Heidi Krieger, English Major, Freshman
Betsy Ford
"She laughs a lot and her class is fun."

Jacob Smith, Sophomore, Biology
Doc McCarthy
"He is easy to get along with and very approachable."

Emily Klein, Senior, Psychology
Dr. Scuitto
"Not only does he explain concepts clearly and in an exciting way, but he also is very in tune with his students."

Seth Rice, Sophomore, Environmental Science
Dr. Fawley
"He's willing to help out with assignments."

Ryan Saeler, Freshman, English
Doc McTaggart
"Because he let's us have drunken orgies at his house."

Erin Clohessy, Freshman, Math
Dr. Scheid
"He is so animated. He showed us the orgasm scene from "When Harry Met Sally," and I just admire him for being that comfortable with us."

Scott Hoffman, Freshman, Christian Ed.
Professor Na
"He is very intelligent, and genuinely concerned with how much you learn from the class."

Brennen Weidl, Sophomore, Computer Information Systems
Carey Horovath
"She has a unique way of teaching. Her small group communication class is the most beneficial class I've taken, because it will prepare me for the business world."

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Our View: Library neglected

Comfortable, quiet, peaceful, empty. These words describe McGill library nearly every hour of every day. Walking through the building, past the shelves and volumes of unopened books, one can almost smell the pages rotting away into oblivion. It seems, in fact, that spiders are the only creatures to ever set foot in some of the rooms. How can a college library be a such deserted place? That is a disheartening mystery for which we can only imagine the reasons.

Perhaps students do not realize the wealth of knowledge that is housed within these hallowed halls. If this is the case, then students should not be judged merely on the basis of their ignorance. Instead, something should be done to educate the students about the library and its resources.

The problem with this excuse is that something HAS been done. As any freshmen or sophomore knows, hoards of library information is just about shoved down the throats of Inquiry students at least five times throughout the freshmen year. Claiming ignorance is not an option.

Some students may say the library is an environment unsuitable for study. These are the students who require frequent interruptions, obtrusive distractions, loud music (or any noise) in order to focus on the task at hand.

However, for the student who thrives on peace, quiet, and comfort, the library is the perfect place to spend time chasing the goals of academia. Located on all floors of the library are some of the most comfortable pieces of furniture on campus. There are plenty of hidden nooks and crannies, which provide a great deal of solitude. So why are these chairs and these spaces so often empty?

A professor once said, "Westminster students care more about everything else at college than they do about academics." Surely, this is not the case. While we would all agree that college provides a great deal of education outside academic affairs, I am sure there are plenty of places that we don't have to pay twenty thousand dollars a year to play football, or volleyball, or swim, or build houses, or write, or join a social club, or hang out with friends, or find a mate, or get drunk.

Certainly, then, we are paying to learn. By giving so much money to this institution, we are telling the world, "I want to learn so badly that I am willing invest a great deal of time (four years, at least), and money (a lot)." To gain the most out of this situation, students should take advantage of every learning opportunity they encounter. So why don't we tap into our greatest source of knowledge as much as possible?

Maybe students feel that the library does not cater enough to their needs. Actually, they may have a point with this complaint. Each year, the academic departments are given the opportunity to suggest additions to McGill's collection. This is wonderful. But alone it is not enough.

With this system, only faculty and administration are involved in the selection process. And the students, the largest group of people using the library, are completely left out of the process. One way to improve library/student relations would be to organize a student selection committee to find out what we have, what we need, and most importantly, what the students want to use.

Another possible reason students may not be utilizing the library is the library's response to the SGA's offer to purchase new magazine subscriptions. "The Holcad" reported that the library staff told SGA they would have to get rid of old magazines in order to make room for new one. A plan to throw away resources seems to be a contradiction to the purpose of a library. What could possibly make a particular resource worthless enough to be discarded? How could anyone be certain the material they are dismissing doesn't contain the most crucial information for a senior thesis? Transfer magazines to microfilm, to the computers, store them away in deep, dark vaults, freeze them, crystallize them, memorize them; but do not throw them away.

The solution to the problem is twofold. First, the library staff must consider the students when making their resource decisions. But perhaps more importantly, students need to utilize the wealth of sources already available in the library. This will send a message that students really do want to learn as much as possible, and they do care about what goes on within the walls of McGill library. Students must not abandon their greatest potential for learning. For what good is knowledge, if it never penetrates the mind?

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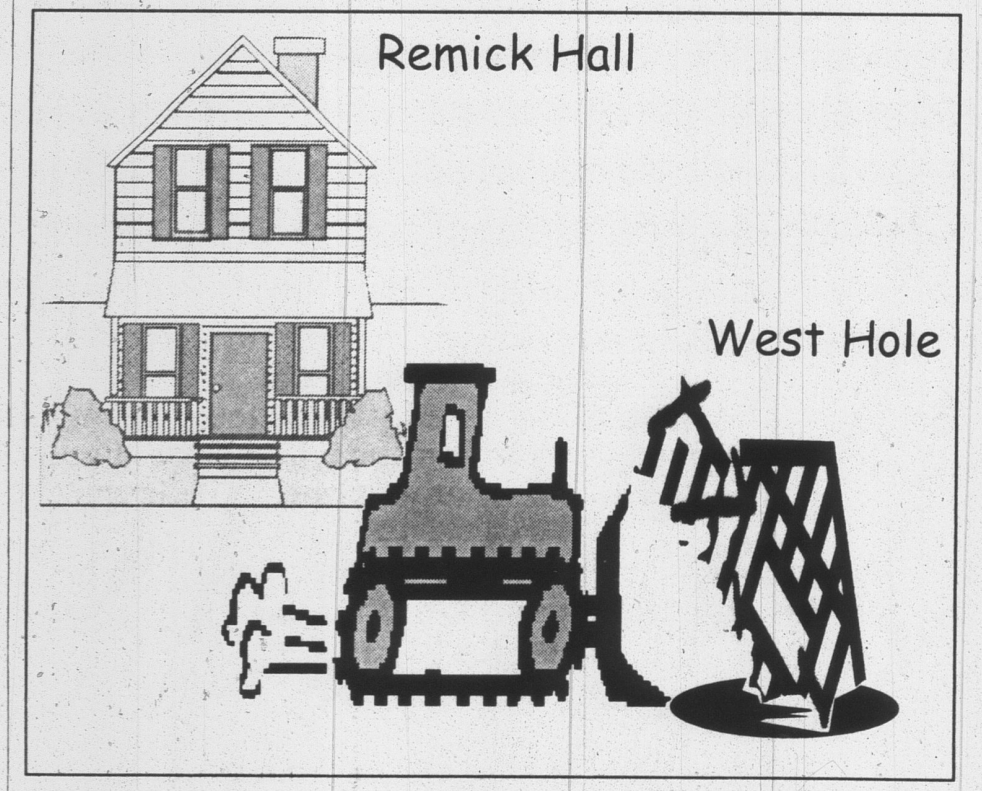

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing about the article in last week's *Holcad* concerning the Westminster Swimming team winning the GLIAC Confernece Championships. I take nothing away from the article, in fact I thought it was very well written and accurate, it was just not on the right page. Should it have been front-page news? Maybe, maybe not. But, surely it deserves much better than page seven. That was the first GLIAC Conference Championship win for any sports team in Westminster's history, and I personally feel it deserved more accolades than it received. This is just plain ignorance on the part of the *Holcad* for not realizing how significant an acheivenent that was. I wonder if the same thing would have happened had the football team won their confernece championship?

Disgruntled Swim Team Member,
Chris Leas

Dear Editor,

Thanks to you, Sports Editor Jonelle Kish, and the writers for the excellent coverage you gave the Men's and Women's Swim Teams this year. It is greatly appreciated.

Thanks Much !!!!

Coach Klamut and The Westminster Swim Teams

Dear Editor,

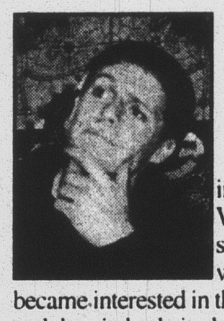
I am writing tonight, Friday, February 26, 12 a.m., because I just had a close encounter of the third kind. I was not myself, part of this supernatural act, but I did witness it first hand. Space ship? No. The Virgin Mary's head in a cloud formation? Not exactly. It was nothing this expected or precidented. So what did I see, you ask? Hold on to your seats folks, 'cause I saw Safety and Security in action.

And I mean, in ACTION! I had just been walking across the quad in front of Galbreath and Browne Halls when the fire alarm went off. Just as I began to chuckle to myself about how glad I was that I wasn't in my nice, warm bed on the third floor yet, one of our illustrious guards went tearing past me. As he sprinted across the quad from TCF to Galbreath, I heard him get called from the base about the fire alarm. He continued to race across the quad while both getting out his keys to Galbreath Hall and responding to the base that he was on his way.

Do you realize what this means? This means that he responded to the sound of the alarm from the most distant of hearing ranges and was in action before the switchboard even got a chance to tell him what to do. Now, I'll be the first in line to complain about being put on hold when I call Safety and Security, the twenty minutes it takes them to come open a door, and the fact that they STILL don't have a clue what building the Music Department is in, but when I see an active response to a real problem as I did tonight, my faith is redeemed.

Gratefully,
Avis Devine

Columnist delivers hard-hitting interview, Walters-style



By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

After recently watching an interview Barbara Walters conducted with some dress-collecting woman, I suddenly became interested in the interviewing industry and the vital role it plays within the American news media. This got me to thinking, as the hardest working SOB on the *Holcad*'s payroll, I figure I'm entitled to some subject matter leeway in order to deliver the most relevant news in the most efficient and accurate way possible to the news-hungry Westminster public. With this in mind I grabbed some old Spy Tech secret recording gear and headed out in search of an interview chock full of relevant news that would be capable of igniting a political firestorm that could rock this nation to its very foundations.

My diligent search led me to the residence of one Hank Hughes, my former movie reviewing partner of the now defunct "Talkin' Movies with Hank and Mark." After we got the old pink slip, Hank and I went our separate ways and oftentimes people would ask me, "Who's that kid trapped in his pants?" I knew even before I looked that it was Hank, but responding to such inquiries were too painful for me to deal with and I'd end up hiding in the abandoned bowling alley deep in the basement of the TUB. Yet recently I decided that Hank and I needed to clear the air on this whole situation, and what better way to do it than with a scaldingly exclusive interview reprinted now for the first time in El Holcado.

Hank and I decided to meet in his room/cave where he was playing the always exciting "throw playing cards at an old can across the room", a sport that first catapulted him into the public's watching eye back during his more active high school days when he was at least somewhat physically fit. After a couple of seemingly endless hours playing the mind numbing game, he finally decided he was ready for the interview to begin.

Mark: Hank, seems there are a lot of W flags hanging on those light posts all over campus and they never come down. Why?

Hank: Hold on. I'm trapped in my pants.

Mark: What's wrong with you? I ask you for one lousy interview and you get trapped in your pants on the first question.

Hank: Shut up.

Mark: You.

Hank: No you.

Mark: No you infinity. Ha ha, check mate sucker.

Hank: What? What were you babbling about?

Mark: Why are there so many flags?

Hank: Hell, I don't know. Have you ever seen the Transformers movie?

Mark: My mom wouldn't let me.

Hank: Man are you a geek. It was the best, except Optimus Prime dies.

Mark: Hey thanks for blowing the whole movie blockhead.

Hank: Like nobody told you before.

Mark: I forgot, it was twelve years ago.

Hank: I'd never forget that.

Mark: Yeah wow, where'd you put your plaque for that?

Hank: (Censored material)

Mark: Hey this isn't HBO, show some decency.

Hank: Well excuse me your Excellency, I forgot Miss Manners was here. Want a doily?

Mark: You don't even know what a doily is.

Hank: It's you.

Mark: Shut up.

Hank: No you.

Mark: No you infinity. Man, you never learn.

Hank: What's your next question anyway? You're the worst interviewer ever.

Mark: Sorry I'm not up to your standards. With so many people clamoring for your knowledge-filled statements I should probably feel privileged for this career-making opportunity.

Hank: You're a wiener.

Mark: Wow, great rebuttal Matlock. Anyway, back to the interview. Do you ever feel bad when the college requests that you go to a secluded area when tours for prospective students are being given?

Hank: Got me, hey remember that one time you crashed my mom's bike? I covered for you and told her my brother did it.

Mark: Yeah, thanks. At least I didn't get scammed by some schiester and trapped in Cancun for a week.

Hank: At least my roommate's head doesn't have its own zip code.

Mark: How come you never answer any questions?

Hank: Your questions rot.

Mark: You rot.

Hank: You rot infinity, now who doesn't catch on?

Mark: This is the worst. I'm trying to conduct an exclusive interview here that actually might contain the slightest shred of information. I can't believe I decided to interview you.

Hank: Your bad. Are we done interviewing yet?

Mark: Darn right, I can't take this anymore.

Hank: Oh, by the way, congratulations on graduating from loser academy.

Mark: I still haven't, you never signed my diploma Dean. By the way, this room smells like a landfill.

Hank: Strange, it didn't smell that way ten minutes ago. Seems your stench is still following you around Sargent Stinky Pants.

Mark: At least I don't get trapped in my own pants.

At this point, my Spy Tech secret recorder caught on fire and the rest of the interview is pretty much unsalvageable. Well, seems as though Spy Tech's been gallivanting with certain corporate bigwigs and their mysterious mistress, Dutchess Double Talkin' Jive. Sure, my first adventure into the ivory-towered world of interviewing was a complete catastrophe. But there are definitely more interviews to be had on this picturesque campus that's just a stones throw away from that thriving metropolitan hotbed of activity known as Volant.

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VIEW POINTS

Living off-campus means microwave dinners

By Jenifer Nolan
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I had the pleasure of being on campus studying during the off-campus lottery. It was a quiet and warm evening last month when I approached the TUB with my heavy load of work to do. When I got to the door a group of girls emerged from the building all laughing and in good spirits. A friend of mine was among the group and I asked her what all the adulation was about. She replied with a hearty grin that the large group of giggling girls had just received off-campus housing status.

When I finally made my way into the building, I ran across another friend who did not seem to be in the best of moods. I approached her, and she told me her tale of woe. She had chosen the next number to be called in the off-campus lottery, but alas her number was not called. To reassure her that her world would not end because she would be living in the dorms last year I told her living off-campus was not so great. I guess I am a self-proclaimed expert on living off-campus. I have lived in an apartment two blocks from campus for two years now. I told my friend that living in the dorms was not so bad and I missed it sometimes.

This is true. Where else in your life are you going to get such a diversified set of friends that are all within a pajama wearing, barefoot walk away? Usually when you live off-campus you would have to put on your shoes and a jacket to go visit a neighbor.

Many people complain about the food in the dining hall. I admit that I was one of those people who complained. The wonderful thing about the dining hall is you get to eat every meal with your friends. I remember days when we would not leave lunch until the cafeteria closed because my friends and I were having such a good time telling stories and talking over the special of the day. If you live off-campus, you usually have to go to a restaurant with friends to find that atmosphere again.

Plus, remember the fact that you have to cook for yourself! That includes budgeting money for groceries, cutting coupons, waiting for sales, going grocery shopping, fighting for space in the freezer with the year old ice cream, and cooking. I thought that it would be terrific to cook for myself every day, but, to tell you the truth, I get sick of it and end up eating something I can throw in the microwave. As most of us know, living on microwave food is neither healthy nor tasty.

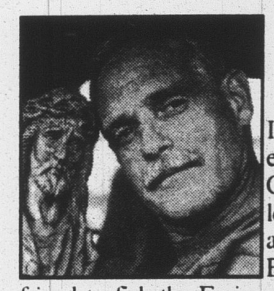
One last point that I mentioned to my dejected friend was that this may be the only time in her life that she has a free cleaning lady. The physical plant workers clean up after us better than some of our own mothers do. They clean the bathrooms, common areas, and hallways every day. Cleaning up after other people is not the most fun job in the world, but the physical plant makes sure the students here are living large.

In my apartment, my roommates and I share cleaning responsibilities but there is a lot of work to be done each week in even a tiny apartment. The bathroom floor seems to attract hair, and the mirror seems to love toothpaste. The kitchen sink is always full of half-scrubbed dishes, and there is almost always a sticky film in the microwave. I don't even want to talk about how bad the carpets can get!

I must say that living off-campus does give people the opportunity to experience real life. In an apartment you learn how to take care of yourself and manage your finances. The point is that I wanted to reassure my friend that living off-campus is not the end-all and be-all of college life.

To all the people who choose to live in the dorms, or the people who did not get off-campus status I say this: Enjoy living in the dorms and eating in the dining hall, because this may be one of the only times in your life that you can live this way. Besides, there are always rent checks, phone, electric, water, and cable bills waiting for you when you graduate.

Chapel Corner: Wilderness Jesus inspires



By Wayne
TITLE TILE

A few years ago I was fishing (what else) in northern Colorado. I had just left the Fort Collins area - heading to Basalt to meet a friend to fish the Frying Pan River. When I pulled my waders out of the truck, there was something heavy in one of the legs. To my dismay, I pulled out of that leg a piece of olivewood that weighed about two pounds. It was carved in the shape of Jesus.

Was this a miracle? An epiphany? A sign? Or just a prank by a friend divesting himself of an unwanted gift he received from a pilgrim returned from the Holy Land? That was it.

One day we took a "short cut" to Interstate 70 heading toward Denver, which turned out to be the remains of an old railroad bed that crossed the Rocky Mountains near Leadville. Several times on the trip I thought we were going to die! My friend was amused as I clutched that piece of olivewood - the Jesus in the wilderness - like it was magic. Thus the "Wilderness Jesus" was born.

He's been with me ever since. Camping trips, fishing trips, you name it. On the Fall Retreat many repellers have asked for the Wilderness Jesus blessing as they slipped over the 200-foot cliff. The Wilderness Jesus never let the repellers down, if you'll excuse the pun.

Until he was kidnapped by a crazed women's Bible Study group from the Fairview Presbyterian Church, the Wilderness Jesus was the guardian of my office.

This is risky, I know. Growing up in a conservative Christian home, we were always warned about "idolatry." Being a Protestant minority and in a largely Catholic (Irish and Italian) neighborhood, we were sure that images of Jesus (or Mary) were idols of the worst kind. I no longer believe that Catholics "worship" idols and please, I mean none of you disrespect.

This is a risk, I know. There may be folks around like my Grandmother and Grandfather who would question the very presence of the Wilderness Jesus in my office. Like the icons I saw (and prayed in front of) while visiting Russia in1973 - I like the REMINDER of the fact that Jesus Christ has promised that "I am with you always, even until the very end." It's a reminder that that which transcendent became immanent.

"The Wilderness Jesus, you can hold him in your hand

He is the Wilderness Jesus, friend of camper and fisherman

He's the Wilderness Jesus, and he's coming around again."

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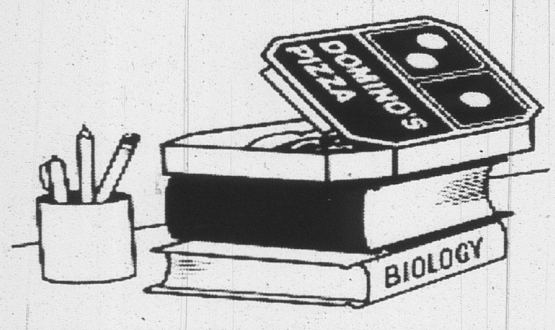

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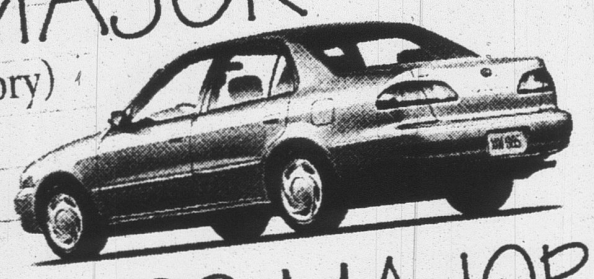

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Self-awareness the key to combat stress, anxiety

By Babs Quincy
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"I may know the word but not say it,
I may know the truth, but not face it.
I may hear a sound, a whisper sacred and profound -
But turn my head, indifferent"
~Natalie Merchant

We've been asked by the *Holcad* staff to write to you about topics related to mental health, emotional and physical well-being. We hope to choose issues that are relevant to your everyday life. Therefore, your responses, and feedback are definitely welcome.

Self-awareness is a term we hear all the time, and the process of awareness is extremely vital to our overall health. Awareness is nurtured and developed in the process of making choices. Sometimes there's no absolute right answer in a give situation. Sometimes it's about making a choice and then owning the choice, but feeling good because you are in charge of your own life.

The key seems to be in being able to know which choices are within your power, and those things over which you have no control. I love the A.A. Serenity Prayer: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

We hope to bring to your attention issues in which you have choices, thereby increasing your self-awareness and helping you feel good about the yourself, your relationships, and the overall quality of your life here at Westminster and beyond.

Often there's a fine line between emotional and physical issues, and we know that the mind/body connection is well established. Physical problems can arise from emotional conflicts, and vice versa.

The way to keep that connection healthy is to be aware of your feelings, as feelings are a major contributor to this process of awareness. Knowing what you really, really think and feel about something is vital to your choices as well.

Too often we minimize that we feel a certain way about something, or we are simply clueless about what we feel. Complex issues that we all struggle with will trigger many conflicting feelings that if ignored will hinder the awareness and growth process, and increase the risk of developing physical and emotional problems.

For example, this semester, I've talked to several seniors. They have come in for various reasons, all of which need to be processed, such as insomnia, acute anxiety, relationship stuff etc. When we begin to look deeper, to get to the "underlying issue", so to speak, there are some pretty strong feelings, not the least of which is fear. Fear? Uh Huh.

Fear of leaving the "safety" and predictability of college life, fear of the unknown, fear of not having any friends, fear of losing old friends, fear of failure and so on. Not being able to sleep is a health issue, but is related to an emotional issue. (I'm sorry, I know I use that word "issue" too much. Oh well.) To acknowledge the feeling, and to give oneself permission to feel that fear is the first and most important step in being able to make a more comfortable transition to "the real world."

Again, please direct any relevant feedback to either Judy Duda (Director of the Health Center), or Babs Quincy (Counselor).

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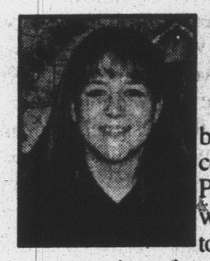
In Kristen's Corner: Jubilee conference a great experience



BY Kristen Kress
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

I spent the weekend before break at the Jubilee conference at the Hilton, in Pittsburgh. Though we were only there for a grand total of 43 hours, it felt like we were there for about a month. I find that weekend retreat-type conferences often feel that way.

I think the reason for this is the relationships you make on these weekends, or the ones you expand upon, are so much stronger than the ones you encounter on a day to day basis. Picture a thousand Christians (which may be good or bad depending on your picture of Christianity) in a hotel ballroom, singing loudly, and sometimes off-key, songs about God, while making trains to go along with the upbeat ones, flailing balloons through the air, cracking jokes about our religious flaws and learning about issues ranging from how we as Christians in college can work our faith into our lives and follow the plan God has for us to Thailand child prostitution.

It was such an amazing weekend! WC had about 50 or 60 students attend, which was a strong presence at the conference. Jubilee started off Friday night with a speaker from the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), which sponsored the conference, David Bestwick-Saterlee. Dave set the tone for the weekend by talking about the idols of the world and how they lie to us and present us as Christians with a false happiness in life. He related this idea of idolatry to issues we face in college, money problems, relationships, and our future professions. He challenged us to take a look at what impact our lives will have had in the big pictureof life.

Then, we had free time and I got to see a bunch of my friends from summer conference as well as my best friends from Grove City College. Saturday was an incredibly long day. At 8 a.m. (yuck!) we had breakfast and went to the morning meeting. We met our keynote speaker, Elaine Storkey. Elaine had A LOT to say and she was very worldly in her discussions. She presented us with issues that made our problems seem so small in scale....and that made the idols we worship in the world really come into clear view. I was just waiting for the full length film...nevermind. Each meeting closed with praise and worship songs. Free time in the afternoon was spent checking out the lobby tables which had representatives from all kinds of Christian camps and mission groups, all looking to hire their summer staff.

We then attended two seminars which were offered for almost every major, including Education and Music, which were the popular two. We finished up seminars around 4 and then had free time for dinner. After dinner and evening meeting, we had organized swing dancing, with instruction, an open mic coffeehouse, minus the coffee, and a game of 'Who's Line is it Anyway' to pick from. We did the swing dancing scene for a while and then called it a night. Sunday we had a morning worship service and our final sermon from Elaine. Around noon the conference commenced with everybody's favorite worship songs. It was such a fantastic experience. Jubilee is a once a year thing so next year, if you can- check it out. YEAH GOD!

Oscars: Film awards or high-rent fashion show?

By Linda Deutsch
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (AP) It will be the moment she's been waiting for all her life. The star who wins the Oscar as best actress will sweep to the stage swathed in silk or spangles, her hair done up just so and her makeup a work of art.

Millions of eyes will be sizing up her appearance, and by then everyone will know who created her spectacular dress.

"My dear, WHO are you wearing?" the interviewers will ask, as she wends her way down the red carpet in the glare of TV lights.

The star will oblige with the designer's name and maybe do a twirl or two to show off the dress. And why not? It's the least she can do since the gown is either on loan or is a gift from a designer who knows the value of publicity and the impact of Oscars night on fashion.

"Designers will make history if they do something different for the Academy Awards," said Fred Hayman, a perennial arbiter of style for the starry set. "Whoever designs Gwyneth Paltrow's gown will become very famous that night," said Hayman of the actress who is the front-runner in the Oscar race. "The show is almost as much about clothes as it is about movies."

Ostensibly, the Oscars are about celebrating movies. But the faithful who tune in early each year for the pre-show know there's another angle, one at least as intriguing as who wins best picture: Who's wearing what.

Phillip Bloch, a stylist who puts together total concepts for star appearances, said he has been besieged by designers who want the stars to wear their fashions.

"The red carpet is worth more to them than any runway," Bloch said.

"They send dresses, handbags, bras. They ask, 'Can you get my stuff on anybody?'"

Valentino, an Italian couture house, sends sketches to stars in advance, then tailors the gowns specifically to their needs. An off-the-rack Valentino, which costs about $5,000, would never do for the Oscar nominees, whose dresses are in the $40,000 range.

Best actress nominee Emily Watson will be wearing a Valentino this year. So will the wives of two producers of *Saving Private Ryan*. So what will other stars be wearing?

Individual choices are guarded secrets until the last minute, but a survey of design watchers suggests that glamour is back in style. A fashion show staged by the movie academy before the awards was a dazzling display of ball gowns with dramatic bustles and trains and beaded slip dresses that hugged those all-too-perfect bodies. One ensemble featured a bright pink full-length marabou feather coat.

"The gowns are gorgeous this year," said Mr. Blackwell, the normally acid-tongued purveyor of the worst-dressed list.

"If these gowns show up on the stage, I'll be out of business."

Colors were bright, almost garish, from fuchsia to orange to cobalt blue and peach. The classic little black dress was nowhere to be seen in the academy show coordinated by Hayman.

"I'm tired of black and just wanted to see some brighter colors," Hayman said.

The fashion industry will be watching for trends, and so will America's women.

"There are trends that come out of the Academy Awards," said Elizabeth Reed of Valentino.

"After Minnie Driver wore a burgundy dress to last year's awards, everyone was buying burgundy. The trend in fashion right now is colors, especially pastels. But black is never completely out. On certain people it's the right color, especially if they have a dark complexion."

For male stars, there are also variations on the classic tuxedo. In the academy fashion show, Tommy Hilfiger showed a black leather tux with black boots. Shanghai Tang added an Asian touch with black velvet frog closures.

And it's not just dresses that will get attention.

Kathrine Baumann has designed two purple heart handbags to honor the film, "Saving Private Ryan."

One of the handbags was made for actress Kate Capshaw, wife of Steven Spielberg, and is worth $40,000. The other limited edition bag, crafted in solid gold with diamonds and a 35-carat amethyst, has a price tag of $250,000. This bag will be carried to the Oscars by Rita Wilson, wife of nominee Tom Hanks.

After the Oscars, the purple heart bags will be auctioned off for charity. Other celebrity bags: a $35,000 queen's crown for *Elizabeth* nominee Cate Blanchett and a $30,000 baby grand piano for music nominee Carole Bayer Sager will be presented to them as gifts.

Will the audience ever wear clothes as elegant as these? Probably not. "It's all about dreams," Bloch said.

"The greatest thing you can accomplish is to have a little kid go to sleep after the Oscars and say, 'When I grow up I want to be a glamorous movie star like so-and-so."

The ENVELOPE please

Here it is, the ballot for the 1999 Oscars, which airs Sunday night at 8 p.m on ABC. Vote for your favorites and be sure to tune in Sunday for "A Night at the Oscars!"

Actor in a Leading Role
__Roberto Benigni in *Life is Beautiful*
__Tom Hanks in *Saving Private Ryan*
__Ian McKellen in *Gods and Monsters*
__Nick Nolte in *Affliction*
__Edward Norton in *American History X*

Actor in a Supporting Role
__James Coburn in *Affliction*
__Robert Duvall in *A Civil Action*
__Ed Harris in *The Truman Show*
__Geoffrey Rush in *Shakespeare in Love*
__Billy Bob Thornton in *A Simple Plan*

Actress in a Leading Role
__Cate Blanchett in *Elizabeth*
__Fernanda Montenegro in *Central Station*
__Gwyneth Paltrow in *Shakespeare in Love*
__Meryl Streep in *One True Thing*
__Emily Watson in *Hilary and Jackie*

Actress in a Supporting Role
__Kathy Bates in *Primary Colors*
__Brenda Blethyn in *Little Voice*
__Judi Dench in *Shakespeare in Love*
__Rachel Griffiths in *Hilary and Jackie*
__Lynn Redgrave in *Gods and Monsters*

Cinematography
__*A Civil Action*
__*Elizabeth*
__*Saving Private Ryan*
__*Shakespeare in Love*
__*The Thin Red Line*

Costume Design
__*Beloved*
__*Elizabeth*
__*Pleasantville*
__*Shakespeare in Love*
__*Velvet Goldmine*

Directing
__*Life is Beautiful*
__*Saving Private Ryan*
__*Shakespeare in Love*
__*The Thin Red Line*
__*The Truman Show*

Foreign Language Film
__*Central Station*
__*Children of Heaven*
__*The Grandfather*
__*Life is Beautiful*
__*Tango*

Makeup
__*Elizabeth*
__*Saving Private Ryan*
__*Shakespeare in Love*

Original Musical or Comedy Score
__*A Bug's Life*
__*Mulan*
__*Patch Adams*
__*The Prince of Egypt*
__*Shakespeare in Love*

Original Dramatic Score
__*Elizabeth*
__*Life is Beautiful*
__*Pleasantville*
__*Saving Private Ryan*
__*The Thin Red Line*

Original Song
__"I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" from *Armageddon*
__"The Prayer" from *Quest for Camelot*
__"A Soft Place to Fall" from *The Horse Whisperer*
__"That'll Do" from *Babe: Pig in the City*
__"When You Believe" from *The Prince of Egypt*

Best Picture
__*Elizabeth*
__*Life is Beautiful*
__*Saving Private Ryan*
__*Shakespeare in Love*
__*The Thin Red Line*

Sound
__*Armageddon*
__*The Mask of Zorro*
__*Saving Private Ryan*
__*Shakespeare in Love*
__*The Thin Red Line*

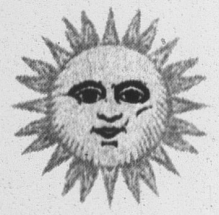
Sound Effects Editing
__*Armageddon*
__*The Mask of Zorro*
__*Saving Private Ryan*

Visual Effects
__*Armageddon*
__*Mighty Joe Young*
__*What Dreams May Come*

Screenplay: Original
__*Bulworth*
__*Life is Beautiful*
__*Saving Private Ryan*
__*Shakespeare in Love*
__*The Truman Show*

Screenplay: Adaptation
__*Gods and Monsters*
__*Out of Sight*
__*Primary Colors*
__*A Simple Plan*
__*The Thin Red Line*

Humor-scopes



**March 19-
March 25**

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Excellent week to be boisterous. Avoid obstreperousness, however.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Chaos will ensue, when you are accidentally hit by a motorist, just as a bus full of lawyers specializing in insurance claims is passing by on the way to a conference. The bus will literally erupt into a heaving mass of clawing, screaming, and briefcase-bashing lunatics. Eventually they'll take out a class-action lawsuit against you.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
What are you looking here, for? You should be on a spaceship, sticking a fish in your ear. It's not like you didn't get enough hints. If you are vaporized, it's your own darned fault.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Beware of celery.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
This week you will wonder where idiomatic expressions come from, and whether you can start one yourself. Be careful, though. The first person to say "nothing succeeds like success" must have sounded like a real idiot.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
Despite having a brilliant mind and a lot of terrific friends, your grandmother will thwap you with her umbrella.

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
You will go on a boat ride, and a deranged bunny will swim towards you in a threatening manner. You will proceed to attack and kill the threatening bunny. Unfortunately, this episode will be caught on videotape by a tourist, and your dreams of a political career will be forever dashed because you murdered a rabid bunny.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
You will spend most of the week attempting to tie knots in a piece of cord, using only your toes. You will be unable to say why, but this will seem like a useful skill to you, at the time.

Sagittarius (November 22 -December 21)
You may have to share a hotel room with a business colleague, to save travel expenses. Here's a tip to keep them from talking all night: bring along a teddy bear, and punch it really hard in the head a few times at bedtime, screaming "Shut up, Mr. Teddy! Shut up!"

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
Once you're that far behind, there's really no way to get caught up. You might as well do something fun instead. You can tell them the *Holcad* said it was okay.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
Noodle week! Have you tried some "fresh" tomato-basil linguinie? Of course not. But this week, you will!

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
You will become embroiled in a serious dispute about food. Feelings will be hurt. Bygones will eventually be bygones, but not until you ease off on the Tabasco.

Reaction to *Dawson's Creek* gay storyline surprisingly quiet

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) There was something striking about the public's reaction when a character in *Dawson's Creek* came out as gay at the same time the show's creative leader revealed his homosexuality in real life.

Striking, because the reaction was virtual silence. No loud protests from outraged church or conservative groups. No "Yep, I'm gay!" magazine cover. No celebrities treating it as a crusade. No ponderous essays about what it means to society.

Nothing.

No one could have missed it when Ellen DeGeneres and her character on ABC's *Ellen* came out two years ago. So it may be her most lasting legacy that on *Dawson's Creek*, a provocative gay story line in a popular teenage drama series is causing barely a ripple.

Dawson's Creek, on the relatively little-watched WB network, may fly below the radar screen of many of society's guardians. But although DeGeneres had a higher profile, what has been happening on *Dawson's Creek* over the past month has far greater meaning for what social critics would call impressionable youngsters.

"It's a very good sign, and I'm thrilled about the lack of controversy," said Kevin Williamson, the show's creator. "I was kind of expecting this. I was hoping, at least, that the climate was better."

Williamson considers *Dawson's Creek* autobiographical, with each character emphasizing some aspect of his personality. Dawson is the Spielberg geek who sees life as a film. Joey has Williamson's sarcastic side. Pacey is the jokester and Jen is the rebel.

And now Jack, a new character portrayed by actor Kerr Smith, stands for Williamson's sexuality.

"From the moment we brought him on, we knew he was going to eventually come out of the closet," he said. "I wasn't always sure what would be the best, most powerful way to do it."

The first inkling came when Jack read a poem in his high school class that hinted at an attraction to men. He quickly became a target for harassment when someone spray-painted an antigay epithet on his locker. Jack wrestled with his feelings, finally declaring his homosexuality to his outraged father.

The story finds its texture in the reactions of those around him. Jen's religious boyfriend objects to Jack and is lectured by her previously one-dimensional grandmother on the n nature of caring. The response of Joey to her boyfriend declaring he's gay is largely unexplored territory for television.

The Parents Television Council, a conservative media watchdog group, didn't alert its members to the story. Many people concerned about sexual content on television aren't even aware of what's been happening on *Dawson's Creek*, said Mark Honig, its executive director.

"To bring up the fact that there are homosexuals in society is not something to rant and rave about at this point," he said. NBC's sitcom *Will & Grace*, about a homosexual man and his best friend, a heterosexual woman, met with the same nonreaction when it debuted last fall.

Honig's group may feel differently if Jack starts dating men, he said. "With all the other problems on *Dawson's Creek*, this is just one to throw into the batch," Honig said. He mentioned Pacey's affair with a teacher and the show's frequent sexually charged dialogue.

The way Jack confronted his sexuality was the idea of one of the show's writers, who knew someone who came out through a poetry reading in school.

"It's somebody's story, but not mine," Williamson said. "I had a totally different experience."

He said he told his parents he was gay in his 20s and, unlike Jack, was lovingly accepted. His homosexuality didn't become public until the past month, not because he was hiding it, he says, but because nobody asked him.

"It's like, who cares?" he said. "I'm a storyteller and the minute people start reading about my personal life, I think that takes the power away from my storytelling. Whatever help I can bring to the gay evolution I think is best done through my storytelling."

Williamson met with Smith early in the TV season to tell him what was going to happen but has since left the actor to portray Jack in his own way.

"I'm sure that there are teen-agers who are going through exactly the same thing that Jack is going through," Smith said. "If we can shed some light on things or help some people, then that's great."

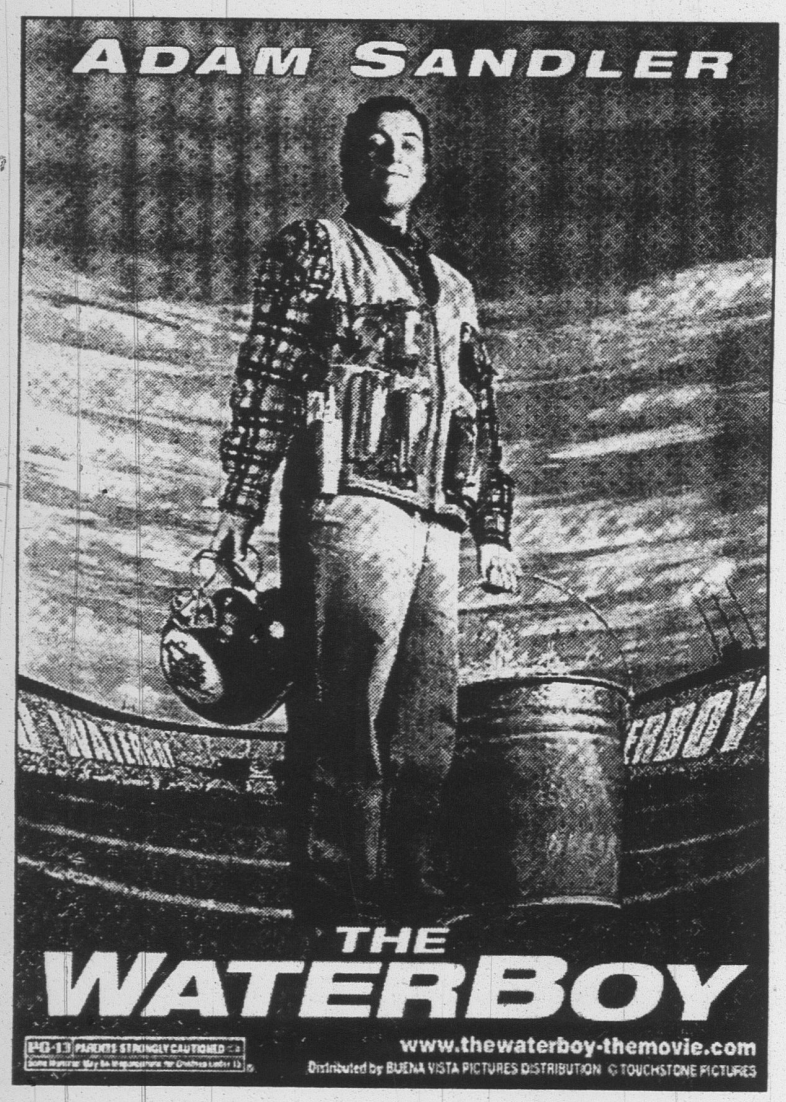
In fact, Smith said, after watching the episode where Jack told his father he was gay, a teen-age boy posted a message on the Internet saying that he had immediately made the same announcement to his own dad.

Williamson's already mapping out stories for a third season of *Dawson's Creek*, although it's not certain that he'll be around to guide it. Contract talks haven't been completed.

He's also continuing to introduce characters that reflect his life. Pacey's girlfriend, Andie, is a manic overachiever who's not quite together emotionally, which Williamson said is a lot like he's been the past year.

"The best stories are always the personal ones, the ones that come from inside of yourself, and that's what I try to remember when I sit down to write," he said. "I just hope the audience responds to Jack and accepts him the way the characters do in the show."

At the Down Under



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Pitt stalked; woman ordered to therapy

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The woman accused of breaking into Brad Pitt's home and trying on his clothes has been ordered to immediately begin counseling. Municipal Court Judge Dale Fischer issued the order Monday after Athena Marie Rolando, 20, said she had signed up for counseling, but hadn't started.

Counseling was one of the terms of a three-year probationary sentence handed down last month when Rolando pleaded no contest to misdemeanor trespassing.

Outside court, Rolando denied having an obsession with Pitt, star of such movies as *Meet Joe Black* and *Seven Years in Tibet*.

"I still think he's good looking," she said, "but I wouldn't want to hurt the man, would I?"

Police said Rolando hoisted herself through a window of Pitt's Hollywood Hills home in January. She was discovered wearing Pitt's clothes and sleeping in an upstairs bedroom. Pitt was not home at the time.

More Random Things You Don't Need to Know

1) The oldest known goldfish lived to 41 years of age. Its name was Fred.
2) There is a town in Newfoundland, Canada called Dildo.
3) Kotex first manufactured bandages, during WWI.
4) Einstein couldn't speak fluently when he was nine. His parents thought he might be retarded.
5) In 1983, a Japanese artist made a copy of the Mona Lisa completely out of toast.
6) In 1984, a Canadian farmer began rent ing ad space on his cows.
7) An average person laughs about 15 times a day.
8) The average person is about a quarter of an inch taller at night.
9) The first-known contraceptive was crocodile dung, used by Egyptians in 2000 B.C.
10) America's first nudist organization was founded in 1929, by 3 men.

How to Avoid a Date

I'd love to, but...
1)I have to floss my cat.
2)I've dedicated my life to linguini.
3)I want to spend more time with my blender.
4)The President said he might drop in.
5)The man on television told me to say tuned.
6)I've been scheduled for a karma transplant.
7)I'm staying home to work on my cot tage cheese sculpture.
8)It's my parakeet's bowling night.
9)It wouldn't be fair to the other Beautiful People.
10)I'm building a pig from a kit.

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Mimi Wyche

will be speaking in the chapel on March 22 and 7:30 p.m.

She has performed in New York on Broadway in "Cats," at Carnegie Hall as a soloist, at Lincoln Center under the direction of Jerome Robbins, and Off-Broadway. As soprano soloist, she has appeared with symphonies and opera companies nationally including the New York Symphony, The San Diego Symphony, and The Brooklyn Opera.

During the past several years, Mimi has concentrated on writing and performing one-woman comedic satires, which she has performed throughout the country. Her latest piece is entitled Eaten Alive, and deals with the subject of eating disorders and weight obsession. In the past two years she has taken this piece to over forty colleges, conventions, and workshops throughout the country.

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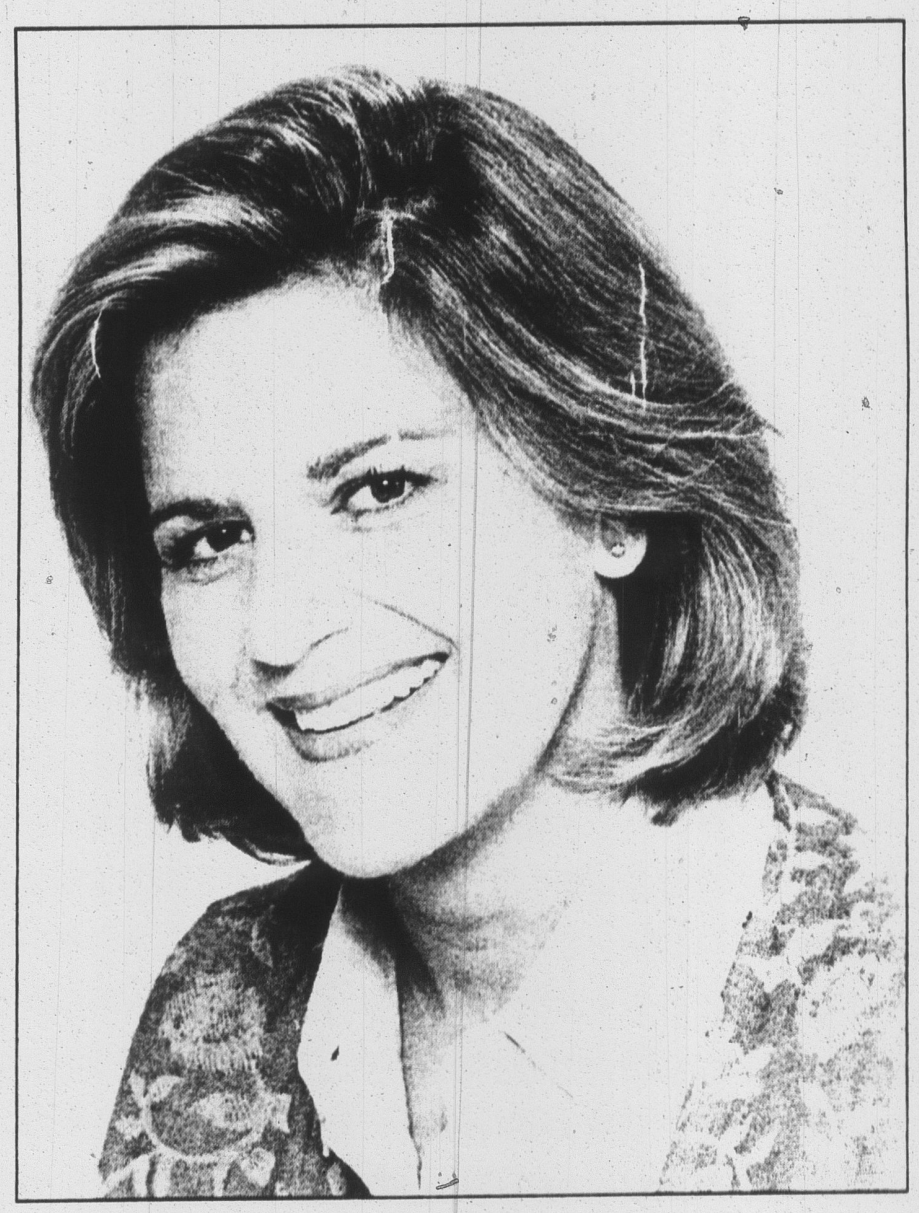

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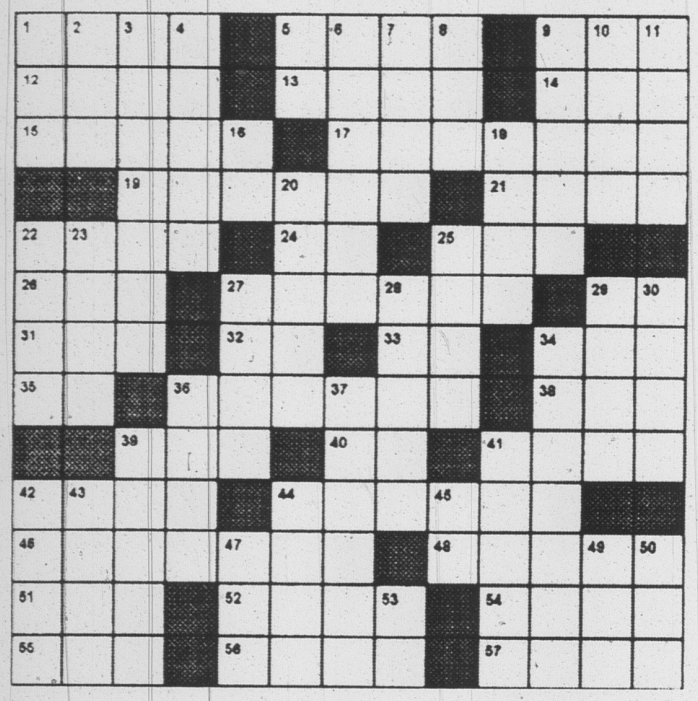

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1 Mineral springs
5 First man
9 Sleep stage (abbr.)
12 Domesticate
13 Dealer's used car
14 ___ Maria
15 Take as one's own
17 Belongs to the same family
19 Sweet grape
21 Continuous
22 Instrument
24 Edward's nick-name
25 Military post office (abbr.)
26 Flightless bird
27 Occurrences
29 Egyptian sun god
31 Man's nick-name
32 Remove
33 Impersonal pronoun
34 Cloth scrap
35 One-half em
36 Sable animals
38 Uncle (Scot.)
39 Edge
40 Alternating current (abbr.)
41 Record
42 Uganda president (1971-1979)
44 Acid or vinegar
46 Satisfied
48 Aquatic animal
51 Office holders
52 W. Indian indigo plant
54 Ardor
55 Female deer
56 Diplomacy
57 Ever (poetic, pl.)

Down
1 Station (abbr.)
2 Cushion
3 Enamored
4 Leaflike part of flower
5 Public announcement (abbr.)
6 Mock
7 So be it
8 Molecular
9 Proportional relation
10 Same
11 Native of ancient Media
16 Titanium (abbr.)
18 High mountains
20 Cut
22 Distance (pref.)
23 Prophetic sign
25 Attention (abbr.)
27 Cheese
28 Daughter of one's brother
29 Inclined passage
30 Awry; askew
34 Person who responds
36 Origin of money
37 Maneuver
39 Remove suds
41 Name
42 Sharp; caustic
43 Alone, single (pref.)
44 Former copper coin of India
45 At
47 Dine
49 Night before
50 Legal point
53 Light (abbr.)

Last week's answers

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The **HOLCAD**'s *Clerks* Trivia Contest

Answer 10 of the trivia questions below about the movie *Clerks* and win a free mystery CD. The first seven people to turn in their answers win! Please e-mail your answers to us at **holcad@westminster.edu** and include box number.

1) What does the sign on the cash register say?
2) What color is the hockey ball?
3) How old is Dante?
4) What does Randal's hat say?
5) What two things do characters talk about that "cause cancer?"
6) In what state does Kaitlin go to school?
7) How long did the hockey game last?
8) What position does Randall play?
9) Name five brand names (besides Chewlies) that **appear** in the movie.
10) What happened to Randall cousin?
11) What's the cat's "name"?
12) What movie does Randall rent?
13) How many eggs does the guidance counselor smash?
14) What weapon does Veronica use on the gum salesman?
15) What time is the wake?
16) What is "Snowball's" real name?
17) What does Veronica bring Dante at work?
18) How much is a pack of Chewlies gum?
19) How old is the girl who buys cigarettes?
20) What's Sang's major?

Kappa Delta welcomes their new sisters...

Leslie Baylor
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Loni Mounts
Marianne Orris
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AROUND THE GLOBE

Authorities say train derailment fault of delinquent truck driver

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (AP) - It is a railroad crossing that is supposed to be as safe as any in the country, one with modern crossing gates and flashing lights and three decades of relative peace.

Authorities insist those gates were down and the signal lights were flashing red when an Amtrak train slammed into a semitrailer loaded with steel Monday night in the nation's deadliest railroad accident since 1993.

At least 13 people were killed and more than 100 injured.

Federal investigators were hoping the engineer and the truck driver will be able to explain why the truck was straddling the tracks.

"There have been reports that possibly this truck went around the gates, and we are trying to determine if that's what happened," John Goglia of the National Transportation Safety Board said late Tuesday. He told the Today show Wednesday morning that investigators were checking tire tracks that went around the gates to see if they matched the truck.

"We will pursue this with vigor to determine if this is a signal problem or if in fact we have a driver problem," Goglia said.

There were 217 people on board the City of New Orleans when it crashed Monday night at a rural crossing 50 miles south of Chicago. At least three people are still missing and feared dead in the scorched and twisted wreckage.

Truck driver John Stokes, 58, told investigators that he didn't see the train approach and that the warning lights started flashing after he started across the tracks near a Birmingham Steel Company mill.

Stokes was driving on a probationary license after receiving three speeding tickets in a year, authorities said.

Amtrak's chairman, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, said Stokes was trying to dodge the crossing gates, thinking the oncoming train was a slow-moving freight train instead of a faster passenger train.

"The engineer said he saw the lights flashing, he saw the barriers down, and then he saw the truck stop and try to get around it," Thompson said. "There was no way to avoid it."

Both Stokes and the engineer were questioned Tuesday, but investigators said the engineer was taking medication as a result of the crash and had trouble answering questions.

Goglia said that a breath test of the truck driver showed no sign of alcohol, but that investigators were still waiting on blood and urine tests.

The two-locomotive train pulling 14 cars smashed into the truck and then into two rail cars on a siding. The cars jackknifed and piled up behind the locomotives over a quarter-mile, with leaking diesel fuel erupting in flames.

Those killed were in a double-decker sleeping car. Authorities said a locomotive ripped into the car, crushing some passengers, and setting the car ablaze.

Goglia, who is in charge of the NTSB investigation, said the black box in the lead locomotive showed the train was moving at 79 mph - the legal maximum - just before the crash. He also said the engineer was blowing his whistle and trying to stop the train.

A private study released last month found that more than 80% of the nation's railroad crossings - about 130,000 - lack gates and light signals to warn pedestrians and motorists of trains.

But near the Bourbonnais crash site, two gates block the narrow two-lane road, which provides access to the nearby mill. The gates and lights at the crossing appear to have been functioning at the time of the crash, said David Farrell, a spokesman for the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Mike Stead, head of rail safety at the ICC, said the gates were intact, and authorities have not been able to verify where the truck was at the time of impact or when the gates were lowered.

Sensors turn on the lights and bells 26 seconds before a train reaches the crossing, and five seconds later the gates come down, Farrell said. Officials said the gates did not malfunction and were last inspected Feb. 24.

There have been three deaths at the crossing in the last 35 years, in 1964,

1968 and 1988. Forty trains and 1,800 vehicles use the crossing daily.

NTSB officials said they would also investigate whether a rail car on a siding north of the crash site may have blocked the truck driver's view.

Authorities have not released the names of the victims. The Commercial Appeal in Memphis reported Wednesday the victims included a woman and three children from Nesbit, MS, who were returning from a doll show in Chicago.

June Bonnin, 47; her 12-year-old granddaughter, Jessica Whitaker; Rainy Lipscomb, 10; and Lacey Lipscomb, 8, were killed. Another girl, Bonnin's daughter, was injured.

"It was to be a dream trip for the little girls," said Bonnin's husband, Max. "It turned out to be a nightmare."

Congress gives itself a raise in light of rising cost of living

WASHINGTON (AP) - Top House leaders are weighing a plan to help lawmakers to a cost-of-living increase, a boost that could add about $5,000 to an annual salary of $136,673.

Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., raised the issue at a meeting earlier this year with Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, according to aides to the two men.

Hastert told reporters Thursday that current law permits members of Congress to have a raise and that many of them need it to support families with children, some of who are in college. "They need to have a life," he said.

Members of Congress last received an increase two years ago, after the Republican and Democratic leadership agreed not to make a political issue of the subject. In other years, lawmakers have voted to stop the increase from taking effect.

While there was no noticeable public backlash against the 1997 pay increase, some lawmakers objected at the time. The issue would almost certainly provoke debate on the House floor again this year.

Under a 1989 law, lawmakers are entitled to a cost-of-living increase that is pegged to the pay raise the president proposes each year for federal workers. President Clinton recommended a 4.4% increase for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. A 4% increase in congressional pay would amount to more than $5,400 and raise the salary to more than $142,000.

While aides said a cost-of-living increase stands a good chance of taking effect, a separate proposal for an increase in compensation seemed to be faltering.

The suggestion, floated by Rep. Bill Thomas of California, would allow most lawmakers to claim a $125 per day allowance to defray their living expenses in Washington.

The allowance could be claimed for any day the House meets, to be paid from the funds set aside for office expenses. Thus, any money the lawmaker claimed personally would have to come from staff salaries or other expenses such as equipment.

Even if Congress met for little more than a third of the year, lawmakers would be eligible for more than $14,000 in increased compensation - an increase of more than 10%.

Thomas has suggested making the change administratively by a vote of the House Administration Committee, which he chairs, officials said.

Several senior aides, as well as some lawmakers, said Thomas' proposal had attracted interest among the members, particularly from lawmakers who received a similar benefit when they were members of state legislatures.

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Report says marijuana possibly medically useful

WASHINGTON (AP) - The active ingredients in marijuana can help fight pain and nausea; thus deserves to be tested in scientific trials, an advisory panel to the federal government said Wednesday in a report sure to reignite the debate over whether marijuana is a helpful or harmful drug.

The Institute of Medicine also said there was no conclusive evidence that marijuana use leads to harder drugs.

In the past few years, voters in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have approved measures in support of medical marijuana, even though critics say such measures send the wrong message to kids.

Congress has taken a hard line on the issue, with the House last fall adopting by 310-93 vote on a resolution that said marijuana was a dangerous and addictive drug and should not be legalized for medical use.

Asked to examine the issue by the White House drug policy office, the institute said that because the chemicals in marijuana ease anxiety, stimulate the appetite, ease pain, and reduce nausea and vomiting, they can be helpful for people undergoing chemotherapy and people with AIDS.

The institute, an affiliate of the National Academy of Sciences, provides the federal government with independent scientific advice and receives no federal money.

But the panel warned that smoking marijuana can cause respiratory disease and called for the development of standardized forms of the drugs, called cannabinoids, that can be taken, for example, by inhaler.

"Marijuana has potential as medicine, but it is undermined by the fact that patients must inhale harmful smoke," said Stanley Watson of the Mental Health Research Institute at the University of Michigan, one of the study's principal investigators.

Even so, the panel said, there may be cases where patients could in the meantime get relief from smoked marijuana, especially since it might take years to develop an inhaler.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy said it would carefully study the recommendations.

"We note in the report's conclusion that the future of cannabinoid drugs lies not in smoked marijuana, but in chemically defined drugs" delivered by other means, the office headed by retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey said in a statement.

One patient called the findings long overdue.

"It's taken a long time, but I feel like now, people will stand up and listen," said Irvin Rosenfeld, a Boca Raton, FL, stockbroker who has smoked marijuana supplied by the federal government for 27 years because of a rare medical condition.

"When you have a devastating disease, all you care about is getting the right medicine ... and not having to worry about being made a criminal," said Rosenfeld. He suffers from tumors that press into the muscles at the end of long bones. The marijuana relaxes those muscles, keeping them from being torn by the tumors and allowing him to move with less pain.

Rosenfeld is one of just eight people in the country receiving marijuana from the government because of unusual diseases.

The panel urged clinical trials to determine the usefulness of marijuana in treating muscle spasms.

While it also has been promoted as a treatment for glaucoma, the panel said smoked marijuana only temporarily reduces some of the eye pressure associated with that disease.

Daniel Zingale of AIDS Action said he is "pleased that the study validates the benefits of medicinal marijuana."

Chuck Thomas of the Marijuana Policy Project said the report "shoots down" claims that marijuana has no medical benefits.

Opponents of allowing medical use of marijuana long have claimed that it is a "gateway" drug, giving people a start on the road to more dangerous drugs such as heroin and cocaine.

But the report concludes there is "no conclusive evidence that the drug effects of marijuana are causally linked to subsequent abuse of other illicit drugs."

In fact, the report concludes, most drug users did not begin with marijuana but rather started by using tobacco and alcohol while they were underage.

The New England Journal of Medicine has editorialized in favor of medical marijuana and the American Medical Association has urged the federal National Institutes of Health to support more research on the subject.

An expert panel formed by NIH found in 1997 that existing research showed some patients could be helped by the drug, principally to relieve nausea after cancer chemotherapy or to increase AIDS patients' appetites. The drug also has helped some patients control glaucoma, that panel found.

Tobacco industry wins Ohio health union case

AKRON, Ohio (AP) - A federal jury handed the tobacco industry a big victory Thursday, rejecting a $2 billion lawsuit brought by union health funds to recover the costs of workers' smoking-related illnesses.

The jury ruled for the industry on all counts in the first of about 12 such lawsuits around the country to go to trial.

The 114 Ohio union health funds argued the tobacco industry concealed evidence of the dangers of smoking and went after less-educated blue-collar workers with images of the Marlboro Man and Joe Camel.

The tobacco companies contended there was nothing about their advertising.

"We are delighted with the court's ruling," said Gregory Little, a lawyer for Philip Morris. "This jury sent a clear message reaffirming the health risks of smoking have been well-known for decades, and that cigarette companies have not withheld material information regarding health effects from the public."

The Ohio union health funds were led in their class-action suit by Iron Workers Local Union No. 17 Insurance Fund, which brought the case in 1997.

Around the country, several similar cases have been thrown out, with some judges saying the unions have no legal standing unless they file separate lawsuits on behalf of every smoker.

In this case, the 11 jurors began deliberations Tuesday afternoon. One juror had been excused during the trial.

The lawyers for the unions claimed that the cigarette makers knew exactly what they were doing in marketing their products.

"The tobacco industry was aware that people with lower incomes and less education are more susceptible to the advertising," said attorney Mike Withey.

There was no immediate comment from Withey after the verdict.

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Hale agrees to plead guilty to some charges

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP) - Retired Army Maj. Gen. David Hale, accused of sexual improprieties with the wives of subordinates, has agreed to plead guilty to some charges in exchange for limitations on his sentence, his attorney said Tuesday.

Attorney Frank Spinner said the agreement was accepted by his client and Army prosecutors after lengthy negotiations. Spinner did not specify which charges Hale would plead guilty to, but said, "He is not pleading guilty to any non-consensual sexual offenses.

"He made the offer out of a desire to protect the Army, himself and others from embarrassment and pain."

In his brief remarks to reporters, Spinner did not answer questions.

Late Monday, Army officials said Hale had agreed to forgo a preliminary hearing that was to have been held Tuesday and become the second Army general to be court-martialed since 1952.

Military prosecutors immediately filed revised charges, and Hale's court-marital had been scheduled to begin Wednesday morning. Spinner said that Hale would enter his pleas Wednesday before a military judge.

Under the revised charges, Hale, 53, now faces eight charges of violating the Uniform Code of Military Justice - seven counts of improper conduct and one count of lying to investigators.

He was accused of having improper relationships with the wives of subordinate officers in Turkey as well as Virginia, Maine, Connecticut and Nevada. The alleged relationships occurred from 1996 to 1998.

Prosecutors dropped two charges of obstruction of justice. Those charges stemmed from allegations that Hale threatened to testify against the spouse of a subordinate in a child-custody case if she didn't keep their relationship a secret, and that he told a civilian government employee to delete computer files relevant to the investigation.

Hale now faces a maximum penalty of 11 years in prison, along with loss of rank and pension. Under the initial 17 charges, he had faced the possibility of 56 years in prison if convicted.

The general retired with honor in February 1998 after four months as a deputy inspector general at the Pentagon, despite suspicions about alleged improprieties while he was a top NATO commander in southern Europe.

The allegations against Hale surfaced last year when The Washington Times reported that a woman named Donnamaria Carpino had accused him of forcing her into a four-month sexual relationship in Turkey while her husband, an Army colonel, was posted there.

Some members of Congress complained that his quiet retirement represented a double standard when people of lower rank were court-martialed over such allegations.

The Hale case has been contrasted with the 1998 court-martial of Gene McKinney, former sergeant major of the Army.

McKinney was reduced in rank and reprimanded after he was convicted of obstruction of justice in a sexual misconduct case. He was acquitted of 18 counts alleging sexual harassment of six military women.

His lawyer said McKinney was treated far more harshly than many officers who had faced similar allegations.

U-WIRE NEWS

State Department warns students traveling to avoid trouble

By William Moses
U. Texas-Austin

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — With spring break drawing near across the nation, the U.S. Department of State urged students who plan to leave the country to be careful while enjoying their vacation.

According to the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs, more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad each year, and about half of those are on drug-related charges. Mexico alone is responsible for about 400 of those arrests.

"Each year, many American students serve time in foreign jails or await trial in detention because they were unaware of the risks of using or possessing drugs while overseas," said U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in the introduction to the State Department's cautionary statement.

According to the statement, being arrested abroad on drug charges could mean mistreatment and solitary confinement for up to a year before trial, a lengthy trial conducted in a foreign language, prison time - sometimes including hard labor and heavy fines — and in Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Turkey and Thailand, death.

Foreign laws often treat drug possession and trafficking the same.

The State Department said drugs aren't the only legal risk. Many Americans are also arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

"U.S. consular officers can visit American citizens being held in foreign jails but cannot get them released," Albright said.

Consular officers can intercede with local authorities to make sure Americans' rights under local laws are observed, make sure Americans are treated humanely and notify Americans' families and friends of their arrest, according to internationally accepted standards.

"Be aware that when you leave U.S. soil, you leave behind all protection that our constitution affords," said Maria Rudensky, spokeswoman for the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs.

The statement cautioned against taking risks in foreign countries, legal or not.

"Young Americans have been killed in automobile accidents, drownings and falls because of heavy drinking and drug use," the statement said. "Sadly, others have been raped or robbed because they have found themselves in unfamiliar locales and incapable of exercising prudent judgment."

The State Department recommends students study the laws and customs of the country they plan to visit.

"We also encourage you to talk to people who have recently been to the country and to learn a little about the language," Rudensky said.

In addition, the statement suggests that students know whether their medical insurance covers them outside the United States and that students carry a policy identity card and a claim form.

Sixteen men sentenced for July riot in State College; two jailed

By Rachel Hanson
Pennsylvania State U.

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Penn. — Sixteen men were sentenced last week for charges stemming from the Penn State July 12 riot, with penalties ranging from community service to prison time.

On Wednesday, Curtis Myers, 21, of State College pleaded guilty to felony charges of rioting and risking a catastrophe. He was sentenced to five to 23 months in prison and was ordered to pay $200 for each offense and an undetermined amount of restitution.

Centre County President Judge Charles C. Brown Jr. sentenced the other 15 men Monday. The only two who received jail time were those facing felony charges. The other 13 men, charged with various misdemeanors, were sentenced to a combination of community service, fines, restitution and probation.

William R. Pfeifer, 23, of Kennett Square was ordered to serve eight to 23 months in prison for charges of aggravated assault and rioting. Pfeifer pleaded guilty in January to both charges.

Centre County District Attorney Ray Gricar said Pfeifer's sentence was the most prison time anyone has received thus far in connection to the riot. Pfeifer's offense, throwing an object at a police officer, was the most serious, Gricar added.

Timothy P. Logan, 22, of Amherst, N.H. was sentenced to serve five to 23 months in prison for charges of arson and rioting. Gricar said Logan added items to one of the fires started that night. Logan pleaded no contest to both charges in January.

The 13 men charged with misdemeanors, ranging from failure to move on to disorderly conduct, were each sentenced to 100 hours of community service and a $200 fine for each charge against them. Some of the men will also be ordered to pay restitution and some will serve probation, Gricar said.

"I am satisfied with (the sentences)," Gricar said.

He added Centre County probation officer Ron Millward has organized a special community service program for the 13 men. They will all work in State College cleaning up parks, among other tasks.

Those found guilty of misdemeanor charges are: Michael P. Allen, 23, of Bloomfield, Conn.; Michael R. Brice, 23, of State College; Nathan J. Deck, 22, of Lebanon; Colin J. Devine, 22, of North Wales; Jesse H. Koegler, 20, of Pittsburgh; Daniel Maniscalco, 21, of West Chester; Michael T. Marshall, 27, of Bedford; Seth R. Porter, 22, of Fairview; Joseph M. Procopio, 23, of Chatham, N.J.; Jeffrey J. Schroeder, 25, of Trafford; Kevin F. Shippos, 20, of State College; Ryan M. Strub, 24, of State College; and Thomas VanGermert, 24, of Murrysville.

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Spring break helps further alcohol problems

By Richard Morgan
North Carolina State U.

(U-WIRE) RALEIGH, N.C. — If you don't want to hear that alcohol is bad for you, if you don't want to know what alcohol can do to you, or if you're too drunk right now to be able to read this article, be gone with you.

For those of you who are still reading, congratulations. I know that we've all heard so much "just say no" propaganda from so many D.A.R.E. programs that we are fairly fed up of hearing about alcohol. If it hasn't affected us by now, it probably won't affect us anytime soon (besides, we all know how to deal with it; we've seen the "drinking problem" episodes of "90210" or "Dawson's Creek", right?).

And I must admit that I didn't really want to write this article because I felt it was a crutch cause. I mean, I might as well be writing about the Clinton scandal, gun violence or the decay of morals in America; alcohol is overdone and over inflated. It's cliché, which, ironically, makes it watered down.

But then I realized why cliches become cliches in the first place. Cliché messages are common because so many people see a need to deliver that message. After reading an article in Reuters ("Drunkenness common during 'beach week'" - 22 Feb 99), I was shocked.

The 15-24 age group is the only age group in the U.S. whose life span is decreasing, mostly due to use of alcohol and related drugs. Half of the top 12 causes of death in the U.S. are related either directly or indirectly to alcohol. In the U.S., 75% of unintentional injuries (the leading cause of death) are directly or indirectly related to alcohol.

But why does this affect you, Sammy Student or Diana Do-Gooder? Here's why: According to a recent survey by Williams College, 90% of college students use alcohol at least once a year; 85-95% consume alcohol regularly; and 25% have a drinking problem.

The Reuters article published the results of a survey conducted by Dr. Richard Schwartz from Inova Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia. In the study, Schwartz asked 59 women to talk about their Spring Break experiences at the beaches of our near and dear North Carolina.

Seventy five percent were drunk every day. Fourty-six percent had sex; seven lost their virginity. Fourty percent of sexual encounters were with people other than steady boyfriends (it's hard to make love when you're drunk, it's easy to have sex). Eighty-six percent of those who had sex were drunk at the time.

Prior to the beach weekend, 23% percent were daily smokers; that more than doubled after the "party," where many smoked at least five cigarettes a day.

So, what to do with all of these percentages? If you have a superior will, a spunky "against all odds" attitude, or if you just don't care about whether or not you spend Spring Break in hollow pursuits of sex and drugs, then do whatever you want. But if you are a little more realistic, if you know your weaknesses and your ability to interact with a drink-drowned, sex-smothered "party", then take action to protect yourself.

Whether that protection involves bringing condoms or taking birth-control pills, or deciding on designated drivers, or just personally keeping away from alcohol and other drugs, I implore those who have cared enough about themselves to read this far to care enough to do more than read an article. I implore them to take decisive actions in their lives.

Massachusetts considers bill punishing racial slurs

By Erica B. Levy
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(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — In a bill that some say violates First Amendment protections of free speech, State Rep. Benjamin Swan (D-Springfield) has proposed that sworn public officials be prevented from using derogatory language about any group.

The joint Public Safety Committee for the Massachusetts legislature discussed the bill in a Monday meeting.

The bill states that inappropriate language use by sworn-in law officers should be unlawful and is a violation of officers' oath-of-office.

The proposed ban would affect police officers, state police, correctional officers, court officers and any other sworn-in officer of the law.

"No racial slurs, name-callings, nor profanity use directed toward another individual shall be used in the course of, during or in the line of duty," the bill reads. "Doing so... shall constitute grounds for dismissal."

Swan said yesterday that the bill would enhance relations between police and community members.

"If we look at social upheaval in the last couple of years, most of it has been caused by name-calling." Swan said.

But some legislators and police officers said they feel that similar methods of preventing racial slurs are already in place.

"If an officer swears, he is rude and inappropriate, but he shouldn't lose his job. There are internal disciplinary procedures to deal with that," said Cambridge Police Department Spokesperson Frank T. Pasquarello.

"It's like the doctor who gets sued for malpractice—he doesn't lose his job forever. And I think that is a lot more serious offense," he said.

Former PSU professor arrested twice, charged with illegal soliciting

By Beth Baumgardner
Pennsylvania State U.

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Penn. — Retired Penn State professor Julian Heicklen, who is running for Centre County commissioner, was arrested Friday and again Saturday after campaigning in front of Wal-Mart, 373 Benner Pike.

Wal-Mart management does not allow any solicitation and asked Heicklen to stop distributing political information Friday. When he refused, management contacted the State College Police Department.

Upon arrival, police officers told Heicklen to leave or he would be arrested for criminal trespass. Heicklen then laid motionless on the ground at the front entrance, at which point the officers arrested him and carried him to a patrol car.

District Justice Bradley Lunsford released Heicklen on nominal bail for the criminal trespass charge.

Saturday, Heicklen returned to Wal-Mart and again began distributing political information. Wal-Mart management contacted the police upon his refusal to leave.

Heicklen again remained motionless on the ground when two officers attempted to arrest him. The officers told Heicklen lying motionless would add a disorderly conduct charge in addition to the second criminal trespass he had incurred, but Heicklen refused to move.

Both officers were injured while attempting to carry Heicklen to the patrol car. One is unable to work because he suffered a double hernia and may need surgery.

District Justice Daniel Hoffman placed Heicklen in Centre County Prison Saturday in lieu of $75,000 bail. Heicklen was still in custody Sunday.

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10: 15 a.m., atMcGill Library

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11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in Duff Dining Hall

Fitness Center Opens
Noon - 5 p.m. in theField House - (2 guest per person)

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1-5 p.m., in the TUB Lounge

Open Gym
1 to 5 p.m., in the Field House

Dance Theater Matinee
2 p.m., in Orr Auditorium - (extra cost)

Lil' Sibs Swim
2 - 4 p.m., in the Field House - (closed to public)

Movie: *Mulan*
2:30 p.m., at the Down Under

Dinner
4:30 - 6 p.m., in Duff Dining Hall

Mass
7 p.m. (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

Recreational Swim
7 - 9 p.m., in the Field House - (open to the public)

Rick Kelly
8 p.m., at the Down Under

Movie:*Antz*
11:30 p.m. at the Down Under

Sunday, March 28

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Camp Cedar, a boys' summer camp in Maine, has counselor openings for staff members this summer. Counselors work with boys between the ages of 9 and 15. The camp offers a full range of activities including team and individual athletic and creative activities in an outstanding facility. Season begins the third week of June, which involves one week of orientation followed by an eight-week camp session. Call Jackie Meade (CC).

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The YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, a conference center located in the mountains of western North Carolina, is currently seeking both supervisory and non-supervisory staff to work in the following departments for the summer of 1999: food services, guest services, maintenance, conferences services, housekeeping, aquatics, environmental education, gift shop, crafts, and child care. All positions are paid. Further information is available at ILUCKBRA@aol.com or (808) 669-8422. Website is www.blueridgeassembly.org.

The First Church of God on Euclid Ave. in New Castle is currently searching for a youth intern. This paid position has a negotiable salary based on 15 to 20 hours per week. Interested students should send a resume and references to: Joyce Houk, 12 W. Euclid Ave., New Castle PA 16105.

The Lawrence County Family Center in New Castle welcomes volunteers to work with youth in the community. Call Brian Walsh, (724) 658-8706.

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3. A Letter of Application that describes the applicant's goals for the publication, as well as the methods and personal skills that will be used to reach those goals.
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5. Any other materials that support the student's application.

In you require further information call Ms. McBride at ext. 7238, or e-mail mcbridsa. Or submit your application to Box 182.

Please submit applications by March 29th to:
Sheila A. McBride
Chair of Student Publications Board
Box 182

Calendar of Events

Friday, March 19
Last Day for Fall Semester incompletes
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Clothing/jewelry sales - TUB Grill
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Joyce Hoellein
11:40 a.m., LAWPAC Event - PH 132
3:30 p.m., Diversity Symposium, "The World of Work from the Female Perspective" - Russell Dining Hall
8 p.m., Gala Ball — Down Under

Saturday, March 20
Spring begins
10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sigma Kappa Sisterhood Retreat - TUB Lounge
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
2-8 p.m., 1 ACTS - Down Under
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel
7 p.m., KD Formal
8 p.m., Celebrity Series, Rich Little - Orr

Sunday, March 21
9 a.m., WC Equestrian Show - Little Neshannock Stables
10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sigma Kappa initiation - Chapel
1 p.m., KD Shamrock Project
3 p.m., Spring Fling Reception at Field House
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Vespers, Communion, Wayne Nickerson - Chapel
8 p.m., 1 ACTS - Down Under
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
8:15-10 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

Monday, March 22
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Tobyn Domske '99
5 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi meeting - Alpha Sigma Phi House
5 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
5:30 p.m., Panhel meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m., Zeta Tau Alpha meeting - TCF 116
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6 p.m., Phi Mu meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m., Kappa Delta meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
7 p.m., BSU meeting - PH 231
7:30 p.m., Mimi Wyche "Eaten Alive" (eating disorders) - Chapel
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230

Tuesday, March 23
File your FAFSA
SGA Senate Elections - TUB Grill
1:30-6 p.m., Summer Job/Internship Day - TUB Lounge
5:30 p.m., Alumni Council for Seniors Only Dinner - Russell
6:30 p.m., Diversity Symposium, Pat Mora, multicultural children's author - Beeghly
7:30 p.m., Mortar Board Initiation - Down Under
7:30 p.m., Gospel Choir Exec. Committee - TUB A/B

Wednesday, March 24
SGA Senate Elections - TUB Grill
11:30 a.m., Faculty Forum, Ann Throckmorton "Creating Web Pages with Javascript and Blackboard" - PH 131
4:15-5:30 p.m., Phi Sigma Tau meeting - PH 116
5 p.m., SIFE College Business Jeopardy - Down Under
5:30 p.m., Career Center Employment Information Presentation
6 p.m., KME Initiation - TUB A/B
7 p.m., SGA meeting - TCF 116
7 p.m., Diversity Symposium, "Gay and Lesbian Families: A Personal Perspective" - Russell Dining Hall
8 p.m., Bleasby Colloquium, Ross Wastvedt & Keen Compher - TUB A/B
8-9 p.m., Discussion: Lenten Themes - Chapel
8:30-9:30 p.m., SAVE meeting - TCF 111

Thursday, March 25
History Day
11:15 a.m.-noon, Mass - OM 210
1-4 p.m., Wellness Day - Field House I.M. Gym
4 p.m., SIFE High School Business Jeopardy - Down Under
7 p.m., IFC meeting - TUB A/B
8 p.m., Dance Theatre - Orr
8-9 p.m., Lambda Sigma meeting - TUB A/B
8 p.m., Binge Drinking Task Force - Russell Dining Room

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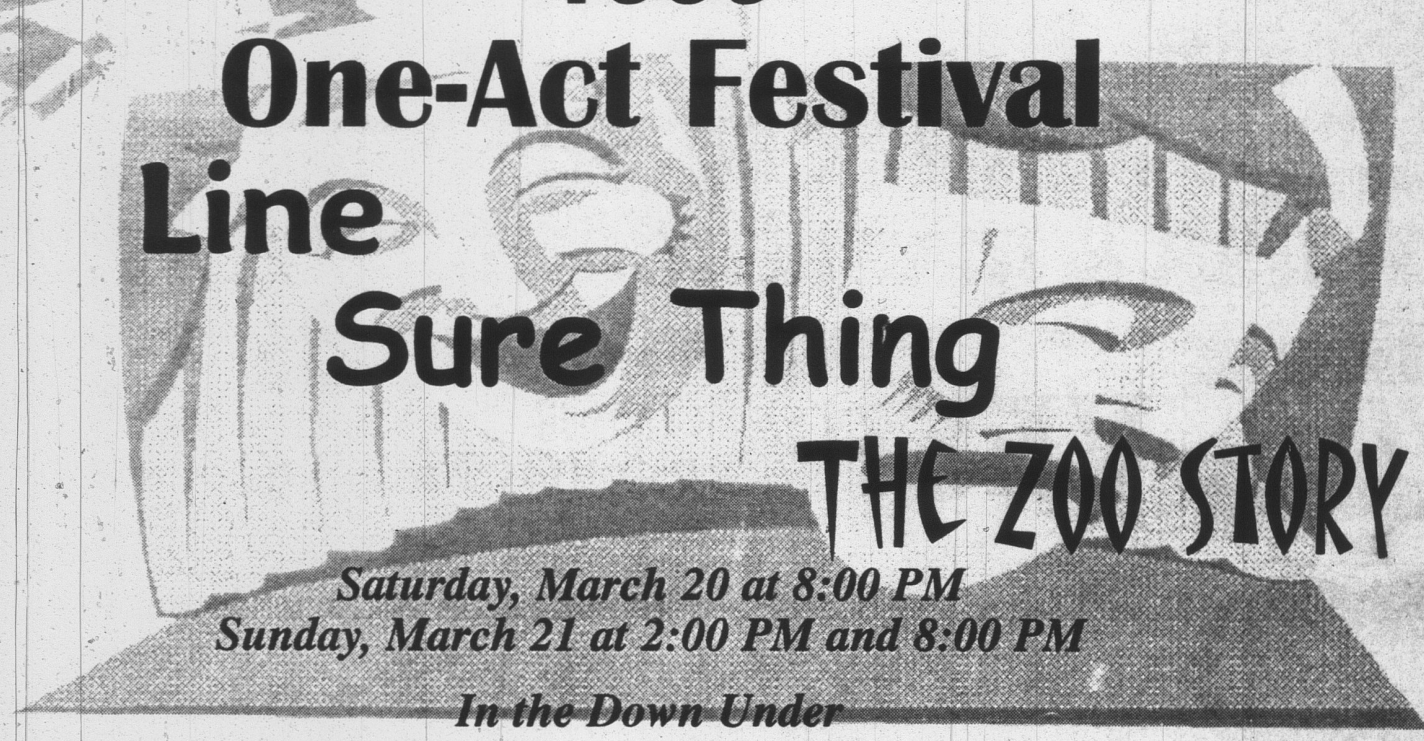

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New division change sparks much controversy

By Meghan Duda
STAFF WRITER

After making the change to NCAA Division II GLIAC conference just last year, Westminster will step into a new conference for the third time in four years.

Many athletes stared in dismay in Buzz Ridle gymnasium as President R. Thomas Williamson addressed all student athletes and coaches concerning Westminster's move to NCAA Division III for the 2000-2001 season.

"I wish I had more options to choose from," Williamson said. "I want Westminster to be able to take a competitive stand [in Division II], but we are dealing with a number of pressures."

A committee was formed in response to the president's concern, and it determined that the college doesn't have the financial resources to compete with other Division II schools. The new switch is supposed to allow more money for better facilities, more coaches, and the addition of other athletic resources. The other schools in the GLIAC conference were noted as having better facilities and more financial aid to offer athletes.

Westminster is also facing a financial crunch to comply with recent, stricter changes in Title Nine standards. Title Nine is a legal binding that regards equality in women's and men's athletics. While over 35 male athletes receive full scholarships to attend Westminster, less than 10 female athletes receive such scholarships.

The gathering of athletes and coaches became more uneasy as Williamson began discussing the drawbacks of changing to the PAC.

"The first downside is that in going forward to Division III, we will no longer be able to offer athletic scholarships," Williamson said. "However, we will make the commitments to maintain financial responsibility to our current athletes."

Westminster officials have assured current athletes and incoming recruits that the college will continue to provide financial aid until the athlete's graduation. But first year students of 2000-2001 will not be eligible for athletic scholarships.

The second drawback is that by PAC's regulations, Westminster must face a trial period which will make all of the college's teams ineligible for post-season play for two years. Hearing this, the men's basketball team walked out of the meeting.

"The thing that really disappoints me is that we will be ineligible for post season play for my last two years here," freshman outfielder Mônica Dunn said.

A few athletes commented that it looked like the college is running away from the Division. In the heated discussion, Jason Hunter, a senior football team member, noted that quitting is not part of the Titan legacy.

Applause echoed as many voiced their feeling that the change was due to the losing seasons experienced by some of the teams this year.

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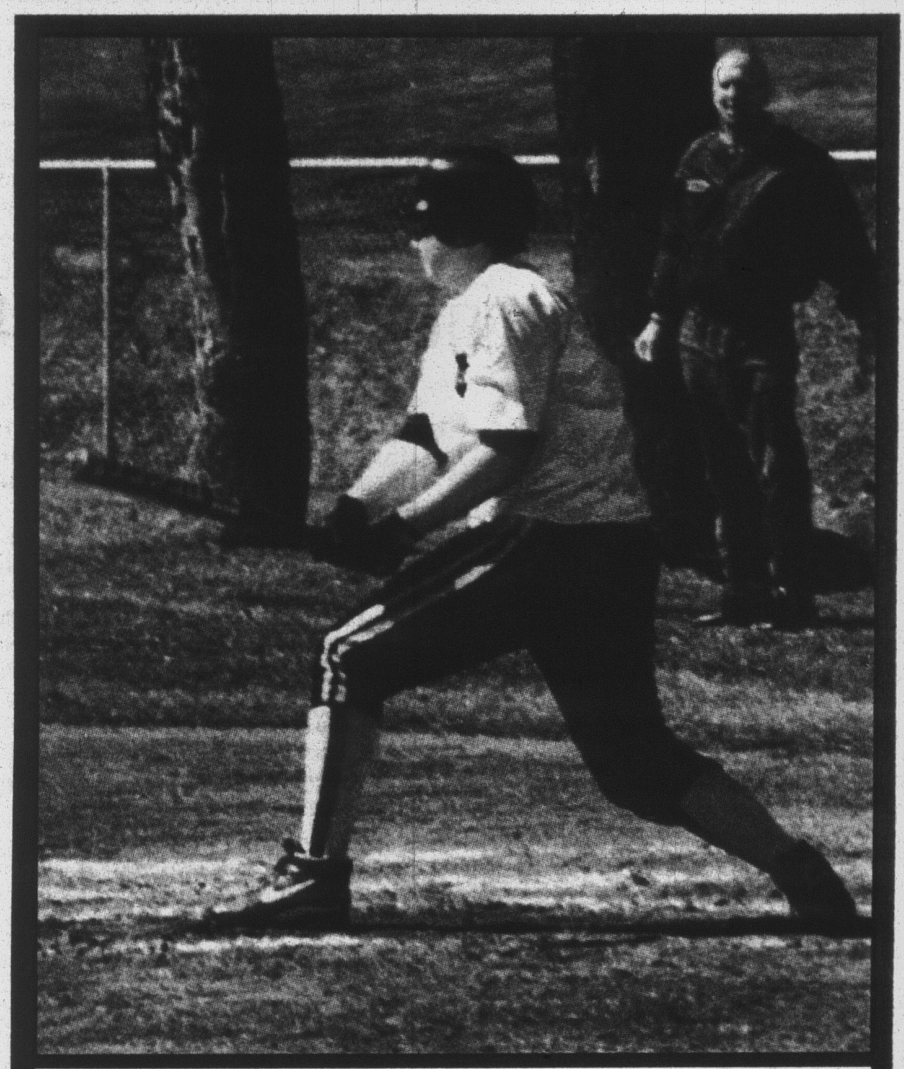

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Softball team starts the season strong winning a double header against Carlow College.

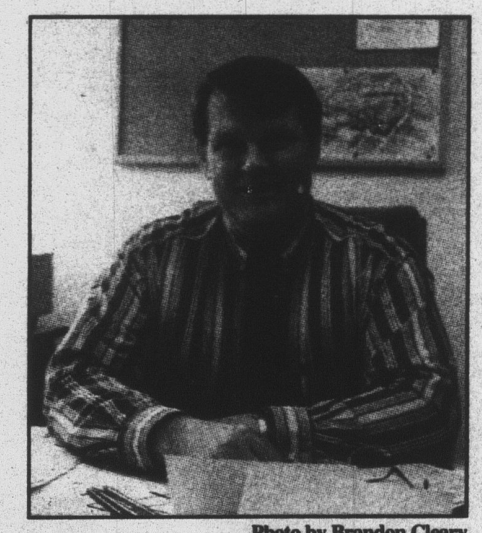

Photo by Brandon Cleary

John Lechner

Assistant dean of student affairs John Lechner brings experience to position

By Nicholas Hillebrand
STAFF WRITER

The Paul Darlington era officially comes to an end as the college welcomes John Lechner, new dean of student affairs and public safety.

The main attribute Lechner brings to the position is experience. He was Lieutenant Station Commander of the PA State police in New Castle, and has more than 25 years of experience in law enforcement and military service.

"John will be able to bring resources that we did not already have", said Assistant Dean Camille Hawthorne.

One of Lechner's goals is to take a hard look at the parking situation on campus.

"All changes will be improvements," he said.

Another goal of Lechner is to work with the five fraternities.

"I look forward to working with the fraternities", Lechner said. "I have met a few of the presidents already".

Lechner said he wants to help the fraternities get more involved with their philanthropy projects. With all of the resources that he brings to the job, he said he knows some good charities that the fraternities can work with.

Brennon Weidl, president of Phi Kappa Tau, said that he looks forward to working with John on "making things go more smoothly for the fraternities".

Lechner graduated from Gannon University where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration and was a member of the Greek community.

Lechner currently lives in Hermitage with his wife Marylyn and his two children, Michael and Julie.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Music students to present unusual piano recital in Orr

You will recognize the piano, but we doubt if you have ever seen it played this way. Seven students will take part in an unusual piano recital of 20th century music on March 28, at 3 p.m. on Orr Auditorium stage.

Audience members will be seated on stage with the musicians, and be treated to music of the current century, including one number performed with a specially prepared piano. The audience will watch while Stanley Rothrock alters the sound of the piano with nuts, bolts, weather-stripping, erasers, pennies, and paper clips. He will then perform A Valentine Out of Season by John Cage using only a small portion of the instrument and creating a synthesizer sound.

A duet features Laurie Chamberlin in the piano, (yes, in the piano) and Matthew McCright at the piano while performing the riotous Banshee. "It will get a rise out of you," said McCright. "It will make you laugh."

McCright is also performing a solo number by Rzewski, Piano Piece Number Four. This piece uses the piano in another unusual way. The vibrating soundboard will sound like to a piano exploding.

The concert spans the century beginning with Laurie Chamberlin who will perform the 1903 French composition, "Anime" from Maurice Ravel's Sonatine. This movement has been likened to a shimmering whirlwind of colors, which contains the warm, blurry images of impression and the clarity of neoclassicism.

Kimberly Chase continues the concert with an Arnold Schoenberg composition Sech Klein Klavierstucke. "Schoenberg believed brevity and intensity of expression to be independent...they contain ideas that are complete within themselves, requiring no development," said Chase.

Rounding out this 20th century piano music will be Karl Geiger, who will play one of Debussy's great showpieces, Isle of Joy; Katrina Hake's presentation on Bartok; and finally the jazz music of Gershwin by Avis Devine.

All performers are Westminster College students taught by either Nancy Zipay DeSalvo, artist in residence, or Sandra H. Chenevey, instructor.

Chapel Corner: Former student to speak in Vespers

By Jill Boreman
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Join us for vespers March 28 at 7 p.m. The Reverend Chris Weichman will be our guest speaker. As a 1989 graduate of Westminster, Reverend Weichman was a brother of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. During his years as a brother he picked up his nickname "Plague." Upon interview, he declined to elaborate on the subject. You might want to ask current brothers to see if they remember the legend.

As a student here, Chris also served as a RA in Eichenauer hall. He became a Christian in his sophomore year. After graduating with a degree in Business Administration with a finance concentration, he went on to work for Hosanna Industries for 5 years. Hosanna Industries is an organization much like Habitat for Humanity.

He graduated from Pittsburgh theological Seminary in 1998. He now works at East Main Presbyterian Church in Grove City. The title of his sermon is "Lift Jesus Higher." It will be taken from the Gospel of John, Chapter 9. This is the story of the man who was born blind.

"As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.

"Go," he told him, "wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, I am the man." "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

"Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said." (NIV)

Next week in Chapel:

Monday March 29 (11:40): Jewel Anita Hendrix

Seekers fellowship:

Wed at 9:30pm at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church downstairs. For more information call Mel or Steve Montgomery at 946-3558.

College and Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts present exhibits

Westminster College and The Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts will present two art exhibitions March 21 through April 9 at the Institute, 124 East Leisure Ave., New Castle. The Hoyt's hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

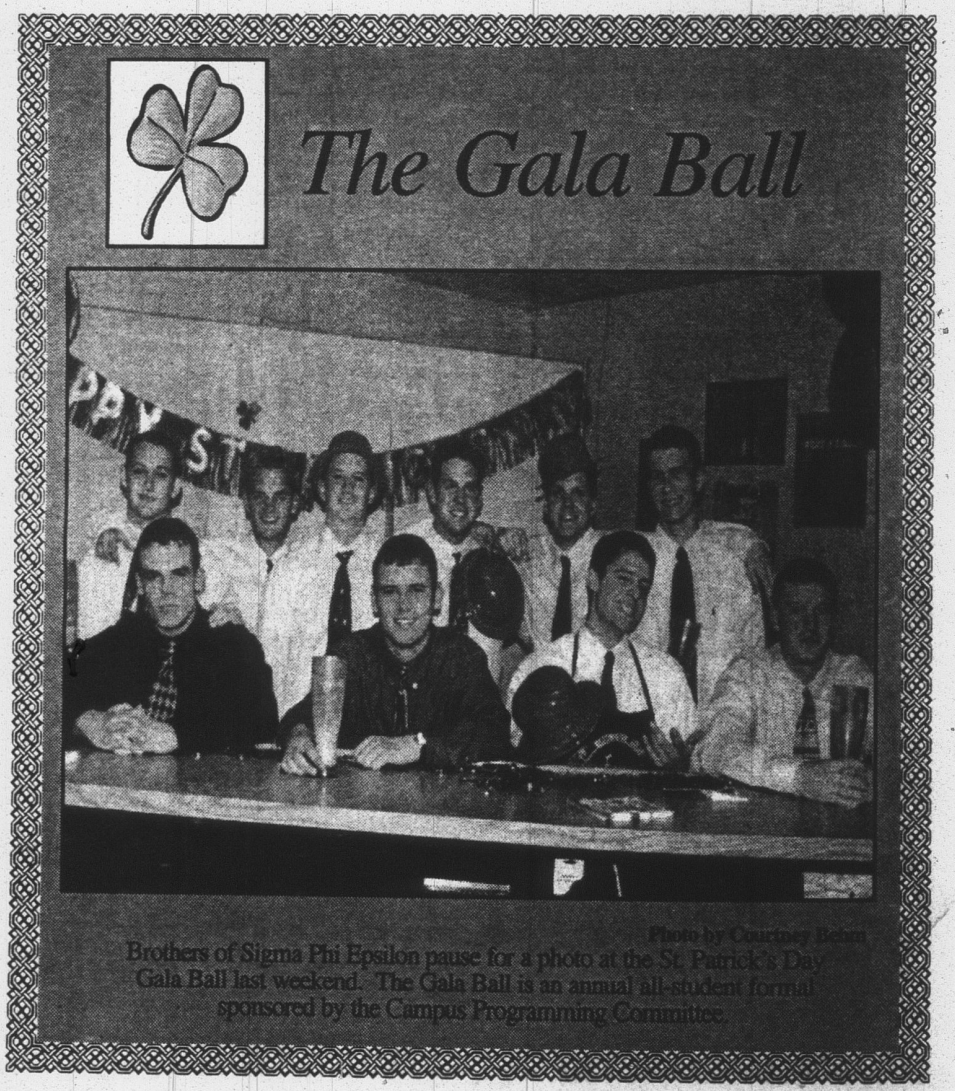
Dr. James Perkins, professor of English, curated 20 @ 40, a retrospective of the photographs of William E. Lyons. Heather Toy, a senior art major and Erin Kripp ('98) assisted Perkins. Both students started on the project while taking public relations courses through the English department.

"They did most of the work and in the process learned more than they would have by reading a book or listening to a lecture," Perkins said. Toy and Kripp curated Koop's Clay Mates, an invitational exhibition of current and former students of art professor Kathy Koop.

Community members participating in the ceramics exhibition in the Blair Sculpture Walkway include: Marcus Dawson, Sarah Diver, Jana Groothius, Ann Hixon, Mark Johnston, Kathy Koop, Richard Regelski Jr., Ceil Leeper Sturdevant, Dr. Sandra Webster, and Cynthia Young.

Lyons, who turns 40 this year, has been taking photographs professionally for 20 years. From 1981-91, Lyons was a photographer for the New Castle News. He now works for the Daily Local News in West Chester, Pa. This exhibition of 145 photos from the past two decades demonstrates both his photojournalistic skills and his artistic sensibility. He has had shows at the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio; Zone 1 Gallery in Ashville, N.C.; Westminster College; West Chester University; Presbyterian College in South Carolina; as well as The Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts.

The shows will open with a joint reception on March 21 from 2-4 p.m.



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Brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon pause for a photo at the St. Patrick's Day Gala Ball last weekend. The Gala Ball is an annual all-student formal sponsored by the Campus Programming Committee.

Student Alumni Association travels over spring break

By: Rebecca Snyder
STAFF WRITER

While some students headed south for a week of sun and sand, Melissa Wiley and Anne Wilson visited several cities on the East Coast. And it was all courtesy of the Student Alumni Association.

Wiley, SAA secretary, and Wilson, SAA president, traveled to Harrisburg, Washington D.C., Baltimore, and Philadelphia during spring break. Mary James, director of almuni relations and SAA's adviser, accompanied the two. The purpose of the trip was to expand the SAA's connection with alumni in the several major cities.

At each city, local alumni were invited to an event organized by SAA. These events allowed Wilson, Wiley, and James to communicate with alumni on a personal level.

"The alumni were all so nice," said Wiley. "It makes me proud that I go to Westminster and will eventually be an alum, too."

Wilson and Wiley each spoke about the current condition of the college - present activities, events, and campus life. James gave the alumni other pertinent information and reminded them of upcoming Westminster events.

Wiley said the alumni seemed very interested in what is happening at the college and asked many questions about such things as the smart classrooms and improved technology.

"They were amazed at everything we have now," said Wiley.

But the alumni were not the only ones to benefit from the events. Wiley and Wilson said they also walked away with several memorable experiences.

"Staying with the alumni was really interesting," said Wilson. "We had the opportunity to talk to them about a lot a things."

"It was really interesting to hear what life was like when they were at Westminster," said Wiley.

The alumni also had advice for Wiley, Wilson, and student body. They urged students to be flexible and consider jobs on the East Coast.

"They told us there are lots of jobs outside of the Pittsburgh area," said Wiley.

In addition to forming connections with several alumni, Wiley, Wilson, and James had the opportunity to visit other sites of interest. They traveled to Valley Forge while in Philadelphia, an aquarium in Baltimore, and visited the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. Also, Chris Latta, an alumni and aid to Sen. Gibson Armstrong, gave the group a private tour of Harrisburg's capital building.

Wiley and Wilson both said the trip was a valuable experience.

"Traveling around and meeting all the alumni was great," said Wilson.

James and SAA are planning another similar trip for next year. Two or three students will be included in this event.

WCTV will no longer air after the end of the spring semester

By Erin Kirkby
STAFF WRITER

WCTV, a show produced and anchored by students, has been cancelled, effective at the end of spring semester.

Although the show provides an excellent opportunity of broadcasting beginners to learn the basics, Dr. David Barner, associate professor and chair of communications studies, said that it lacks exposure and experience acquired through off-campus television and radio shows.

"Initially, I thought it could be a training ground, but it has ended up with students with a lot of ability having to do all the shows," Barner said.

Along with WCTV, only 10 of the 40-broadcasting students commit their time to Inside Lawrence County Television and Inside Lawrence County Radio. These two programs expose students to issues and interviews outside of the college, and Inside Lawrence County Television airs on both local and New Castle cable systems. WCTV airs only on local cable, gearing the content toward the campus community with reports on sports, faculty and student issues.

"We cannot do both," Barner said. "We want and need to gain experience on something outside of Westminster."

Some students disagree.

"I think there should be two television shows and as you get older you should progress through the shows," said broadcasting student Jennifer Body.

But from feedback from visiting alumni and broadcasting professionals regarding the importance of experience in outside interviewing and broadcasting, Barner decided to cancel WCTV and focus on shows outside the college.

"I am trying to benefit them as far as their education is concerned," Barner said. "The three shows together just spread our students too thin."

To assist Barner in educating and improving students' communication skills, the college hired Professor Raymond A. Niekamp. Among his long list of qualifications, Niekamp taught at Duquesne, Penn State University and University of Minnesota. With 18 years of experience in TV news, including reporting, anchoring and producing, Barner said he believes Niekamp will help the broadcasting department.

Although Barner does not anticipate the return of WCTV, additional broadcasting students with news interest, along with Niekamp's expertise, could bring the show back.

"I think it is a big waste to get rid of the show," Body said. "How am I supposed to learn next year?"

Barner understands the desire to continue the show.

"Their friends see them and it gives them immediate feedback," Barner said. "They do not get that with a show covering the county."

Student coverage on the Lawrence County shows will continue. Barner said that in the future, he may create a show about Westminster anchoring, but it would only air once every two weeks.

Former bulimic Mimi Wyche gives eating disorder presentation

By Meghan Duda
STAFF WRITER

The Panhellenic Council, the Student Athletic Advisory Council, and Student Affairs sponsored an eating disorder program on March 22, 1999 in the chapel.

The program, "Eaten Alive," performed by Mimi Wyche dealt with the subject of eating disorders and weight obsession. Wyche, a recovering bulimic, portrayed five characters in a skit that demonstrated the feelings, emotions, and a glimpse into the life of someone dealing with an eating disorder.

At the conclusion of the program, Wyche conducted a question and answer period with Judith Duda and Babs Quincy from the student health center.

"About 20% of college women experience an eating disorder, and anorexia nervosa has the highest fatality rate of any mental illness," Quincy said.

Depending on what stage the person is in, symptoms may include noticeable isolation, secretiveness, avoiding public eating, pushing around food on the plate, compulsive exercise or excessively chapped hands. How do you know when a diet has become a problem? "When it [dieting] becomes the primary motivation in your life," Wyche said. "When eating comes before people. When you can't not think about it."

"Diagnosed individuals on campus have drastically decreased in the past couple of years," Duda said. "There are approximately 10 to 12 students per class that are treated by the school each year."

Duda believes that the decrease is due to an increase in education and the fact that many students are being treated before they come to college.

"Treatment is a very clumsy process," Wyche said. "There is hope. You can get there but it has to be a priority."

Wyche told about a night while she was living New York. She was being treated for an eating disorder and was attending Over-Eaters Anonymous. That night she removed all the food from her apartment, gave her shoes and money to someone in her OEA group so she couldn't buy or order food, and sat alone. At 4 am, she got up and went into the cold behind the apartment and dug through the garbage until she could find enough food to "eat and throw up."

Wyche dealt with the illness for 17 years but after seeking help has been recovering for 13 years. Her primary advice to her audiences is to seek help if you think you may have a problem.

"If you think that maybe you have a problem, get it checked out. What's scary about an eating disorder is you think you can play with it and then it'll go away, but it is an addiction and it's not something you can control," Wyche said.

The program seemed to be a success with many attendees staying after for the question and answer period.

"I think that the program was a good way to acknowledge that eating disorders do occur and can affect anyone," sophomore Bethany Pinkerton said.

"The only thing about the program that upset me was that it was not mandatory for fraternities to attend," sophomore Jamie Reddinger said. "It can affect anyone and if sororities and athletes had to be there, why not them?"

Wyche has performed on Broadway in CATS, as a soprano soloist, and as a guest on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion. Recently her focus has been on writing and performing one-woman comedic satires. She has performed "Eaten Alive" in over 40 colleges, conventions and workshops throughout the nation.

Contributed photo
Dr. Lightner will accompany students to national meeting.

Wright to present work to American Physical Society

Senior physics major Matt Wright will present his work alongside a host of Nobel prize winners at the Centennial Meeting of the American Physical Society, March 22-26 in Atlanta.

The Erie, Pa., native will present his findings on "thermal equilibration in a critical fluid." Wright's experiment studied density relaxation, and supported NASA microgravity studies. His findings validate that mass and heat flow together and reach equilibrium at the same time.

"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Dr. William Johnson, professor of physics and chair of the Physics Department. "This will be the largest physics meeting ever, and will have many Nobel prizewinners speaking. Our students have worked very hard to make this trip possible. They have raised funds, and met each Wednesday night to prepare and research the works of some of the speakers."

The Westminster delegation includes Wright, Johnson, Dr. Samuel Lightner IV, professor of physics, sophomore math major Sara Lieb, junior physics major Andrew Parshall, sophomore physics major Nathaniel Sizemore, and junior physics major Catherine Taylor.

Wright's talk is supported by a grant from the American Physical Society, and travel support for the students is coming from the Robert M. Woods Memorial Lecture Series endowment.

NEWS

Local educators are "Teaching With Technology"

Contributed photo
Teachers at Wilmington School participate in "Teaching with Technology."

Educators from four local schools are taking part in "Teaching With Technology Made Simple" program.

Funded by a grant from Eden Hall Foundation, Dr. Linda Domanski, project director and assistant professor of education, and Ronald Webster, technology specialist, take portable smart classrooms to the schools and conduct workshops with the educators of each institution. These portable technology classrooms include 15 laptop computers, general and specialized education software, video/data projector, document camera, VCR, scanner and color printer, as well as reference material for follow-up study.

The Arthur J. Rooney Middle School in Pittsburgh, Wilmington Area Schools, Jamestown Area Schools, and Shenango Area Schools are participating in the program.

"The mission of this program is to take the marvelous technology Westminster has and instruct public school teachers on how to use the computer as an educational tool," said Domanski. "Our goal is to enhance teaching so that students and teachers can be partners in the process of interactive learning."

The pilot for the program was the Arthur J. Rooney Middle School. An initial workshop was held in September for the entire faculty, followed by a series of six workshops from September through December 1998.

Additional workshops are ongoing this spring. Wilmington Area Schools have already begun their series of six workshops, which accommodate about 12 participants. Jamestown Area Schools are scheduled to begin their workshops this month now that they are "wired" to the Internet through Pennsylvania's Link-To-Learn initiative. Shenango Area Schools are still in the process of getting "wired," but should begin participation soon.

"We hope to expand this fear free and failure free outreach program for K-12 educators to include other area schools in the future," said Domanski.

"An Evening of Music" to entertain, benefit

The third annual "An Evening of Music" scholarship benefit will be held April 17 at the Radisson in West Middlesex, and will raise money for Lawrence and Mercer County students as well as honor Francis A. Bonadio.

Bonadio, former chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the First Federal Savings Bank of New Castle, served as an officer of the bank for 22 years. He is also past director and president of the Western Pennsylvania League of Savings Associations.

A firm believer in giving back to the community, Bonadio has served on and chaired many boards of directors. Currently, he is the president of the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, chairman of the board for

Jameson Care Center, and serves on the boards of Jameson Hospital, the New Castle Community YMCA and the Pennsylvania Economy League. Past board involvements include the New Castle Rotary Club, Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, and the Pennsylvania Blind Association of Lawrence County.

The event, which is open to the public, features on of Pittsburgh's favorite entertainers - Jimmy Sapienza and Five Guys Named Moe. Profits from the "An Evening of Music" will establish the Francis A. Bonadio Scholarship Fund at Westminster College for Lawrence and Mercer County students.

Old 77 renovated to fix roof, warped courts

Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

Extracurricular athletic activities are an essential ingredient to many students' daily schedules. One venue at which many students frequent on a regular basis to satisfy their appetite for exercise is Old 77, the time-honored gymnasium and formerly the home of Titan varsity basketball games. But over spring break and into the first week of school following break, Old 77 was rendered inaccessible to students due to construction on the basketball court floor. It seems as though a leak in the roof of the complex had allowed water to drip onto the court, thereby warping the boards and creating a dangerous surface upon which the potential for student injury was determined to be too high.

As a result, the college maintenance crew was called in to repair the damaged flooring, but there was some initial discussion as how that should actually be undertaken.

"Originally, it was thought that sanding it would be sufficient," explained professor/coach Kipley Haas, "but the damage was too bad and we needed to make a more permanent repair."

What they decided to do was remove the damaged flooring and replace it with new boards. But when the damaged flooring was removed, it was found that the foundation flooring under the damaged boards was not made of concrete, as the majority of modern gymnasiums are. Instead it's constructed of 2x8's, which were so wet from the leak that the new floor could not be laid down on them. This additional problem extended the period of repair a full week and resulted in the gym being closed for a longer time.

To combat this new obstacle, the maintenance crew employed the help of heaters, which served to dry the foundation 2x8's sufficiently until the new flooring could be laid down. But laying down a new floor was not the simplest of tasks.

"The maintenance crew had to hand cut each piece to exact size specifications." explained Haas, "It was like putting together a giant jigsaw puzzle, but they made the pieces themselves."

Students will be happy to note that the floor is now fully repaired and that they can once again continue to engage in their activities with their original vigor. Though there are no lines painted on the new flooring section, there are plans to do so at the conclusion of the school year so as not to further intrude upon student athletic endeavors.

Overall, the new floor section is receiving rave reviews.

"The maintenance crew really did a great job," said Haas. "They worked diligently until the job was done right."

Students have also voiced their praises for the new section of the floor. "It used to be my favorite shooting spot on the court until I discovered it was warped and tried to avoid it as often as possible." explained junior and basketball enthusiast Doug Shymoniak. "But now I'm pivoting on it at an alarming rate and burying threes effortlessly." Other students will also be pleased to note that Old 77 is back in peak condition and ready for action. The gym and running area is open most afternoons for student activity.

Healthy Stuff from the Health Center

BY Babs Quincy
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Remember when you were a little kid, and you used to sleep such a sound, sweet sleep? Or maybe it was just a year ago, or even just last semester, when you'd hit the pillow on your nice cozy bed, close your eyes, and boom, you were off into Z-land.

What Happened? Why don't we sleep like that now? We need sleep more now than we did back then. Gee, back then all we did was play all day and our only worry was something like whether the Easter Bunny would come and leave us jellybeans! Life was good.

Now the rooms of our minds are cluttered with a different kind of debris. It's called Stress. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all our cares and worries could be swept away with some kind of mental or emotional sweeper? Dream on!

One of the problems we face when we are sleep-deprived is that we get a little crazy. We may even think we are experiencing some kind of depression. We feel irritable, have poor concentration, are overly sensitive, have little or no energy and we may be surprisingly reduced to tears over the smallest stuff.

So, after you have developed a tolerance for Unisom, here are some behavioral strategies that have been known to help in the quest for that peaceful, elusive good night's sleep!

* Exercise during the day, preferably in the late afternoon before dinner. Aerobic exercise (20 minutes or more) is best, but 45 minutes to an hour of brisk walking will do.
* Go to bed and get up at regular times. Getting up half an hour earlier in the morning may help you get to sleep that night.
* Don't try to make yourself sleep. If you can't fall asleep after 20-30 minutes in bed, get out of bed and do something relaxing. Don't go back to bed until you feel tired.
* Avoid eating heavy meals before bedtime, or going to bed hungry. A small snack might help.
* Avoid alcohol before bedtime. It may put you to sleep fast, but you'll wake up in the middle of the night (probably with a headache and having to pee).
* Wind yourself down the last couple of hours in the day. Try to avoid vigorous physical, mental, or emotional upsets. (Right!)
* Cut down on caffeine. Have it in the daytime only.
* Try natural supplements that help sleep. There are several to choose from in the local health food stores.
* Develop a sleep ritual before bedtime, (i.e. A hot shower, bath, relaxation tape etc.)
* For tense muscles and a racing mind, practice deep relaxation techniques.
* Avoid napping during the day.
* Reduce noise by using earplugs or turning on a fan.
* Don't be afraid of insomnia. Work on accepting those nights when you don't sleep well. You can still function the next day, even if you had only a couple of hours of sleep. The less you fight or fear sleeplessness, the more it will tend to go away.
* If your roommate snores, do #12.
* Keep room temperature between 60 and 70 degrees.
* If none of these work, and you think more severe emotional problems are keeping you awake, visit us in the Health Center. Please don't suffer alone. Sometimes getting some emotional support and expressing your feelings often will help you sleep.

Nighty-night. Don't let the bedbugs bite.

Adapted from *The Anxiety and Phobia Workbook* by Edmund J. Bourne

Four professors plan sabbatical work in their fields

By Nicole Zeller
STAFF WRITER

Everyone needs a break from school sometimes, but for professors this does not involve sipping mixed drinks in a warm, sunny climate. The college recently approved sabbaticals for four professors, who will use their time away to make notable contributions to their fields.

Dr. Clarence Harms, a marine biologist, plans on leading a five-week expedition through Ecuador during the latter part of the summer. Upon his return, he and his wife will prepare to leave for Sitka, Alaska on Aug. 19. Teaching an oceanography course at Sheldon Jackson College will allow him to explore the possibilities of a student/faculty exchange program with Westminster. Like Westminster, the Presbyterian Church founded Sheldon Jackson and it runs on a similar schedule.

Harms will also work at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center aiding sick and injured eagles. Additionally, he will study totem poles which are characteristic of the region. He hopes to coordinate with the WC Art Department giving students the opportunity to carve an authentic totem pole to place on campus.

"Totems are very significant statements of faith and beautiful art pieces of indigenous people, specifically the Tlinget tribes," Harms said.

Sitka marks Harms' third sabbatical-one being to Karachi, Pakistan and the other to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"I'm a pretty restless soul. I don't like to stay put for too long and I love to learn new things," Harms said.

Another professor who will travel next fall is Dr. William Johnson, chair of the Physics Department. During the summer of 1995, Johnson worked with a physicist who has asked him to participate in an international project in Munich, Germany.

"I enjoy doing research and this will allow me to get back to research I did in conjunction with NASA [National Aeronautics and Space Administration] during my last sabbatical from 1992-3," Johnson said.

A spacecraft launched in March is returning in August. The space exploration missions tried to determine how states of matter reach the critical point in situations without gravity. After examining some of the experiments, Johnson plans to take information to the John Glenn Research Center on Sept. 1. He will work for approximately two months at this Cleveland facility, one of NASA's three major research labs. Because of the overwhelming amount of data to analyze, Johnson expects to bring opportunities back to Westminster. Some fortunate physics majors will have the chance to assist NASA for senior research projects.

Dr. Jakè Erhardt, who teaches German courses, will also be traveling to Germany during his sabbatical in the spring of 2000. In Bremen, he will deliver a paper outlining a look at German-American literature from 1850 to the present. He may also participate in a workshop in Berlin.

Erhardt believes his reason for taking a sabbatical is like that of many others.

"It is to pull back from teaching and to refresh and renew oneself," he said.

Spending the remainder of his time in New Wilmington, Erhardt plans to either research ideas for a new course or incorporate new material into an existing course. He would like to instate a class that explores the power of myth in literature, art and film. This course would cover areas such as gods and goddesses in various cultures; heroes and heroines of various cultures; theories and natures of myths, and how the universality of myths carries into our daily lives.

Erhardt said he also finds the subject of German-Americana particularly interesting.

"German immigrants not only formed businesses and farmed the Midwest, but they also had an influence on America's literature, art, and culture," Erhardt said.

Erhardt hopes to put German literature and art on the Internet in a bilingual format; he would like to introduce a course which covers the concept of German-Americana.

This sabbatical is Erhardt's fourth since 1968.

Dr. Mandy Medvin, a psychology professor, is taking her first sabbatical during the Spring 2000 semester. Medvin will stay in New Wilmington while she continues her work on a collaborative project between the college Preschool Lab and Head Start of Lawrence County, Incorporated.

According to Medvin, developmental psychologists have found social skills, including cooperative skills, communication skills, and interaction skills, are most important for children to develop.

"Children love computers and the computers are used to teach these social skills," Medvin said.

Adults monitor students, encouraging three basic themes: help a friend, share the mouse, and a find a friend. Medvin will review videotapes of students interacting from both schools. She will document how quickly children pick up on skills and how children with language problems interact.

Currently, trainee workshops help other schools implement similar programs, but eventually Medvin hopes to present the research nationally.

She concluded, "Our ultimate goal is to change the education in preschools."

Weekly Announcments

Ellwood Group Inc. corporate office is offering a paid accounting internship to a student with junior or senior status, strong computer skills, and knowledge of Excel and Word. Starting around May 21 and paying $9.17 per hour, there will be 30 to 40 hours per week through the summer. Call Jackie Meade (CC) at ext. 7343 for more information.

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Theatre Group Job Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the State Theatre, Brunswick, N.J. More information about this job fair, sponsored by Johnson and Johnson, is available by calling (973) 593-0189 or visit their website at www.njtheatregroup.org. Registration forms are available at the Career Center.

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Inward Bound, a program of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio, is seeking worksite and program directors to run the summer program. Students would lead youth groups in a work-camp experience in Cleveland. Work is done with Habitat for Humanity and other groups in the community. Directors must be available between June 10 and August 20, 1999, and the pay package for the summer is $3,500. Housing is provided during the non-program weeks, and directors stay and eat with campers during program weeks. Mileage is reimbursable. Call the Rev. Robin Schreiber, at (216) 651-2693, or e-mail toRLSchreibr@aol.com. Application deadline is March 31, 1999.

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The State Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania has internships available in Harrisburg for summer and fall terms. The internships deal with public policy and legislation, and offers a stipend. Please send resume and letter of interest to: Angela C. West, Communications Specialist, Planned Parenthood Association of Pennsylvania, 1514 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17102. Deadline for summer internships is March 31, and deadline for fall internships is April 30. (CC)

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Yellowstone National Park has opportunities for work in their service stations for students who have completed their first year of college. First-year employees can earn up to $6 per hour. (CC)

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The Badlands National Park is looking for interns to fill various positions during the summer. The internships are on a volunteer basis, and requires students with three years of college. The Badlands administration requires that interns have skills in public speaking and a background in natural sciences. (CC)

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The Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, Inc. is looking for interns. This child-focused, facility-based program provides representatives to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases. (CC)

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Pennsylvania State Government is looking for accounting interns. Interns earn $9.07 per hour in a 37.5-hour work week, and could lead to a full-time position after graduation. (CC)

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Choate Rosemary Hall is looking for summer teaching interns in a variety of programs and fields of study. (CC)

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The Pennsylvania State Archives and The State Museum of Pennsylvania has internships available. Positions may be tailored to suit student's needs and may be paid. For more information, contact Jackie Meade in the Career Center.

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The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, New Castle, is seeking a college student to compile a business directory. Work will involve calling businesses, gathering data, entering data, and completing the directory. (CC)

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The Lawrence County Planning Commission, New Castle, is offering a college student the opportunity to take on a research project to identify the need for additional public transportation in the Lawrence County area. The ideal candidate is a mature student who is interested in statistical research, and could design the survey, implement it, compile the information, and produce the report. (CC)

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State Farm Insurance is taking applications for its 1999 Western PA Summer Internship Program for students who have completed their junior year. The internship, which pays $10.50 per hour and offers a limited benefit plan, provides work experience in the insurance industry. (CC)

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The Family First Sports Park, Erie, promotes a sports atmosphere where athletes and their families come to cultivate character values. Internships are available to college students in the are of sports management (soccer & basketball), marketing, sales, hotel/motel and fitness club management. (CC)

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Rainforest Action Network, San Francisco, has environmental internships available in the fields of media operations, database coordination, campaign administration, and information assistance. Requirements: computer skills, environmental knowledge, and an interest in conservation. (CC)

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The Carnegie Science Center is seeking Westminster interns or volunteers for the summer. Work is available in a variety of areas including exhibits, children's tours, etc. (CC)

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Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade (CC).

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SPORTS

Titan softball season begins with double wins

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The Titan softball team started the season strong in home opener.

By Emily Thomas
STAFF WRITER

If the Titan Softball team continues in the path they have begun, the 1999 season will be a promising one.

At the home-opener on March 21 the softball team showed just what it was made of in the double header defeats of Carlow College.

In the bottom of the second sophomore co-captain, Jamie Reddinger, clobbered the ball into right field for a double. Also contributing in the second were freshman Renee Tappe with a double and junior Jen Gales with a solid hit to left field.

Both Reddinger and Gales ultimately scored, making it 6-0 Westminster at the end of the second.

The third was a continuation of the first couple of innings, with an exciting twist. Senior co-captain, Stephanie Tangora, blasted the ball to center field over the outfielder's head to the fence, resulting in a home run.

The Lady Titans easily outscored the Celtics in the first game 10-0, calling the eight-run rule into effect at the end of the fifth.

The second game had the same result as the first.

The eight-run rule was again called into effect, with a score of 8-0. Contributing to the win was junior Jen Gales. "Carlow wasn't good competition," because they aren't in our conference.

Knowing that Carlow isn't in Westminster's conference didn't discourage Reddinger. She is "really optimistic" about this year. "I hope that this game foreshadows the season, [we have] a solid team. The offense came together... and...increased aggressively."

Competition resumed Tuesday afternoon against the Golden Eagles of Clarion.

In a game described by Gales as "closer to [our] competition," the statement was certainly apparent.

Scoreless until the sixth, the majority of the cheering was for sophomore pitcher, Bethany Pinkerton.

It was a member of the opposition that finally scored the game's first run at the top of the sixth.

Unwilling to let this run go unanswered, the Titans matched that run at the bottom of the inning. Tappe posted this run.

Scores tied, the Titan softball team showed their support for their team. Team members Melissa Bajus, Jamie Reddinger, Megan Duda, and Monica Dunn stood on the team bench and performed a spirited defense cheer.

Despite the cheers by their teammates, the Titan defense allowed Clarion to score three more times. Westminster was unable to rally, and the final score of the first game was Clarion 4, Westminster 1.

The second game of the series got off to a much quicker start.

Clarion was the first to score in the first. Titan sophomore Courtney Behm of countered that in the second and tied the score at 1-1.

The Titans saw their lead increase in the next inning after a double by Tappe brought in two runners.

"Hitting improved in the second game," said Gales. The final 9-1score of the second game reflects this improved hitting as well as the enforcement of the eight run rule in the Titan's favor.

A view from the Sidelines: The Final Four rundown

By Jenny Grundy
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Duke, Michigan State, Connecticut, and Ohio State. The famous final four teams left in the NCAA tournament. Do you have your victor picked for Monday? Who will you place your money on? Maybe I can be of some help.

Let's look at Duke. Coming into the tournament they already have an advantage. Their near-flawless record of 36-1 speaks for itself not to mention the fact that the Blue Devils have seen pressure like this before. Head Coach Mike Kryzewski has had a team in the Final Four 8 times. He knows how to handle the madness March brings his team. Duke is also souring high after giving Temple a thrashing, beating the team by 21 points. And averaging 93.2 points a game, I don't think anyone can go wrong with Duke. After all, Duke is the nation's number one ranked team and has been predicted to take home the trophy nearly all season.

Duke is matched against 33-4 Michigan State, whose last NCAA Final Four appearance was in 1979. Michigan is no stranger to pressure after being introduced to Kentucky last weekend, which has been to the Final Four for the past 3 seasons. The Spartans 73-66 fresh win over the Wildcats may have sparked some added confidence needed to face Duke on Saturday taking into account the loss to the Blue Devils in December.

Now on to the underdogs of the NCAA, Ohio State. A team that posted an 8-22 record in 1998, went to a 27-8 record in 1999. The Buckeyes have the heart and soul most teams could only dream of. The fact that Ohio State has Scoonie Penn and Michael Redd (which combined for 42 points against St. John's last weekend) definitely helps out also. For the most part, this team has done a total 360 for second-year coach Jim O'Brien. I wouldn't bet too much money against the Buckeyes even if they do have the worst record in the Final Four. They're really is no telling what this team will do.

Last but certainly not least, is the University of Connecticut, earning their ticket to the big show with the 5-point win over Gonzaga. This 32-2 team will most likely be in the championship against Duke, but I think they will have a tough time with Ohio State. With All-American Richard Hamilton and Khalid El-Amin (being one of the best point guards in college basketball), they team is out to get back what they lost to North Carolina last year in the regional finals. This is however, UConn's first Final Four, and the near loss to Gonzaga last weekend shows that Coach Jim Cahoun has to find some way for his team to handle the pressure a little better. As long as UConn practices its success weapon by forcing turnovers and making the fast breaks happen, there should be no reason this team and Duke will meet up on Monday night.

DIVISION CHANGE from page 1

Questions were raised regarding why the economic difficulty that comes with playing in Division II wasn't anticipated before the initial switch. The president responded by saying there was a miscommunication and the athletic department hoped there were resources coming for the next year.

"I found it ridiculous that such a large sum of money could be a 'miscommunication'," junior softball player Lynn Zolkowski said. "We are paying $20,000 plus dollars to come here; this is the real world. I also don't see how a college can be run on hopes."

Sophomore softball player Courtney Behm expressed a somewhat different opinion. "It is unfair to current athletes, but in the future it will payoff for students with better facilities and more coaches."

Many student athletes were displeased by the decision. A few left during the question and answer period, and others seemed dissatisfied with the answers they received.

Many did not understand why they were not consulted prior to the decision. Others voiced concern regarding Title 9 finances. Members of teams that performed well asked why a Division II caliber team would have to move to a less competitive conference, but some focused on the benefits of the change.

"I want to be on equal playing field with teams," women's basketball and softball coach Jan Reddinger said. "In the long run, we'll get more things out of it than we'll lose."

Despite an understanding of the long run view, many students were still upset by the division change.

Junior basketball forward Bryan Conrad summed up the feelings of many of the athletes. "I think its a sad day in Westminster history. Everybody talks about Titan tradition; well, that ends today with the move down to a less competitive conference," Conrad said. "I am upset that the people who made the tradition had no say in the change."

Although no formal vote has been taken amongst athletes or coaches, only two more steps remain before the switch will be official. The proposal will be presented to the Board of Trustees on May 14, and the application for entry into the division must be completed by June 1. President Williamson will meet with the other presidents of the President's Athletic Conference colleges in April to formally announce the change.

However, due to this years change to Division II, the GLIAC conference binds Westminster to a two-year contract which forces the College to remain at the Division II level for the 1999-2000 season.

"Since before Christmas, Westminster has been thinking about whether the athletic program has the resources to support the Titan winning tradition going into the new millennium," Williamson said.

He also said he viewed staying in Division II as a black hole. He couldn't see the end of the amount of resources needed for the athletic teams to be competitive in that division.

Three different Division III conferences were considered including Ohio Athletic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference, and the President's Athletic Conference. After researching each conference, it was decided the PAC would be the best choice. The PAC includes William & Jefferson, Grove City, Waynesburg, Thiel, and Bethany Colleges.

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Sports Shorts

Baseball (1-7, 0-4 GLIAC) drops four-game set at Saginaw Valley

The baseball squad dropped its record to 1-7 overall and 0-4 in Great Lakes

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play last weekend, as the Titan diamondmen opened league play by dropping a four-game set at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, Mich. The Cardinals topped the Titans 4-2 and 16-9 on Saturday and completed the sweep on Sunday with 7-3 and 6-2 wins. The Titans have now dropped seven straight after a season-opening win.

Senior hurler Brian Zima took the loss in the opener on Saturday, falling to 1-2 after allowing four runs (two earned) and four walks while striking out a season-high eight batters in five innings of work. Senior outfielder Eric Scheponik and sophomore shortstop Tom Nulph each collected a pair of hits for Westminster.

Game two on Saturday saw the Titans jump out to an early 6-2 lead, only to see the Cardinals roar back with 12 runs in the final three innings to earn the win. Taking the loss in relief for Westminster was junior Victor Kaplack, dropping to 0-1. Scheponik was 2-for-3 at the plate with a home run and three runs scored, while Nulph added three RBIs. Senior outfielder Chris Cappabianco, sophomore catcher Josh Martin and sophomore second baseman Kurt each added a pair of hits for Westminster.

In Sunday's opener, sophomore Tim Voelp (Zelienople/Seneca Valley H.S.) dropped to 0-3 with the pitching loss, despite giving up just two earned runs in five innings. Junior right fielder Jason Smith was the lone Titan to post multiple hits, going 2-for-3 at the plate.

The series finale belonged to SVSU hurler Tim Goheen, who allowed just three Westminster hits and struck out 11 batters en route to the win. Kaplack started and dropped to 0-2 with the loss, despite giving up just one earned run in four innings of work. Nulph knocked in both Titan runs with a two-RBI single.

Men's Tennis (2-4, 1-2 GLIAC) Splits Pair of GLIAC Matches

The men's tennis team split a pair of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic

Conference (GLIAC) home conference matchups last week. The Titan netters opened the week with a 6-3 victory over Grand Valley State on Friday in an indoor meet at the Lawrence County Tennis Center, before falling on Saturday 9-0 to Ferris State outdoors in New Wilmington.

Westminster dominated the lower seeds in the win over Grand Valley State, posting wins at #3-#6 singles and #2-#3 doubles. Posting a pair of wins each for the Titan netters were junior Jeff McLaughlin at #3 singles and #2 doubles; freshman Charles Correll at #4 singles and #2 doubles; and sophomore John Bressler at #5 singles and #3 doubles.

College to sponsor 1999 summer sports camps

The department of athletics will sponsor several summer sports camps on the New Wilmington, Pa. campus in the coming months. Following are each of the camps scheduled, along with a contact name and number.

The Titan basketball camps are open to both boys and girls and will take place over five weeks this summer, led by Titan basketball head coaches Jim Dafler and Jan Reddinger. Boys camp for grades 7-12 is scheduled for June 13-17 and July 11-15. Girls camp for grades 7-12 is slated for June 20-24. Junior Mini-Camp for boys & girls in grades 4-6 will be July 19-21. The Boys Team Camp will be June 25-27, while the Girls Team Camp is set for July 19-21.

The Titan Swim Camps will take place for boys and girls age 10 and up June 13-17, June 20-24 and June 27-July 1. The camp is led by Titan men's and women's swimming coach Rob Klamut. Call Klamut at (724) 946-7315 for more information or a reservation form.

The inaugural Titan Soccer Camp for both individuals and teams is open to boys and girls ages 10-18. The camps are led by Titan men's soccer coach Girish Thakar. A camp for both residents and commuters will take place July 4-8, while a commuter-only camp will be held August 9-12. Contact Thakar at (724) 946-7316 for a reservation form or for more details.

The fifth annual Titan Volleyball Camp is scheduled for girls entering grades 7-12 (residents and commuters) July 4-8. A one-day, commuter-only camp for setters will be held . Both camps are led by Lady Titan head volleyball coach Tammy Swearingen. Contact Swearingen at (724) 946-7320 for details and reservation forms.

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The car wash will be held at St. Camillus Church on Route 18 next to Wendy's. The Brothers wish to welcome anyone to visit this event and help us in raising money for The Hole in the Wall Gang, a summer camp for terminally-ill children. Thank you in advance for your participation. Any questions, please refer to either Brennen Weidl or Marc Harkins at X7992.

OPINION

Question of the week

What do you think of the new lunchtime dining service?

Sarah Schmidl, Freshmen:
"Cheeseburgers and grilled cheese can get a little repetitive after a while."

Leslie Sheridan, Freshmen: "I think they've changed the Duff side into the TUB. That's bad because we come here to avoid the TUB.

Greta Tommarello, Freshman:
"I like their effort, but Duff side is really hectic. The line takes forever."

Kristin Anderson, Senior: "I like it. There is more of a variety at lunch, like the exhibition bar."

Caroline Roley, Sophomore:
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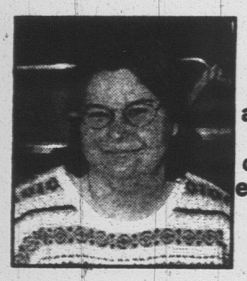

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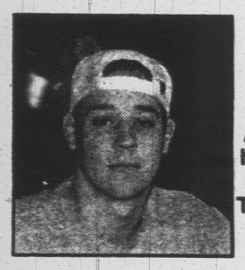

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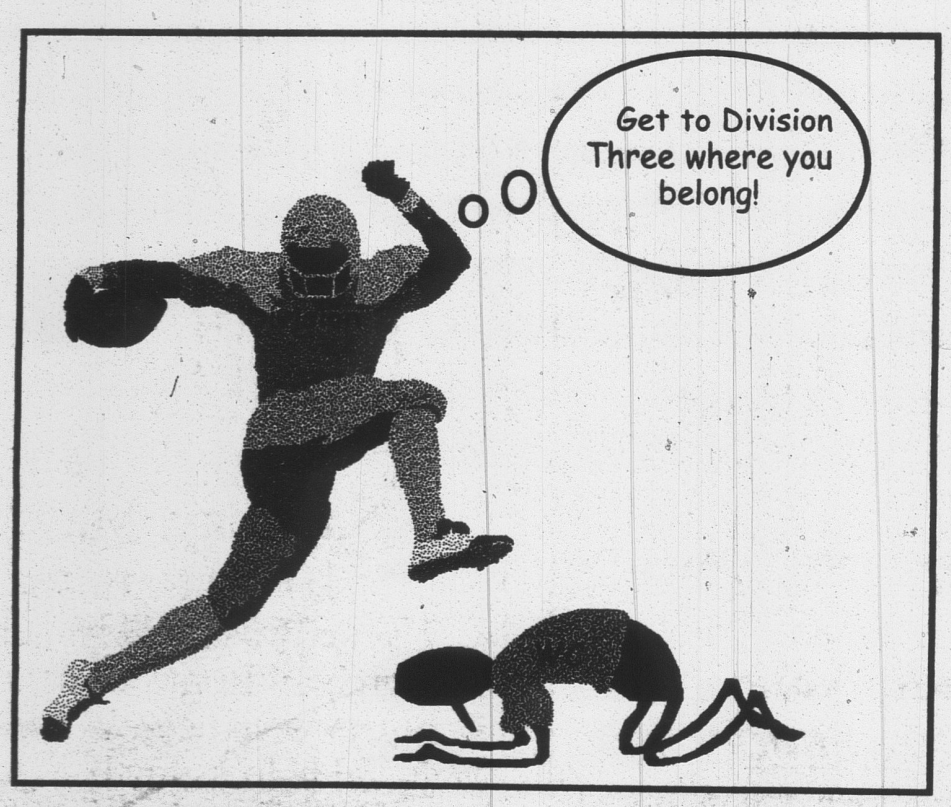

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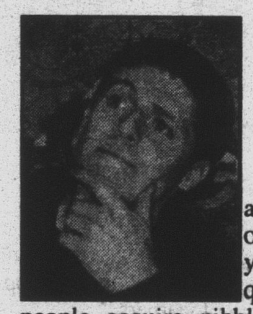

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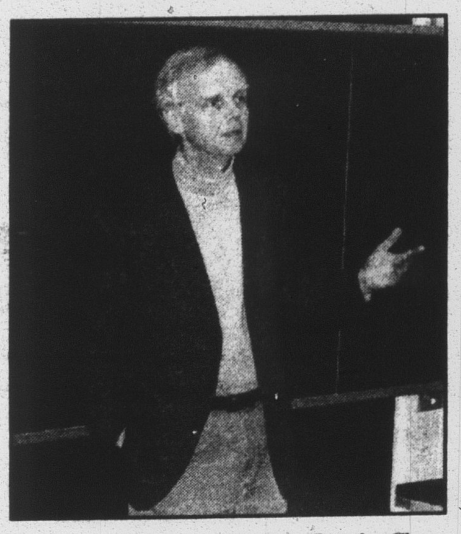

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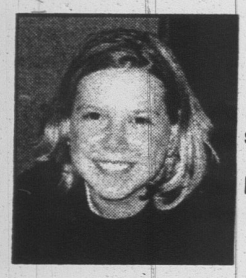

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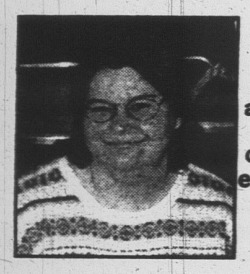

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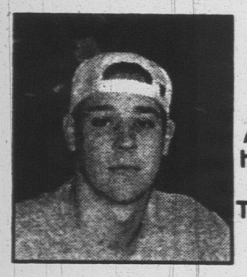

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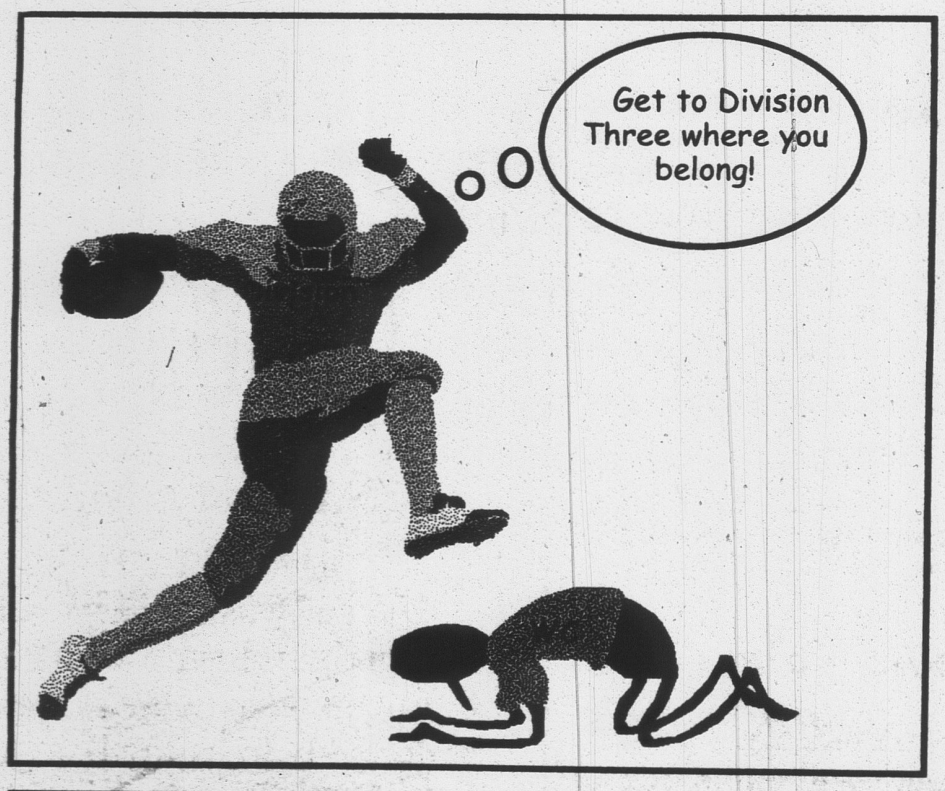

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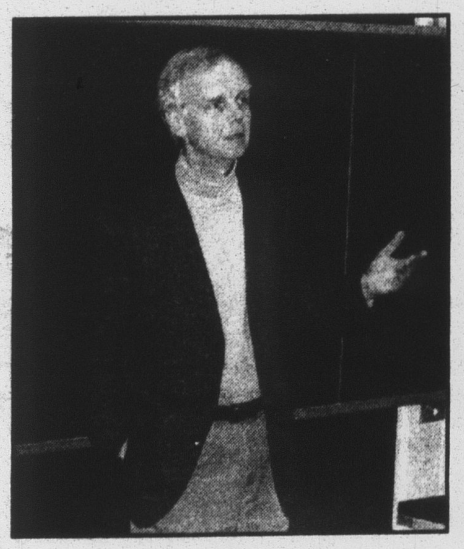

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So it was a no-brainer five years ago when he decided to direct *EDtv* after hearing a one-paragraph description of an obscure French-Canadian film called *Louis XIX: King of the Airwaves.*

The result is Howard's first comedy since *Parenthood* a decade ago, and stars

Matthew McConaughey as a San Francisco video clerk who reluctantly agrees to let cameras follow his every move for a round-the-clock cable TV show.

If that premise sounds familiar, it did to Howard, too, and not just because TV viewers watched him grow up as Opie Taylor on *The Andy Griffith Show* and later as teen square Richie Cunningham on Happy Days.

Howard didn't scrap his latest film, even after he learned of *The Truman Show*, Peter Weir's critically acclaimed movie about a man who slowly realizes his whole life has been televised.

"Thematically they're night and day," Howard says. "In one, this guy is trapped in a Twilight Zone-like existence. Ours is a contemporary comedy about somebody who wants to be famous and then realizes he gets more than he bargained for.

"If I have any fear it's that some people may say, 'I've already seen that ground covered.'"

Much of *EDtv* is interspersed with scenes of everyday people - sorority sisters, a gay New York couple, adolescent boys - as a kind of Greek chorus commenting on Ed's love for his brother's girlfriend, Shari (Jenna Elfman).

But unlike the dark undercurrent of *The Truman Show*, Howard says *EDtv* is not an indictment of reality-based television but a movie that presents issues without judgment.

It's a quintessential Howard film - a sentimental ensemble fable about love, brotherhood and family. Those themes have been prevalent in nearly all of his 13 movies, from *Splash* to *Cocoon* to his Academy Award-nominated *Apollo 13*.

"Despite the fact that he's always been a celebrity, he seems to understand the human experience. He knows what people feel in their daily lives," says Lowell Ganz, who wrote *EDtv* with Babaloo Mandel.

Part of the reason may be that although he was acting from age 5, Howard grew up in a working-class neighborhood in Burbank, Calif., as the son of a local theater director. He attended public schools with his brother Clint, a bit actor who in a sly piece of casting portrays the *EDtv* director.

Actors say they love performing in Howard's films because his characters feel real. And as a former actor, Howard can identify with them; for *EDtv* he worked with McConaughey for hours trying to get him to remember exactly what it felt like the moment he realized he was famous.

"Ron, like all good directors, has a great sense of truth," says Martin Landau, who portrays Ed's stepfather. "There's a lot of guys out of MTV who can direct for a minute-and-a-half and they can be pretty interesting with a camera, but can they tell a story?"

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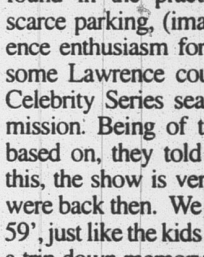
In Kristen's Corner: Old musical still draws crowds



By Kristen Kress
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Right before spring break, I had the chance to go see the national tour of the hit musical, *Grease* in Orr. The show was absolutely fantastic!! I had never seen the musical before and had heard less than positive comments about it so my expectations were fairly low. A lesson in not listening to hearsay was in order for me, because the show was completely entertaining. The music was great, the dancing was excellent and the acting was respectable as well. I thought that since this show differed from the spectacular movie and some movie songs were added which were not in the original score, it would not even compare, but how wrong I was!

The show was at 8 p.m. and student tickets were partially subsidized by the SGA from $35 to just $15. How cool was that? $15 was highway robbery for the quality this show provided. According to Gene DiCaprio, *Grease* was the biggest show the college has ever hosted, technically. The crew came equipped with three tractor-trailers, 32 stagehands, and more lights, sound and set equipment than the huge Orr Auditorium could really handle. I don't think we as students really understand what an awesome thing it is to host things like this national tour of a true Broadway show.

As Connie McGinnes told me, "What an amazing opportunity this is for the college to bring people in. As far as the cultural aspect of Lawrence County, we're it!" Truth in this was found in the practically sold-out Orr, the scarce parking, (imagine that), and the audience enthusiasm for the show. I talked with some Lawrence county residents who hold Celebrity Series season tickets during intermission. Being of the generation *Grease* is based on, they told me, "We lived through this, the show is very realistic to how things were back then. We graduated in the Class of 59', just like the kids in the show, so this is like a trip down memory lane for us. Our generation is really captured in this show." Another audience member from the county said "I am so amazed at the sets, they change them during the other scenes on stage and you don't even notice. This is such a great thing to be able to come and see. I am glad the college provides this type of entertainment for us"

The highlight of the night for me was being able to ask JoAnne Tatem, who played the part of Rizzo, some questions about life on the road, "I've been with this tour for over a year now. It is an awesome thing, I get to go to universities like this one and museums and tourist traps during the day and then do what I love to do at night, while getting paid. It gets rough and we get irritable but it's completely worth it."

Another cast member asked me, "Those are Amish people out there, huh?" Indeed they are. The cast was friendly and the show was great! It was a fabulous event to lead into spring break and you bet it had me singing all week long. Next time the Celebrity Series and SGA host a show like this, I highly recommend checking it out.

Bravo! Oscar Winners

Best Picture
Shakespeare in Love
David Parfitt, Donna Gigliotti, Harvey Weinstein, Edward Zwick and Marc Norman

Directing
Saving Private Ryan
Steven Spielberg

Original Screenplay
Shakespeare in Love
Written by Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard

Screenplay and Adaptation
Gods and Monsters
Written for the screen by Bill Condon

Actress in a lead role
Gwyneth Paltrow as Viola in *Shakespeare in Love*

Cinematography
Saving Private Ryan
Janusz Kaminski

Original Song
The Prince of Egypt
"When You Believe"
Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Costume Design
Shakespeare in Love
Sandy Powell

Honorary Oscar
Elia Kazan

Documentary Feature
The Last Days
James Moll and Ken Lipper

Documentary Short Subject
The Personals: Improvisations on Romance in the Golden Years
Keiko Ibi

Actor in a Lead Role
Roberto Benigni
as Guido in *Life is Beautiful*

Visual Effects
What Dreams May Come
Joel Hynek, Nicholas Brooks, Stuart Robertson and Kevin Mack

Thalberg Award
Norman Jewison

Film Editing
Saving Private Ryan
Michael Kahn

Original Dramatic Score
Life is Beautiful
Nicola Piovani

Original Musical or Comedy Score
Shakespeare in Love
Stephen Warbeck

Foreign Language Film
Life is Beautiful
Italy

Sound
Saving Private Ryan
Gary Rydstrom, Gary Summers, Andy Nelson and Ronald Judkins

Sound Effects Editing
Saving Private Ryan
Gary Rydstrom and Richard Hymns

Actress in a Supporting Role
Judi Dench as Queen Elizabeth I in *Shakespeare in Love*

Short Film- Animated
Bunny
Chris Wedge

Short Film- Live Action
Election Night (Valgaften)
Kim Magnusson and Anders Thomas Jensen

Make-up
Elizabeth
Jenny Shircore

Art Direction
Shakespeare in Love
Martin Childs: Jill Quertier

Actor in a Supporting Role
James Coburn as Glen in *Affliction*

Rich Little performs in Celebrity Series

By Matt Prossen
STAFF WRITER

The term "undisputed" is often used when referring to a champion athlete; however, last Saturday night, the college had the pleasure of meeting the undisputed master of mimicry. Rich Little came to the college for a 90 minute presentation of mimicry, singing, and laughter. The audience was so receptive to Little that he stayed on stage for an additional 30 minutes.

Little became famous many years ago for his vivid impersonations of talk-show host, Johnny Carson. When Carson retired, Little expanded his act to include politicians, entertainers, and even, Kermit the Frog. His ability to adjust to the age of his audience is a tribute to his talents and has made him a great family entertainer.

On Saturday he performed an array of acts for the crowd at Orr auditorium. He sang the tunes of Willie Nelson, Bing Crosby, Johnny Cash, and Neil Diamond. He also mimicked a duet between Arnold Scwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone that appeared to be a crowd favorite, especially with the younger members of the audience.

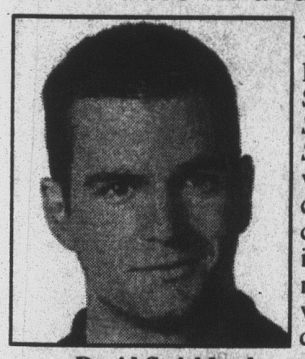
Gene DiCaprio, the director of the Celebrity Series, was ecstatic to have such a reputable, Hollywood act, come to the college.

"A couple of years ago I saw Little perform in Youngstown. He was so enjoyable to watch, I thought he would be the perfect show for the Westminster Community," DiCaprio said. DiCaprio was correct. The crowd enjoyed the show and the director of the series has received many compliments.

"I've been stopped by a lot of people, and they told me they laughed for two straight hours."

Entertainment Shorts

Strickland found dead before court date in drug case


David Strickland

LAS VEGAS - David Strickland, the *Suddenly Susan* actor who apparently committed suicide by hanging himself in a motel room, was due in court in a drug case on the day he was found dead, records show. His body was discovered Monday morning.

Strickland was arrested Oct. 31 for cocaine possession and pleaded no contest on Dec. 21. He was put on probation for three years and ordered into a rehabilitation program. He was due in court for a progress report. Police said there was nothing to indicate foul play. Strickland, 29, played the role of Todd, a music critic on NBC's Suddenly Susan, and was in Forces of Nature, the No. 1 box office movie last weekend. Warner Bros. and NBC said production of Suddenly Susan was being halted indefinitely.

Cartoon version of *The King and I* whistles a tacky tune

In terms of screen royalty, the animated and, ahem, modified version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I* is closer to a joker than it is even to a Jack.

But though some adults will understandably regard this abridged makeover as a travesty, there certainly have been less bearable non-Disney feature cartoons in the last five years alone. At least it's the classic work of Richard and Oscar coming out of the singers' mouths - not Carole Bayer Sager.

Yet from the opening moment when schoolteacher Anna sings I Whistle a Happy Tune during a typhoon in which a sea demon shows his face, one does get a sense that story (though, thankfully, not musical) liberties are going to be taken. And this is before a subplot involving the king's son and kickboxing, which you'd expect to see in a King and I only if the King involved were Elvis.

No abomination but forgettably mediocre, this needless King adaptation is at least the apparent motivation for next month's DVD release of the 1956 Kerr-Yul Brynner version, which won five Oscars.

'Judge Judy' a TV success

NEW YORK - There's a new queen of daytime television, and don't even THINK of talking back to her. Tart-talking "Judge Judy" Sheindlin has single-handedly led a revival of the court show genre and surged to the top of the daytime ratings by dispensing no-nonsense justice. Judge Judy surged past Oprah Winfrey, Jerry Springer and Rosie O'Donnell in the ratings during TV's February "sweeps" period. Sheindlin, who wrote a book titled Don't Pee on My Leg and Tell Me It's Raining, reportedly now wants to sweeten her contract with an ownership stake and may not tape any more shows until she's satisfied, the New York Daily News reports.

Humor-scopes

March 26- April 1

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
This week you will find a note, folded into quarters, and torn from a steno pad. Surprisingly, it will refer to you. Even more surprisingly, it will refer to you as the object of adoration, someone whom the note's author wishes to engage in "snuggle bunnies" with. Sadly, it will be impossible to determine who wrote it, and nothing will ever come of it.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Good time to get involved in the Fiber Arts. Why not see what you can do with Metamucil?

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Beware of celery.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
You will be hired as a cook/housekeeper for seven extremely short gentlemen, who all live together. Stay away from apples this week.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Good week to go out and play in the mud. Or at least, find some way of making squishy sounds.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
This week someone sitting near you will make repeated nasal sounds that will eventually drive you screaming from the room. Try to avoid attacking them with a box of Kleenex upon re-entering.

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
It was a simple mistake, which anyone could have made. What's more, now you know better. I think, though, that the expression is too widespread for you to actually get it changed to "never look a gift horse in either end".

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
Your ancestors were Berserkers — feared warriors who attacked without fear or common sense. You will soon enter the same state of mind, and when you finally "snap out of it", you will find an enormous pile of peeled potatoes and family members edging towards the door.

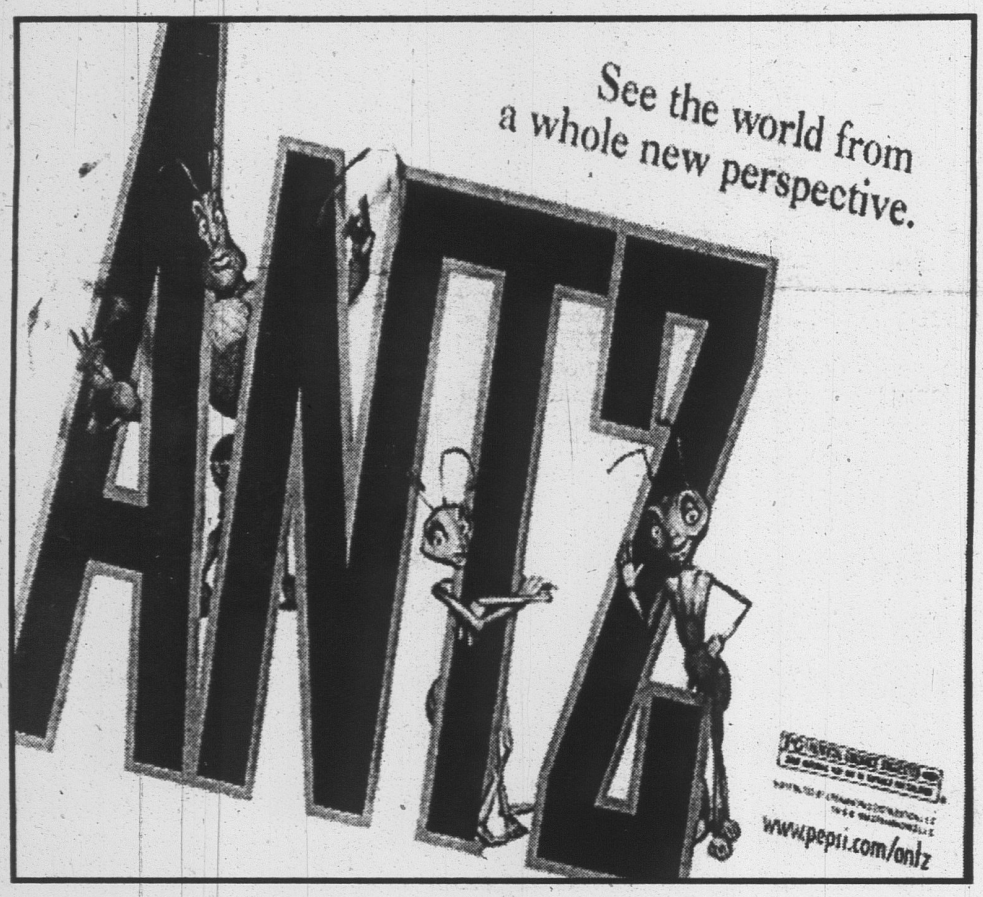
Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
You will finally find your spirit guide, and your life will take on new meaning. Unfortunately for you, your spirit guide will turn out to have a sense of humor.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
Your slogan for the week should be "Carpe Diem", or "Seize the Day!". Once you seize it, give it a good shake, just to prove you mean business.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
It's time for you to consider being kinder to your feet. And stop taking them for granted! For example, when's the last time you sat down and had a nice friendly chat with them?

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
Good week to remember your kinship with all living things. Except perhaps mildew. There's no point in remembering your kinship with mildew, at least not this week.

At the Down Under



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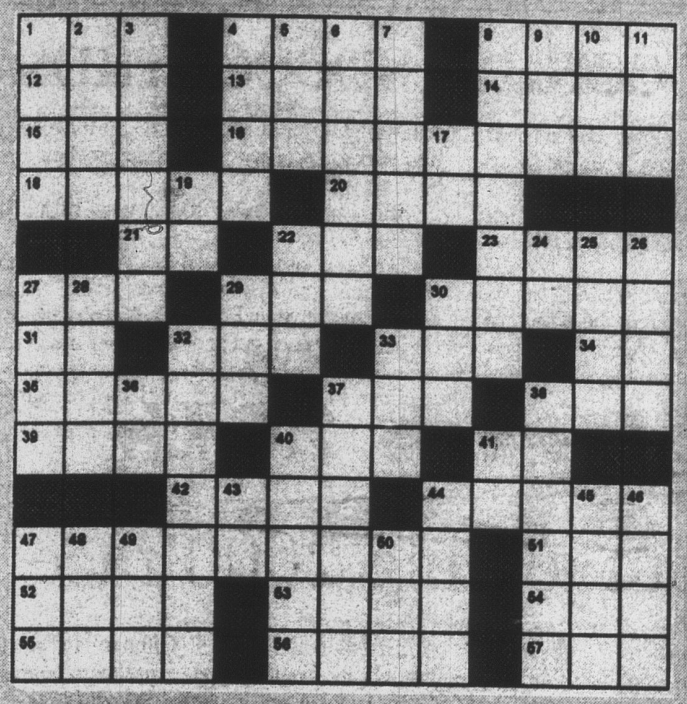

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4 Talk back
8 Old India copper coin
12 Hawaiian garland
13 Medicinal plant
14 College official
15 Elevated modera tion
18 Makes happy
20 Bid (p.t.)
21 S. New England state (abbr.)
22 Jelly
23 Number
27 Democrat (abbr.)
29 Dog
30 Trite
31 Extended play (abbr.)
32 Father's boy
33 Sun
34 Southern state (abbr.)
35 Cloth cap
37 Rule
38 Number
39 Sea bird
40 Hours of light
41 Midwest state (abbr.)
42 In bed
44 Flower
47 Drink maker
51 Attempt
52 Vivacity
53 Chair
54 Direction (abbr.)
55 Leader (abbr.)
56 Makes mistakes
57 Legal point

DOWN
1 Leeward side
2 Secluded, wooded valley
3 Take away gun
4 Glut
5 Beer
6 Sad
7 Calyx of flower
8 Gland near the kidneys
9 Teacher's group (abbr.)
10 Native (abbr.)
11 Saturated hydro carbon (suffix)
17 Edward's nickname
19 Scale note
22 Weapon
24 Not out
25 Central part of church
26 Dash
27 Owe money
28 Fencing sword
29 Bed
30 Ribbon
32 Lawmaker
33 Articulate
36 Railroad
37 Object for climbing
38 Tear; badly worn
40 Thick
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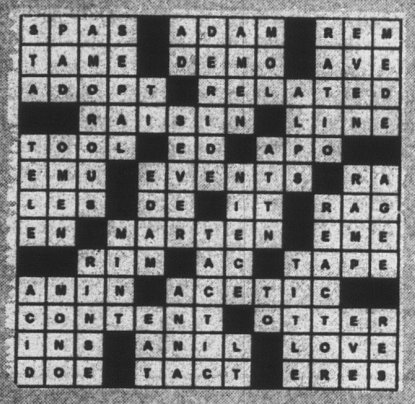
49 Free of something
50 Hearing organ

Last week's answers



Twenty more random things that no one will ever need to know

1) A pig's orgasm lasts for 30 minutes.

2) The venom in a Daddy Long-Legs spider is more poisonous than a Black widow's or a Brown Recluse, but they cannot bite humans because their jaws won't open wide enough.

3) On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.

4) The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

5) If you toss a penny 10,000 times, it will not be heads 5,000 times, but more like 4950. The heads picture weighs more, so it ends up on the bottom.

6) Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

7) Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.

8) Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.

9) The pop you get when you crack your knuckles is actually a bubble of gas bursting.

10) 101 Dalmatians and Peter Pan (Wendy) are the only two Disney cartoon features with both parents that are present and don't die throughout the movie.

11) The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

12) There's no Betty Rubble in Flintstones Chewables.

13) It's impossible to get water out of a rimless tire.

14) Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

15) Did you know that you are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider?

16) In Minnesota it is illegal to cross state lines with a duck on your head.

17) In Indiana it is illegal to ride public transportation for at least 30 minutes after eating garlic.

18) Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer then left-handed people.

19) A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

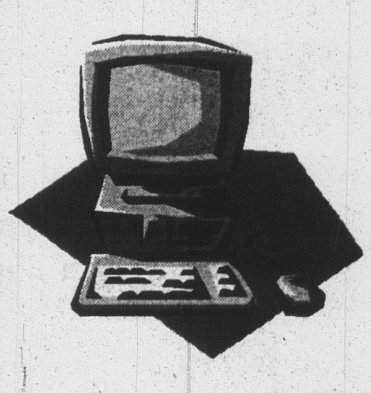
20) A cockroach will live nine days without its head, before it starves to death.

Easter egg hunt sponsored in amphitheater

If you are looking to get into the Easter spirit this weekend, New Life Baptist Church will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival in Anderson Ampitheater Saturday, beginning at noon and ending at 4 p.m.

"We're planning a day of fun for the whole family," said Greg Marshall, the Associate Pastor at New L fe Baptist. "There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, carnival games, free cotton candy, musical entertainment, puppets, clowns, and much, much, more. The carnival is a collaboration of local businesses including the college, Grand Book & Bible, Daffin's Candy, and others. It is our way of giving back to the community that has supported us for so many years. We hope this will become an annual event."

The egg hunt and carnival are for the children from preschool to sixth grade. There is no charge for the carnival, and the event will be held rain or shine. For more information, please contact Greg Marshall at 946-2816.



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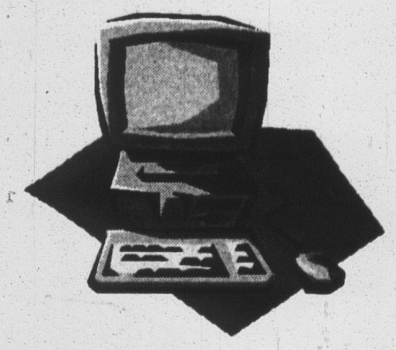

AROUND THE GLOBE

New web site warns drivers about certain speed traps

BOSTON (AP) - Drivers trying to avoid speed traps might want to take a spin on the information superhighway first.

At a Web site called speedtrap.com, motorists have posted details on thousands of speed traps around the country, including location, average fine, the type of car police use and the local scanner frequency.

"This is the most notorious speed trap in Georgia, perhaps the U.S.," reads an entry for Ludowici, Ga., where former Gov. Lester Maddox once posted billboards warning tourists to avoid the town because ticket-related corruption was so bad.

Andrew Warner, a 23-year-old Atlanta resident who says he has only one speeding ticket to his name, created the Web site in 1995.

"It started out mainly in the South, looking at entrapment cases," says Warner, who works as a network engineer. "But it's evolved into a general driver's service. Everybody can relate."

An entry for the Massachusetts town of Dover reads: "They will pull you over for less than 5 mph over the limit at any location, even if you're riding a bicycle."

An exaggeration says Dover Police Chief Joseph Griffin, who laughed when he heard the description. "We're not quite that zealous," he says. "But if somebody says, 'I better not speed in that town,' then someone else has done my job for me."

Though the site carries a disclaimer saying it is not "an effort to undercut the efforts of police to control motorists' speeds on dangerous roads," some entries read like instructions for outsmarting the law.

"The state trooper drives a gold Ford Crown Vic," reads a Connecticut entry. "You don't see him until it's too late. ... I have seen him parked sideways using laser, so beware, he is very tricky."

Still, some law-enforcement officials applaud the net result.

"The purpose of speed enforcement is to reduce car crashes and save lives," says Massachusetts State Police Capt. Robert Bird. "Whether you can get people to slow down by warning that police may be there or by catching them in the act, it accomplishes the same thing."

Jackson plans to help minorities without joining 2000 race

WASHINGTON (AP) - Jesse Jackson said Wednesday he believes he can help minorities and the poor more by jump-starting private investment in their businesses than by making a third run for the White House in 2000.

"I've got so much work to do. I've got so many issues I want to raise. I've got so many battles left to fight," Jackson said in a statement posted on the campaign Web site of his son, Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill. "I simply believe that I can most effectively advance that work, those issues and these battles outside the context of a presidential campaign."

With Jackson out of the race, former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey remains the only declared competitor to front-running Vice President Al Gore for the Democratic nomination.

The longtime civil rights activist said he decided not to seek the presidency because he would rather devote his full attention to his campaign to pressure Wall Street into providing more startup capital in beleaguered areas. Jackson is enthusiastic about the progress his Wall Street project has made and does not want to see a presidential campaign sap energy, funds and good will from those efforts.

In his statement, Jackson raised the same liberal themes of social and economic justice for the disenfranchised that marked his two runs for the presidency, in 1984 and 1988.

"We need people willing to give voice to the voiceless," he said.

"We are, I believe, at the leading edge of the next frontier of the civil rights movement: the battle for a broader sharing of economic power and wealth.

This frontier demands that we move beyond the great political struggles of the past that led to the enactment of voting rights and public accommodations laws. ... The people who run our companies and who control the allocation of capital in this country must come to understand the value of inclusion."

Jackson was to speak to supporters in person about his decision at a news conference and luncheon speech Wednesday in Chicago.

Other Democrats who have bowed out of the presidential race include Sens. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, John Kerry of Massachusetts and Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

On Tuesday, a source in Jackson's close circle of political advisers said Jackson had discussed with President Clinton last week whether he would mount a campaign against Gore. Jackson accompanied the president on Air Force One for a fund-raising trip to Florida.

Current and former Jackson advisers said part of his decision hinged around the fact that he wanted, if he ran this time, to run to win and not merely to bring attention to issues of economic and social justice.

Jackson, a 57-year-old preacher who calls both Chicago and Washington home, has never held public office but remains one of the country's best-known black political leaders.

His first White House bid in 1984 was followed by a second populist campaign in 1988. In both races, he was credited with increasing black voter turnout.

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Jurors watch videotape of Kevorkian giving lethal injection

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - A jury Tuesday watched a videotape of Dr. Jack Kevorkian giving a lethal injection to Thomas Youk, the man with Lou Gehrig's disease he is accused of murdering.

The tape started with Kevorkian interviewing Youk, 52, about his illness, which forced him to use a feeding tube and was progressively depriving him of control of his body.

On camera, Kevorkian asks Youk if he wants to go ahead and end his life. Youk indicates he does, and Kevorkian hands him a pen to sign a consent form.

"We'll wait a week and see how you feel in a week. Is that all right with you, Tom?" Kevorkian says.

The tape resumes later.

"Are you sure you want to go ahead now?' Kevorkian asks Youk.

Kevorkian then begins preparing an intravenous line for Youk.

"Are you sure you want to go ahead now?" Kevorkian asks.

"We're ready to inject. We're going to inject in your right arm," Kevorkian says. A hand is shown injecting drugs into Youk's intravenous line.

"Now there's a straight line. His heart is stopped," Kevorkian says.

Kevorkian is charged with first-degree murder and delivery of a controlled substance in the Sept. 17, 1998, death of Youk. Portions of the video of Youk's death were shown in November on CBS' 60 Minutes; Tuesday, jurors saw the whole thing.

The trial began Monday with selection of a jury of 12 members and two alternates, followed by opening arguments. Kevorkian, acting as his own attorney, gave the defense statement himself.

"I despise a human being dying at my hands. But my intent isn't to kill a person. I am forced by my position as a physician to do this," Kevorkian said.

But the jury was not present to hear most of Kevorkian's argument. Less than three minutes into his statement, Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor John Skrzynski objected, contending that Kevorkian was arguing law, rather than summarizing the case.

Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper agreed, saying Kevorkian needed to argue the facts, not the law.

Kevorkian, a retired pathologist who says he's been present for more than 130 deaths, insists he committed no crime. He rhetorically asked jurors why he would have recorded Youk's death had he thought it murder.

"Does anyone with reason or common sense believe I would do all that knowing it was a crime and give it to 60 Minutes?" Kevorkian said. "My intent was not to murder Tom Youk, and the evidence will show that."

Kevorkian, 70, has faced trial four times before on assisted suicide charges, with cases ending in three acquittals and a mistrial.

He dared prosecutors to do something about the Youk case. A conviction would mean a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In his statement, Skrzynski urged the jury to remember that despite the publicity surrounding Kevorkian, the defendant is not above the law.

"Begin to focus on what Jack Kevorkian does, and what Jack Kevorkian says, and what you will see is a man breaking the law," Skrzynski said. "Jack Kevorkian killed Tom Youk, and Jack Kevorkian does not have the right to kill."

Skrzynski said Youk's death does not qualify as an assisted suicide.

"Tom Youk did not kill himself with Jack Kevorkian's help. Jack Kevorkian killed Tom Youk by injecting him with drugs," the prosecutor said.

While representing himself, Kevorkian will be allowed to consult with lawyers David Gorosh and Lisa Dwyer. Defending himself, he said, was "what I've planned all along."

The judge expressed misgivings about allowing Kevorkian to serve as his own lawyer, asking him, "do you understand you could spend the rest of your life in prison?"

"There's not much of it left," he responded.

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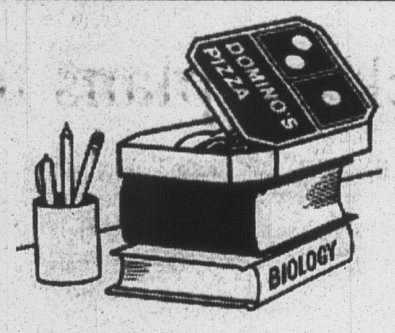

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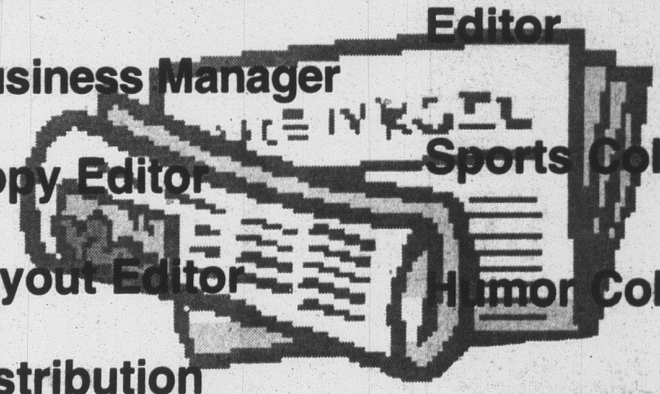

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U-WIRE NEWS

Stakes high for college students addicted to gambling

By April Goodwin
(Iowa State U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — Students can find themselves in serious financial problems and face long-term consequences as a result of gambling, said Tahira Hira, Iowa State U. assistant vice provost for Extension and professor of human development and family studies.

"Some students have had to drop out of school," she said. "And since they are often embarrassed about their gambling, there is a tendency to leave without explanation, which makes it difficult to have accurate accounts of the numbers who have been in this situation."

Brad Lester, 21, junior in microbiology and religion at the University of Iowa, has a bookie and said he is probably addicted to gambling.

He said he has been involved in gambling since he was 16 years old and doesn't know if he could quit if he wanted to.

"I'd like to think that I could, but I've been doing it for so long now that I honestly don't know if I could or not," he said.

Lester said he started gambling in high school by playing cards with a few of his buddies for fun.

"Back in high school, it was just $20 here, $20 there for a card game," he said. "When I got to college, my horizons widened, and now there's just more opportunities [to gamble]."

Hira said most people start out as social/recreational gamblers, and 5 to 10 percent of those cross the line and become problem gamblers.

In Iowa, gambling is widely accessible in forms such as the lottery, sports, poker, video games, casinos, and horse racing.

Lester said he has been going to the casino boats in the Quad Cities since he was a sophomore in high school using fake identification. He also used his fake ID to get into casinos on Minnesota reservations.

He said he "hooked up" with his bookie one night when he and some friends were watching a game at a sports bar and "things just kind of fell into place."

Lester said he now primarily bets on sports and places an average bet of $100 with his bookie on about three games each week. He estimated his weekly earnings at $250.

"Not to brag or anything," he said, "but I usually don't lose."

Lester said the most he has ever lost at once is $500.

Hira has done research on student gambling and found it is indeed a problem at colleges and universities.

"It is important that campus administrators recognized that gambling, including sports gambling, is prevalent on campuses, and increasing numbers of students are getting involved in a variety of gambling activities," she said.

Hira said many problem gamblers hide their addiction.

Lester said his parents don't know the extent of his gambling involvement. They were aware of him playing card games in high school, but he said they don't know about his bookie or his sports betting.

"In high school, it wasn't as expensive as it is now — not that it's that much now," he said.

Lester estimated his total winnings in high school at about $5,000, and since his freshman year in college, he said he has probably won $20,000-$30,000.

According to the Iowa Gambling Treatment Program's Web site, problem gamblers come from many backgrounds. Problem gambling can affect people of every race, religion, age, socioeconomic status and education level.

Problem gamblers find it extremely difficult to stop gambling, according to the Web site, and when they can't stop they may lose their money, jobs, families and even their lives.

"It's kind of like smoking," Lester said. "But right now I don't see why I should quit because I'm winning."

According to the Web site, some problem gamblers are easy to spot because they talk about betting all the time or continually look for ways to get gambling money.

Warning signs include being absent or late for work or school, shopping excessively or binge spending, having unexplained or new possessions and ignoring or being impatient with friends and family.

Many problem gamblers have a dual addiction, meaning they gamble, and they also have problems with alcohol or drugs.

Lester said he will keep gambling "as long as I'm still above water."

"If I lose a lot of money and become a bum, then I'll have to stop, and I'll realize there's a problem," he said. "That could happen. Everyone thinks they're invincible, but I know that I'm not. I guess I'll just see what happens."

Morning after kit provides option other than abortion, adoption

By Jennifer Edmundson
(U. Alabama)

(U-WIRE) TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Preven, the first marketed emergency contraception kit, is rapidly gaining popularity. The kit costs $20-$30 and may one day become as readily available as condoms.

Most women are unaware of this relatively new product, and most do not know that there are routes other than abortion or pregnancy when their contraceptive precautions fail.

The Preven Emergency Contraceptive Kit consists of four birth control pills. Two pills are taken within 72 hours of sexual intercourse and the other two pills are taken 12 hours later. The kit also includes a Patient Information Book and a pregnancy test.

Studies show emergency contraceptive pills to be 75 percent effective while regular birth control is 99 percent effective.

Many compare the "morning-after" pills to abortion; however, the pills actually delay or prevent ovulation and fertilization.

A similar pill sold in France, RU-486, can end pregnancy many weeks after sexual intercourse. Anti-abortion groups oppose the drug because fertilization has taken place in that amount of time. On the other hand, "morning-after" pills like Preven have not received much protest, because they act like birth control and are only effective if taken within three days of intercourse.

The main benefit of Preven and similar pills is their capability to reduce unplanned pregnancies. Shelby Harland, a senior in the college of Arts and Sciences, said Preven is also beneficial for rape victims because it almost completely terminates the possibility for pregnancy.

Advertisements for Preven can be found in many women-oriented magazines and reads, "The condom broke, but my life stayed intact." For many young women, the kit is a comfort, but others feel that it could be misused.

Harland said Preven is a good precaution.

"I think Preven is a good plan for emergency contraception, as long as people don't take advantage of it," she said." Harland also believes it should not be used in place of condoms. "It doesn't prevent STDs, so it shouldn't be used instead of condoms."

Jenny Lee, a junior at the University of South Alabama, was a peer-health sex educator and President of the University of South Alabama Sex Team. She does not recommend Preven.

"Personally, I would never recommend it without counseling, and also, the side effects are very hard on a woman's body," she said.

The advertisement warns that nausea and vomiting may occur, but officials at the FDA believe the company is minimizing the side effects in advertisements and on the kit itself.

Lee said a visit with a gynecologist and a requirement of a prescription are good ways to keep women from using Preven instead of contraceptives.

"I think if it is just handed out or available at drugstores, then it would be used instead of a condom," she said.

Lee said women should be required to discuss the benefits and dangers of the pill with a health professional before getting a prescription.

The Preven Emergency Contraceptive Kit cannot be bought over the counter, but it is relatively easy to obtain from a gynecologist. The gynecologists at the Russell Student Health Center on campus do not prescribe Preven, but prescriptions for similar "morning-after" pills are available.

On Campus Recruiting

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Glen Mills School	Counselor, Teacher	April 8	April 15
Pressley Ridge School	Teacher, Counselor	April 9	April 16

Former U. Arizona student dies during spring break

By David J. Cieslak
(U. Arizona)

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — The U. Arizona Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity will hold a memorial service Tuesday to honor a former member who died during spring break in Rocky Point while trying to save an allegedly suicidal friend.

Kevin Scott Medill, 20, died of massive brain injuries late Tuesday night in a Phoenix hospital after falling from a three-story-high balcony in the Plaza Las Glorias Hotel earlier that day.

Medill attempted to stop a friend from plunging off the balcony when they both fell over the railing. The friend, who has not been identified, suffered minor injuries from the fall.

Pi Kappa Alpha President Claude Lapuyade said Medill always put the difficulties of others before his own.

"He was always trying to help people with their problems," said Lapuyade, a communications junior. "Kevin was always putting other people first. He died the way he lived."

Fraternity members will commemorate Medill with a private memorial service tomorrow during a chapter meeting at their house.

Before leaving the University of Arizona last semester for Scottsdale Community College, Medill was a business sophomore and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Medill's parents, Gordon and Laura, last night described their son as everyone's best friend, and recounted the events surrounding Kevin's tragic plunge.

Gordon Medill said his son's friend rushed for the hotel balcony early Tuesday morning, prompting Kevin to tackle the man.

The situation worsened when the friend reached the balcony ledge. As Kevin Medill tried to stop him from teetering on the rail and falling, he also tumbled over the ledge, Gordon Medill said.

The father said his son's girlfriend was inside the room, listening to Kevin counsel the man while the two stood on the balcony.

"She heard Kevin say, 'let me help you away from the ledge,'" Gordon Medill said.

But the conversation ended abruptly when the men disappeared and Medill's girlfriend looked over the rail to find them lying on the ground.

"We don't know what happened on the balcony," Laura Medill said. "We can only assume that the young man lost his balance."

After a Mexico hospital experience that the Medills described as an "absolute nightmare," their son was rushed by ambulance to the U.S.-Mexico border, then to Gila Bend for a flight to Phoenix's Good Samaritan Hospital.

Medill's parents, who were in Rocky Point, Sonora during the incident, accompanied their son throughout the day.

When doctors informed Medill's parents that their son's brain had ceased to function and he was essentially dead, they opted to donate Kevin's organs.

"They told us he suffered a massive brain injury and he probably died instantly," Gordon Medill said.

Medill was pronounced dead Tuesday night at 10:15.

The devastating loss has created a heart-warming aftermath, as the Medill family has been showered with an outpouring of support from Kevin's friends and relatives.

Laura Medill said her son's friends toasted Kevin last night, using glasses filled with water.

She said the toast should serve as a message that alcohol "can be a major problem," adding that Kevin had consumed alcohol but was not drunk the night of the incident.

Laura Medill said the friend allegedly drank that evening and was heavily intoxicated.

Gordon Medill said the number of people who paid his son a final visit in the hospital demonstrated the impact Kevin had on others.

More than 1,000 people also jammed a Phoenix church for Medill's wake, packing the building's balconies.

Tanker truck flips over, explodes on Massachusetts highway

By Katie Zezima
(Boston U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON, Mass. — A tanker truck overturned yesterday afternoon on Interstate 93 in Dorchester, spilling more than 10,000 gallons of gasoline across the north and south lanes and creating what fire officials described as a river of flames almost a half mile long.

Witnesses said the tanker hit a guardrail before flipping over and bursting into flames just north of exit 14 in the Uphams Corner neighborhood. The burning gasoline spread quickly, engulfing two cars traveling behind the truck.

All three drivers escaped from their vehicles before they exploded. The driver of the tanker, William Leonard of Duxbury, sustained injuries to his neck, hands and fingers, while the two motorists suffered ankle and shoulder injuries, according to police.

A firefighter was also hospitalized with knee injuries. All were transported to Boston Medical Center.

"It was absolutely miraculous that there were no fatalities," said Boston Police spokesman David Walsh.

Police were still investigating the cause of the crash late last night and Leonard had not been charged as of 7:30 p.m., according to State Police Sgt. Stephen Hong.

Firefighters sprayed the roadway with retardant foam to extinguish the flames as officials from the U.S. Coast Guard, the Department of Environmental Protection and the city's hazardous materials and decontamination units worked to contain the spill.

An undetermined amount of oil flowed into nearby Dorchester Harbor through two storm drains. Although a vacuum truck dispatched to clear the explosive material from the water was delayed in traffic, Petty Officer Robert Devine of the U.S. Coast Guard said the wind and tide kept most of the oil from drifting further out into Boston Harbor.

"It shouldn't be too bad," Devine said.

The accident snarled traffic across the city as police closed both the north and southbound lanes of Interstate 93 between Columbia Road and the JKF/UMass exit, backing up cars for at least three miles in each direction.

Subway service was also disrupted for about an hour as flames licked at Red Line tracks near the highway.

Traffic was eventually rerouted along Morrissey Boulevard and other city streets.

Three of the highway's northbound lanes reopened around midnight, but officials estimated the southbound lanes would be closed as late as 8 a.m. as structural engineers assessed the damage done to the road's surface.

The heat from the burning gasoline was so intense that portions of the road were actually melted away and may have to be repaved before the highway can open, officials said.

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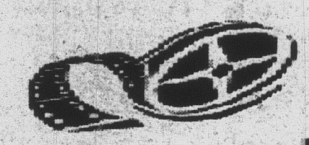

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The First Church of God on Euclid Ave. in New Castle is currently searching for a youth intern. This paid position has a negotiable salary based on 15 to 20 hours per week. Interested students should send a resume and references to: Joyce Houk, 12 W. Euclid Ave., New Castle PA 16105.

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Calendar of Events

Friday, March 26
Lil' Sibs Weekend
Science Olympiad
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Cristy Stunkel '99
5:30-7:30 p.m., Lil' Sibs Registration, Pizza/Sub Party, Picture Buttons & Face Painting - Down Under
7:30 p.m., Opera Workshop, The Marriage of Figaro - Chapel
8 p.m., Dance Theatre - Orr
8 p.m., Opera Workshop Performance - Chapel
8 p.m., Lil' Sibs Movie Antz - Down Under
10 p.m.-2 a.m., JT's Cafe - Down Under

Saturday, March 27
Lil' Sibs Weekend
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Phi Tau Car Wash - St. Camillus Church, Route 18 next to Wendy's
10 a.m., Tennis at Michigan Tech
10 a.m., Track & Field at Clarion Early Bird Invitational
10 a.m., AGD Golfer's Classic
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
1-5 p.m., Lil' Sibs Wax Hands - TUB Lounge
1 p.m., Baseball at Grand Valley State
2 p.m., Dance Theatre - Orr
3 p.m., Softball at Grove City
2-4 p.m. Lil' Sibs Swim - Natatorium
2:30 p.m., Lil' Sibs Movie Mulan - Down Under
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel
7-9 p.m., Rick Kelley, Lil Sibs - Down Under
11:30 p.m., Lil' Sibs Movie Antz - Down Under

Sunday, March 28
Lil' Sibs Weekend
Palm Sunday
10 a.m., Tennis vs. Lake Superior State
noon, Baseball at Grand Valley State
3 p.m., Kappa Delta Pi Spring Initiation - Chapel
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Vespers, Rev. Chris Weichman - Chapel
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
8:15-10 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

Monday, March 29
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Jewel Anita Hendrix
5 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi meeting - Alpha Sigma Phi House
5:30 p.m., Panhel meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta Initiation - Chapel
5:30 p.m., Zeta Tau Alpha meeting - TCF 116
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6 p.m., Phi Mu meeting - PH 112/113
6:30 p.m., Kappa Delta meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
7 p.m., BSU meeting - PH 231
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230

Tuesday, March 30
Tuesday Morning Fellowship, Timothy T. Wooster - Lindley Dining Hall
File your FAFSA
4:30 p.m., Diversity Symposium, "Living with AIDS" - PH 215
6-7:30 p.m., Squatters' Night - Residence Hall Lobbies
7:30 p.m., Gospel Choir Exec. Committee - TUB A/B

Wednesday, March 31
11:30 a.m., Faculty Forum, Joe Balczon, "Is It Really the Little Things that Run the World?" - PH 131
2 p.m., Baseball vs. Thiel
4:15-5:30 p.m., Phi Sigma Tau meeting - PH 116
5 p.m., Student Alumni Association Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Jazz Festival - Orr
7 p.m., SGA meeting - TCF 116
7:30 p.m., Diversity Symposium, "American Indian Religious Traditions, Colonialism, Resistance and Liberation" - Chapel
8-9 p.m., Discussion: Lenten Themes - Chapel
8:30-9:30 p.m., SAVE meeting - TCF 111

Thursday, April 1
PA State Grant and Westminster Financial Aid Filing deadline is May 1
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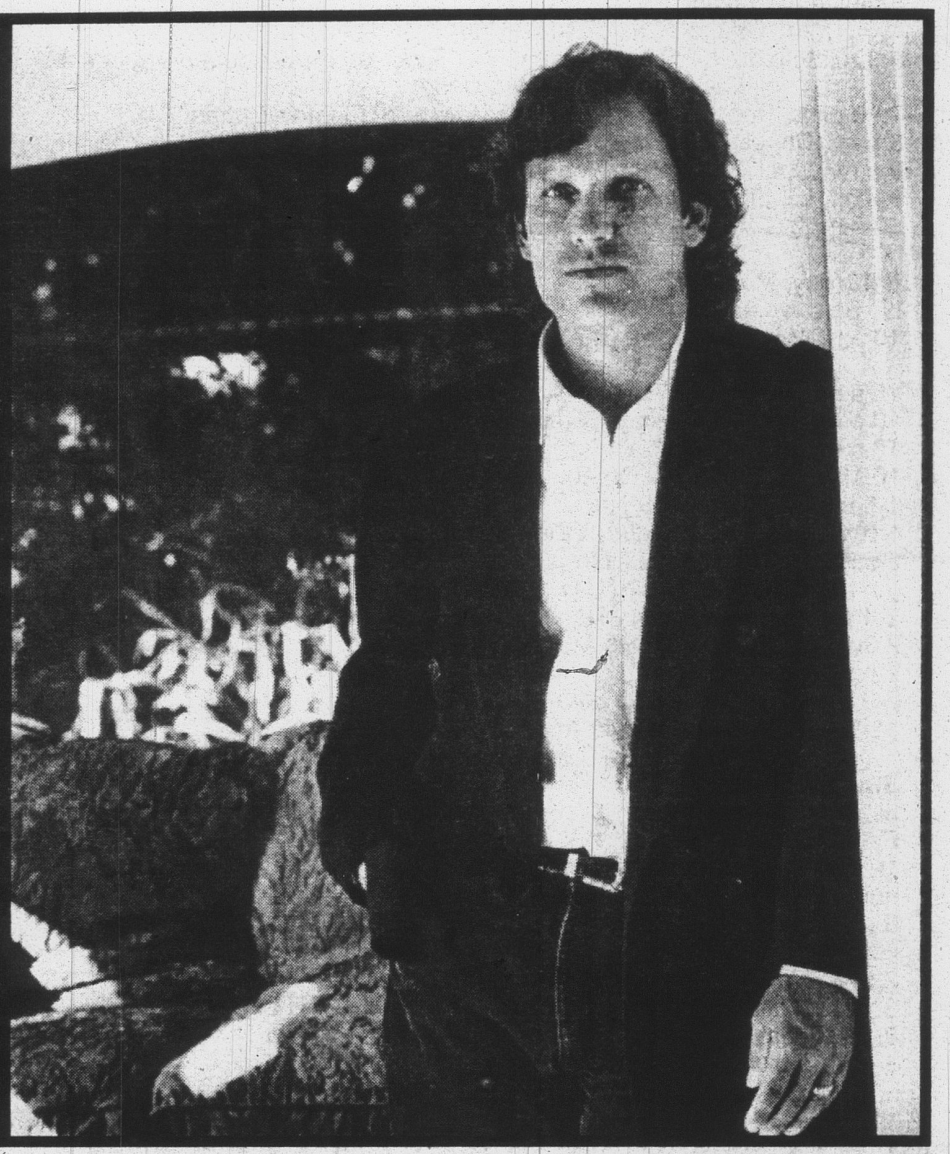

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5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at theDown Under

Dance Theater
8 p.m., Orr Auditorium - (extra cost)

Movie: *Antz*
8 p.m., at the Down Under

J.T.'s Café
10 p.m. - 2 a.m., at the Down Under - (free cappuccino/coffee)

Saturday, March 27

Bookstore Open
10 a.m. - Noon in the TUB

Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour
10: 15 a.m., atMcGill Library

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11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in Duff Dining Hall

Fitness Center Opens
Noon - 5 p.m. in theField House - (2 guest per person)

Wax Hands - make your own
1-5 p.m., in the TUB Lounge

Open Gym
1 to 5 p.m., in the Field House

Dance Theater Matinee
2 p.m., in Orr Auditorium - (extra cost)

Lil' Sibs Swim
2 - 4 p.m., in the Field House - (closed to public)

Movie: *Mulan*
2:30 p.m., at the Down Under

Dinner
4:30 - 6 p.m., in Duff Dining Hall

Mass
7 p.m. (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

Recreational Swim
7 - 9 p.m., in the Field House - (open to the public)

Rick Kelly
8 p.m., at the Down Under

Movie: *Antz*
11:30 p.m. at the Down Under

Sunday, March 28

Brunch
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in Duff Dining Hall

Movie: *Mulan*
9:00 p.m. at the Down Under

This schedule of events is tentative. A complete schedule of events will be given at the time of registration.

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Dr. William McTaggart

McTaggart recovering in Western Psychiatric Hospital

After spending several days in intensive care, Dr. William McTaggart is now recovering in Western Psychiatric Hospital in Pittsburgh.

A victim of clinical depression, McTaggart attempted to commit suicide in his garage on Gateway Road on March 26.

When campus security arrived at McTaggart's home to investigate a concerned phone call from his therapist, they could hear a radio inside but received no answer after ringing the doorbell and calling his name. Anxious about McTaggart's safety, they forced the door open and soon found McTaggart unconscious in his carbon monoxide-filled garage.

An ambulance was called to take McTaggart to St. Francis Hospital in New Castle, where he regained consciousness. Once his condition stabilized, he was transferred to St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh.

There he was placed in a hyperberic chamber to de-toxify his lungs. This treatment makes patients particularly susceptible to pneumonia, which kept McTaggart bedridden for the next few days.

Several students, faculty members, and alumni have spoken with him and visited him since then.

Junior Brandon Cleary visited McTaggart on Saturday and reported that McTaggart was in good spirits.

"Even though it might be a long road to recovery, he still sounds like the same old Doc," Cleary said.

Coach Fusco spoke with McTaggart on the telephone Wednesday afternoon. He too agrees that McTaggart is mending.

"What happened is tragic but this sort of thing is not uncommon with clinical depression," Fusco said.

On April 2, McTaggart was transferred from

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Freshman arrested for selling child pornography

A 19-year-old freshman was charged with dissemination of photographs and film possession of child pornography after he was found distributing child pornography on the Internet, according to State Police.

Police said Matthew Carlson, of Latrobe, Pa., a resident of Russell Hall, offered for sale or distribution through his personal computer various forms of child pornography including obscene pictures of children.

Carlson's computer was seized from his dorm on March 4 and he was arraigned before District Justice James Reed, police said. Carlson was released on his own recognizance.

Trooper Robert W. Erdley of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Harrisburg, said Carlson was sending and receiving images of child pornography. Carlson had between 500 to 1,000 pornographic images of children under 18 on his computer, he said.

Erdley said police identified Carlson through a unique identification number assigned to every computer.

Director of Communications Mark Meighen said Carlson has been charged with violation of school policy and a hearing has been set. Carlson has officially withdrawn from the college, effective April 6. Matt was not available for comment.

Had Carlson not withdrawn, the charges probably would have been investigated as violations of the college's policy for responsible use of information resources. Information resources include the library, audio visual items, the telephone system, and the college computing system.

According to the policy, the following activities constitute violations of the student code of conduct.

"Use of any college information resource for purposes other than personal communications or educational/administrative work directly related to the mission of the college, unless approved by the Director of Information Resources."

"Use of information resources for commercial enterprises and/or financial gain, unless approved by the Director of Information Resources."

Both of these restrictions appear in the online student handbook.

Gay and lesbian families speak at symposium

By Brad Dell
STAFF WRITER

On March 24, the Diversity Symposium sponsored the program "Gay and Lesbian Families: A Personal Perspective," in Russell Dining Hall. The event provided the 120-student audience with real accounts of life as a homosexual in a heterosexual world.

The panel of guests at the symposium included two lesbian couples, a bisexual man, a gay man, the seventeen-year-old bisexual daughter of one of the lesbians on the panel, and a Protestant minister who supports same-sex relationships.

Panel members took turns telling the audience their stories. The antidotes revealed the struggles and triumphs of their journeys toward accepting themselves and being accepted by the world.

Julie Bruno, a social worker, discussed the difficulty she had in accepting her sexuality.

"Through High School and college, I dated the same guy. Then I met Sue and fell in love with her. But it was a very long time before I could say the word gay, and even longer to say the word lesbian."

Jim Winger, a junior psychology major at Clarion, pointed out a few of the misconceptions that society has about gay men.

"It's not important to like every gay person out there," he said. "If heterosexual men would just give homosexual men a chance, they would realize that we're not so different."

Human services worker Elain Grabinsky had even more to say about accepting differences in society.

"We're either decent people or we're not. I am a woman who just happens to love a woman. It's not about a group. It's not about an organization. It's about individuals."

Sue Lori, a Pastoral Assistant at a Methodist Church, talked about the advantages of living in a big city.

"One of the greatest things about Chicago is the fact that every time you get on the L-train, you have a diversity symposium. You realize that there are lots of gays and lesbians all over the world, and in all fields."

"I am the only heterosexual on this stage. I am in the minority," said the Reverend Dr. Ron Hoellein. "This is a good thing, because we all need to realize what it feels like to be in the minority."

Hoellein went on to discuss why Christians should not only tolerate homosexuality, but embrace it.

"To welcome homosexuals with open arms is to act in the model of Christ. Remember Jesus' ministry was often aimed at those at the margins of society," he said.

The event concluded with a question and answer period. Students were encouraged to either ask their questions aloud or to anonymously write questions on index cards to be read and answered by the panel.

One student asked why these people would choose to live in such a conservative area, instead of a big city. Tim Free, an open bisexual from Clarion University, replied, "Why should one specific person move to any one place because they live one particular way?"

Another student wondered why the Methodist church prohibits homosexuals from being ordained as ministers. Hoellein said that though he does not believe in it, this prohibition comes from perceptions founded in psychological, sociological and theological rationales.

"The Bible is misused to support [societies] prejudices and stereotypical feelings," he explained.

The overall mood of the event was lighthearted; students, faculty and the panel continually cracked jokes. According to Neal Edman, this was a very different atmosphere than the first gay-related program he initiated on the campus eleven years ago.

"We had a gay awareness week. In the TUB, you could cut the tension with a knife. People were really upset," he said.

"As a future teacher, I thought that it was important to see that there are different types of families and those families are normal to these people," said elementary education major Diane Lutz. "I think it's important for me to understand those families and my students to understand them as well,"

"Tonight was a very good thing," said Edman, "But it is still just a beginning. We really need to do much more."

Weekend Weather

Friday:	**Saturday:**	**Sunday:**
Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
High 55	High 58	High 58
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CAMPUS LIFE

TCF renovations scheduled to begin in January 2000

By Nancy Ayala
STAFF WRITER

The Thompson Clark building is scheduled for a $3 million renovation beginning this summer. The renovations are expected to be finished by Spring 2001.

"General plans are to close the building down after this term and start the removal of hazardous material," said Bill Birkhead, vice president for finance. "By January 2000 the general contractors for the renovation will be able to start."

The TCF building's future has been in question for some time. At one time there was some thought of demolishing the building; however, when West Hall was destroyed by fire July 31st, the Board of Trustees approved a revision to the college's Strategic Plan. Fund raising for the renovation is in progress now according to President R. Thomas Williamson.

"TCF is the ultimate location for the English Department," Williamson said. "Several other departments to be housed in the TCF building are communications/theater, modern languages, a computer graphics lab for the art department, and the Learning Center."

"It will still be the TCF Hall, but the full name will be TCF Hall Center for Communication and Instructional Technology," Williamson said. "There will also be smart class rooms and seminar rooms."

The TCF building is one of the oldest buildings on the campus. Built in 1893, it was originally called the Mary Thompson Science Hall, dedicated to professor of Physics, Dr. S. R. Thompson's daughter, Mary, who died at 18 of illness in 1886. Mary had been a part time student at the college despite her illness.

W. Paul Gamble, college historian and associate professor of English, writes of Dr. Thompson in his *History of Westminster College 1852-1992*:

"He stimulated interest in the modern laboratory approach to science by improvising and purchasing apparatus, often at his own expense. In 1893 Professor Thompson offered the Board $20,000, with $10,000 to be used to erect a building to house the Physics and Botany Department, $5,000 to equip the new building, and the remainder to go into endowment."

Cilli, Flynn, & Associates, out of Pittsburgh, will be doing the renovations, Birkhead said. "They specialize in renovations, and are well known for renovating the capital building in Harrisburg."

Photo by Brandon Cleary

Plans have finally been set to give Thompson-Clark-Freeman a facelift beginning in 2000.

"When you have something like that (TCF) you want to keep it. It has a nice feel to it." said Williamson.

Survey suggests smoking on campus doesn't concern students

By Rachel Jones
MANAGING EDITOR

A few months ago, the *Holcad* distributed a survey to students. Questions ranged from smoking in dorms to sexually transmitted diseases. The purpose of the survey was to gauge campus interest in order to better cover events and issues important to students.

After the results were tallied, we had several requests to publish the results. The following is a topic-by-topic of our findings. More results can be found in future issues.

Final tally of respondents: 1383 Distributed, 144 received.

Three questions on the survey dealt with smoking: "Do you smoke," "Should WC create more smoking halls/ places to smoke in residence halls?" and "Should WC create more smoking areas in other campus buildings?"

Eighty-three percent of respondents said they were not smokers. Eighty-three also said the college should NOT create more smoking halls or places to smoke in residence halls. However, not all respondents who said they were NOT smokers said they were against creating more smoking areas, and not all smokers were in favor. Here is what some of you said:

"[Smoking should be banned to restricted areas, not places so those of us who are allergic, etc., won't suffer." Allergies was the most often cited reason for not having more places to smoke, or for further limitations on smoking on campus. Two respondents mentioned what they felt is the illogical admission of smoking in dorms while candles are not allowed: "Will candles be allowed," one asked. "If we can't have candles, why should people be allowed to smoke in dorms?" asked the other.

The majority of comments regarding residence hall smoking were negative; however, a few were suggestions for possible alternatives:

"Maybe an indoor smokers room for during winter," on respondent said. "Yes, lobbies," was another comment.

The third question, dealing with other campus buildings, generated more detailed responses. Students were adamant about having smoking take place outside, away from entrances to buildings.

"They should have one place to go, where they don't block doors and smoke can't drift in windows," one student said. "No, in buildings, but in a grassy area far from campus, so non-smokers don't have to breathe smoke in," answered another. "If they wanna smoke, go outside!" said a third student. Only a few students said they'd like to be able to smoke in buildings like the Down Under and the TUB.

Overall, the issue of smoking on campus was not as important to students, based on the number of strong responses we received. Non-smoking students feel strongly that smoking should take place only where it does not affect others, especially those with allergies. Smokers, it seems by the survey results, are satisfied with current smoking conditions.

Free massages attract students to Wellness Day

By Amber Brkich
STAFF WRITER

The Wellness Day Fair, held Thursday, March 25, was a huge success. Many students took advantage of the opportunities health-related vendors offered inside the intramural gym. The event lasted from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Free cholesterol testing was offered to the first 100 students, compliments of SGA. Nail technicians and massage therapists provided free demonstrations and actual treatments to students.

"I felt so nice and relaxed when I was getting a massage," said junior Kelly Schrenker. "I've been really stressed with all of this last minute work I've been doing, and the massage helped to relax me."

College nurse Judy Duda, along with Irene Matas, Babs Quincy, RHJB, and PEERS started planning the Wellness Fair in October.

"It takes a lot of time to schedule all of the people coming to the fair," Duda said. "I think it is worth it though. This is an event students need to relax them and help them focus on their health."

Yoga and Tai Chi demonstrations were also a part of the fair in which junior Chrissy DiCicco observed.

"I never really heard of Tai Chi before today," DiCicco said. "I think the two were a lot alike, but Yoga takes a little more effort."

"Tai Chi is not as strenuous as Yoga. Anyone can do it," Duda said.

Information on aromatherapy, and health agencies such as the Family Health Council and Harvest Health Services, were available at the fair. Jameson Hospital took blood pressure tests and body fat screenings. The hospital assisted the Student Health Center in sponsoring the fair.

"I didn't get to the fair until 4 p.m., and there was still a long line for the body fat screenings," said freshman, Holly Rippole. "I waited in line for fifteen minutes, and the screening only lasted about two minutes."

In addition to the items provided by the vendors, there were also many healthy snacks available. Marriot Distributor provided the juices and vegetable and fruit snacks.

Door prize drawings took place every hour beginning at 1:30 p.m., and students were able to register for one or all of the prizes given away. Prizes included sweatshirts and gift certificates to the Westminster Bookstore or the Grove City Outlets.

The Wellness Fair is not an annual event. It only takes place once every three years, but efforts are being made to have it more often.

"I am very glad I chose to attend the Wellness Fair," said junior Heather Frost. "It inspired me to take my health habits more seriously."

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Younger siblings spend weekend at college

The Campus Programming Committee hosted its ninth annual "Lil Sib's Weekend" March 26-28.

This year approximately 88 students hosted 119 siblings. Events centered on the theme "Party Cuz It's 1999The weekend began Friday evening with registration, picture buttons, and face painting at the Down Under. Members of CPC served pizzas and subs as students and their siblings donned orange shirts and played with purple yo-yos.

Students and their guests then could choose between the annual Dance Theatre performance, or a viewing of *Antz*. The night concluded with a party at JT's Cafe in the Down Under, where students and visitors were offered free coffee, cappuccino, and cookies.

Saturday's activities began at 10:15 a.m. with an Alpha Phi Omega story hour at McGill Library. Older kids chose to sleep in until brunch was served in Duff Dining Hall. The fitness center was open from noon to 5 p.m. for the guests, but many people took advantage of the warm weather.

"It was great we had such gorgeous weather," said Camille Hawthorne. "It helped let people do their own thing as well as the activities that were planned."

The opportunity to make a wax hand was the featured mid-day craft. Students and siblings stood in line for up to an hour for the chance to dip their hands into warm wax several times until their wax hand was solid enough to remove. Some left their hands white, but others had their creations colored red, yellow, green, blue, purple, or a combination of colors.

Those who missed Dance Theatre on Friday night had another chance to see the show Saturday afternoon. The afternoon also offered a screening of *Mulan* at the Down Under and a Little Sibs swim at the College's natatorium.

The pool was also open after dinner, and show for the evening featured entertainer Rick Kelly. The evening concluded with another showing of *Antz* for those who missed the movie the first time.

Students had the option of attending Saturday evening Palm Sunday mass or any Sunday morning services in the area. The last scheduled activity was Sunday brunch.

New courses offered for gender studies minor

Six gender courses will be offered next fall. Four of the six are new courses or recently available for gender studies credit.

Gender studies topics are included into three cluster courses. The first cluster, Folktales/Muds (GS112 or CLC 112) requires students also take Art 212. The class offers students the chance to study folktales with an analysis of their cultural contexts. Gender themes will be examined throughout the course that will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

The second cluster, Studies in Latin American Literature (GA 141 or CLC 141) acknowledges that students must also take GS 150 or Sociology 150 along with this class. Although not listed in the schedule, this course has also been approved for gender studies credit, and examines Spanish American Hispanic texts with an emphasis on gender themes. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:10 a.m. the class is scheduled to meet.

The third cluster course including gender studies is Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective. Two o'clock on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the class will meet to examine contemporary situations of women in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Students who sign up will take CLC 141 studies in Latin American Literature.

The first of the other three non-cluster courses for students interested in gender studies is Reading the World: Male-Female Relationships (GS120 or Intercultural Communication). The course provides an introduction to the study of culture in countries where French, German, and Spanish are spoken. Students examine gender roles in literature, film, advertising, and theory in the context of historical and political forces. The class meets at 3:10 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The second non-cluster gender studies course offered examines social and historical influences upon behavior as it is differentiated by gender. Also patterns of learning sex roles as well as current redefinition of sex roles is discussed. Sociology of Gender (GS 107 or Sociology 107) meets Tuesday and Thursday at 9:20 a.m.

The final gender studies course offered is titled Marriage, Family, and Sexuality in History (GS 114 or History 305). This course allows for the study of family over time, using legal, cultural, and socio-historical resources. Gender will be examined in context during this Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 p.m. class.

Small groups sessions encourage faith on campus

For at least 17 years, the chapel office's small group program has played an active role in campus ministry at Westminster. Each small group, defined as a group of people who have committed to come together and share their faith, provides a number of different benefits.

Through small groups, individuals have the opportunity not only to be challenged, but also to challenge their peers by holding them accountable for the material discussed within the group.

Former small group participant David Mizener said, "In order to understand others, you are very wise if you 'enter their world'. See what they see. Hear what they hear. Read what they read. Interact with whom they interact. Question without criticism. Only after you've done that do you draw conclusions. In the whole process, you will have gained the friendship of all those involved."

Students not currently involved in small groups may be hesitant because of misconceptions.

"We get locked into the idea that we have to be perfect Christians," said Wayne Nickerson, dean of the chapel. "We don't reveal our problems readily."

Small groups composed of peers are effective because of the freedom to be open, which is one of the most important factors in small groups.

"A small group is a place where the concept of grace is revealed," said Nickerson. "Once a person opens him or herself to the group, it is out there and they can pull away or accept it. That is where you find grace."

Current students are encouraged to consider leading small groups for the 1999-2000 school year.

In order to prepare students for the responsibilities of leadership in small groups, the chapel staff is holding a seminar taught by Robin Capcara, training specialist for the Coalition for Christian Outreach.

The seminar, taught in two sessions will cover Bible interpretation and the formations of questions from the Bible as well as small group dynamics.

Theta Chi faculty appreciation night honors professors

By Amber Brkich
STAFF WRITER

The brothers of the Theta Chi Fraternity hosted their second Faculty Appreciation Night March 2.

The evening gave brothers an opportunity of inviting former and present professors to their home to show their appreciation for the professors' dedication and concern for their students.

"I thought the night was a huge success," said fraternity president Adam Kunkle. "This semester's event ran smoother than the event last semester. More faculty came and the award made it much more exciting."

The evening included a brief program given by the officers, the presentation of the Zeta Lamda Faculty of the year Award, and food and refreshments were also served.

The program also outlined the activities the Theta Chi chapter is involved in, such as goals, projects, and day to day activities. Each officer explained what his responsibilities are and how they contribute to fraternity's mission of "extending a helping hand to all who seek it." Ray Greenberg, pledge educator, spoke about what activities, events, and meetings the pledges participate during their pledge period. Ray also informed the faculty about the history of Theta Chi. Matt Newman, scholarship chairman, explained the importance of academics and how the brothers are encouraged to make academics a priority and to take their studies seriously.

Following the program, the brothers awarded Dr. Eugene Sharkey with the first Zeta Lambda Faculty of the Year Award.

"I was extremely pleased to receive such an award," Sharkey said. "I am always gratified to know that students are so moved to present such an honor to professors they believe to being doing well with their profession."

Ted Haynes was responsible for coming up with the idea of an award.

"I knew we needed something else to create a more interesting night," Haynes said. "I think the award was a great idea and I know that Dr. Sharkey was very deserving of it." The award is given to a faculty member who "exemplifies the ideals of the fraternity."

Shaun Cloonan, public relations chairman, was in charge of planning the event. Invitations were sent to every full-time professor, a press release was sent out through the community service, and an e-mail was sent to all administration, faculty, and students informing them of the upcoming event.

"I had a great time planning the night. It was no problem," Cloonan said. "It is nice to give something back to the faculty, because they give so much to us."

Cloonan was presented the Brother of the Month Award for planning such a successful evening. The brothers of Theta Chi hope to continue to hold the Faculty Appreciation Night once a semester for many years to come.

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NEWS

Photo by Laura Butchy

West Hall was cleared away over spring break, but no definate plans have been made for the site.

West Hall site temporarily empty, may be parking lot

By Nancy Ayala
STAFF WRITER

The remains of the burned out West Hall were demolished early in March. Currently, there are no definite plans for the property beyond housing the English department in temporary buildings until the renovated Thompson Clark Freeman building opens.

"We are not thinking about it yet; we have bigger fish to fry at the moment," said Bill Birkhead, vice president for finance when asked about permanent plans for the property. "Most often mentioned is to expand the college's parking."

In a message from President R. Thomas Williamson that appeared in the winter 1999 issue of the *Westminster Magazine*, Williamson said, "We were forced to take an immediate detour from the planned path when West Hall burned late last summer. The resulting revision to the Strategic Plan calls for a $3 million renovation of Thompson Hall."

The planned temporary structures for the leveled property should be in place by July.

"The single unit structures are considered mobile units," explained Birkhead, "but are such that if they needed to be used longer they could last 20 years."

"We decided to get the required zoning as if the units would be permanent so they can be used longer if necessary," he added.

The English department and four members of the Institutional Advancement staff will reside in the temporary units until their new home is ready. They will then move permanently into the reconditioned TCF.

"The units are not grand, but functional...and not inexpensive," Birkhead said.

The college purchased the property in 1907 from the Hope family. Included in the purchase was the Hope home, which became the front part of West Hall. Initially called the Music Conservatory, West Hall housed the music department that had outgrown its previous quarters. Eventually the building became know as West Hall.

In the building's final years, it housed the English Department, the Continuing Education/Life Long Learning Program, and the Career Center. Most of these departments are now sharing space in Old Main, McGill library, Hoyt, and Patterson until their temporary home is ready for them in July.

The English department's permanent home in TCF should be ready by the spring 2001 quarter. Although 91 years of history went up in smoke when West Hall burned, fond memories of West Hall remain with the faculty members who were housed there.

English instructor Deb Mitchell sums it up in an article from the Westminster College Magazine:

"I miss the camaraderie, the philosophical discussions in the English/PR lounge, the students stopping by to visit us, Bill McTaggart's voice singing 'Sweet Mystery of Life,' Betsy Ford playing a tune on our out-of-tune piano, and Fritz Horn striding down the hall at a clip on his way to class," she said. "I miss my office and my windows and my things."

Healthy stuff: Is it strep throat or just a cold?

By Babs Quincy
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A few weeks ago a student came to see the physician here at the Student Health Center and on her way out the door, she asked if I would write something on strep throats. She wanted information on how to decide if her symptoms indicated strep throat or were just part of a cold. I decided she had an excellent idea, as we are seeing many students everyday with colds and throat infections.

Both strep throats and colds are spread by direct contact with secretions from the nose and throat of an infected person. These secretions are most commonly spread hand-to-hand. If you shake the hand of an infected person and then touch your eyes or nose, you are likely to infect yourself. The warm, mucous membrane lining of the throat provides an ideal environment for bacteria and viruses to flourish. These organisms cause irritation and inflammation, which make the throat feel sore and scratchy. Symptoms usually begin 1 -3 days after exposure to an infected person.

Viral sore throats usually diminish in 2-3 days as the body begins to conquer the infection. They are treated with salt-water gargles, throat lozenges, vocal rest, Tylenol or Advil for discomfort and the addition of humidity to the air in your room. Antibiotics are not effective in curing a sore throat caused by a virus. Viral sore throats without complications usually improve in 3 to 10 days.

You may begin to suspect a bacterial infection when your sore throat is severe and lasts more than 3 days with no sign of improvement. Another sign of bacterial infection is the appearance of white mucous patches on the surface of the throat or tonsils. These signs may be accompanied by fever and swollen glands in the neck and at the angles of the jaw. In rare instances of strep infection a bright red skin rash may occur.

Group A beta hemolytic streptococci are the most common cause of bacterial pharyngitis. The symptoms usually appear 2 to 7 days after exposure to the infection. The physician may order a throat culture and then antibiotics for bacterial pharyngitis. It is imperative that you complete the course of antibiotics as ordered. Strep infections that are untreated or incompletely treated can lead to rheumatic fever with heart complications or arthritis, or to kidney infections.

There is no perfect way to avoid colds and throat infections. There are, however, some things you can do to prevent them. Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face. Wash your drinking glasses and utensils in hot soapy water. Eat a balanced diet. Keep your stress level down. Keep your room humidity moderate to high. Finally, if you have a sore throat and are unsure about whether it is viral or bacterial, come to see us at the Student Health Center.

Career Center sponsors another internship day

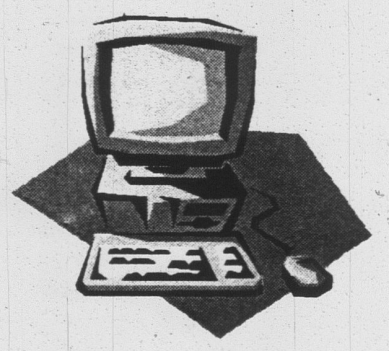
The Career Center sponsored nearly 60 organizations at Internship Day March 23.

All students were eligible to submit resumes and sign up for interviews with the variety of organizations. Before the interviews on the 23rd, students were encouraged to research the companies they signed up to interview with and prepare questions for the interviewer.

"In the past, over 100 students have taken advantage of these on-campus interviews, and we hope the response this year will exceed that number," said Jackie Meade, assistant director of the Career Center.

Students not only had the opportunity to find a summer or Fall internship, but also gain experience in interviewing and resume writing.

"This experience has proven to be an important part of our students' education," Meade said. "We are pleased that our students respond so well to this program."



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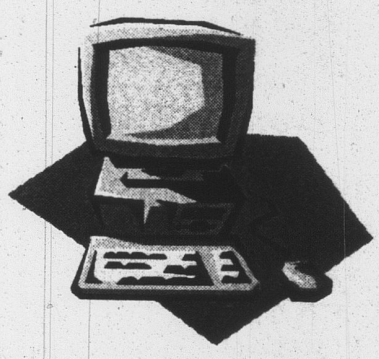

College begins long process for reaccreditation in 2001

By Laura Butchy
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In her initial visit to campus, Dr. Minna Weinstein spoke with students, faculty, administration, and trustees about the process of re-accrediting the college in 2001. Twelve students of different ages and majors were selected to meet with Weinstein on Wed, March 31.

"She is highly respected, extremely knowledgeable, and a delight to know," said Dean John Deegan when introducing Weinstein to students. He then left Miller boardroom to allow Weinstein, a staff member of the Commission on Higher Education, to speak with the students.

Weinstein explained the process and purpose of reaccreditation. According to Weinstein, the external function is to recognize and affirm the college's credibility to outsiders, and the internal function is to have the college reevaluate all of its programs and activities.

Thus far, Weinstein has been pleased with her campus visit.

"Two things impress me," she said. "First, the school's mission and continuing dedication to that mission, and second, the spirit here-the sense of community."

Weinstein also attended individual meetings with groups of faculty members, administrators, and trustees. Those who attended the student meeting seemed surprised but pleased by the invitation to speak with Weinstein.

"It was informative," said senior Laura Grove. "People who are not involved in the process don't realize how difficult the process is."

Weinstein answered questions for the students and also questioned them about their experience at college. When she asked students what they would change about the college if they had one wish, two answers were reiterated by most of the students.

Seniors in particular expressed the desire to have January term back, noting the benefits of month-long internships and travel courses. The other request several students supported was to adjust the credit system. Both students in the sciences and in the humanities agreed that lab courses ought to be worth more than other courses because of the large amount of extra time involved. Students suggested that regular courses should carry three credits and courses with labs should earn five credits.

One feature that Weinstein admired about the college is the unusual liberal arts components, such as Inquiry.

"What is unique about Westminster is the core curriculum," she said. "I've never seen anything like it."

Weinstein reviewed the schedule of events the college will have to adhere to in order to be reaccredited. According to Weinstein, the college will be heavily involved in examining different areas of the college through the work of individual committees.

"Westminster has decided not to do a comprehensive study," she noted. Instead, the college has tentatively chosen three topics to look at assessment, resource allocation, and institutional identity.

All colleges and universities that wish to receive governmental aid must be reaccredited every ten years. Westminster's accreditation dates back to 1887, but the first formal list of accredited schools was not published until 1921.

The Commission on Higher Education, which determines to which institutions financial aid will be distributed, developed the accreditation process. The 24 members of the Commission are elected for three-year terms. Member institutions each receive on vote in the elections, and the institutions pay a minimal amount of dues to belong.

All schools in the United States have been grouped into regions for accreditation purposes. Along with 500 other institutions, Westminster belongs to the Middle States Association of the Commission on Higher Education.

Initially, it is rather hard to get accredited, said Weinstein. But in her 19 years with the commission, she has only known six or seven institutions that have lost their accreditation.

"The toughest part of closing schools is finding a place to keep student records, like transcripts," Weinstein said. Other than the few she remembers, Weinstein explained that some colleges just allow their accreditation to expire because they are merging with a larger university. Such was the case when Mt. Sinai became part of New York University.

Professor enjoys the spirit of Heidelberg at lecture in Germany

"One either relates to others by telling them what to do and expecting them to follow, or one approaches others as equal players whatever the enterprise may be," according to psychology professor Dr. David B. Gray.

Gray shared his human behavior research during a January lecture in Heidelberg, Germany. The region's role in history reinforced the spirit of his message.

"I was especially struck by the richness of the larger human story as I walked into the lecture," Gray said. "Across the street was the very building in which Wundt started the first experimental psychology laboratory in 1879. Just 20 miles to the north in Worms, Martin Luther was tried as a heretic for his democratic ideas.

The role that name played in U.S. history in the 1960s was also on my mind. Two other great thinkers, Goethe and Schiller, used to climb the mountain to the north of the city to reflect and formulate their influential ideas about freedom and human dignity. It was a great honor to have some small voice in that chorus of voices for democracy and cooperation."

Gray has been working for the past two decades with Dr. Manfred Amelang, head of the Psychologisches Institit. In the 1970s, the two exchanged data and ideas about the measurement of attitudes toward ecology. In 1992, while on sabbatical, Gray collaborated with Amelang on research on the belief in equality. Amelang presented a colloquium at Westminster in the 1996 on the psychological contributors to cancer and heart disease, and Gray reciprocated with the Jan. 26 lecture, "To dominate, or to cooperate, a fulcrum of human relations," in Germany.

"The upshot of this research is that we should decrease our thinking about winning, overpowering, controlling, and dominating," Gray said. "A major shift is in order from controlling to releasing. We control others because we expect poor performance. We release others because we believe they can perform well. The insight is growing and the evidence accumulating that cooperating, serious training, sharing power, and emphasizing equality has the inseparable effect of increasing both productivity and human dignity."

"In modern problem solving, the first step of defining or framing of the problem dare not be done unilaterally," according to Gray. "Framing must be done by equals, followed by equal and open participation all along the way. Unfortunately, we have all been steeped in the milieu of domineering over others and winning over others. These habits separate us from a more vital life, and the spirit of Heidelberg."

Gray has taught at Westminster, his alma mater, since 1965. He earned his master of divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and both his master of education and Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Weekly Announcments

Ellwood Group Inc. corporate office is offering a paid accounting internship to a student with junior or senior status, strong computer skills, and knowledge of Excel and Word. Starting around May 21 and paying $9.17 per hour, there will be 30 to 40 hours per week through the summer. Call Jackie Meade (CC) at ext. 7343 for more information.

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Yellowstone National Park has opportunities for work in their service stations for students who have completed their first year of college. First-year employees can earn up to $6 per hour. (CC)

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The Badlands National Park is looking for interns to fill various positions during the summer. The internships are on a volunteer basis, and require junior status. The Badlands position requires skills in public speaking and a background in natural sciences. (CC)

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The Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, Inc. is looking for interns. This child-focused, facility-based program provides representatives to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases. (CC)

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Pennsylvania State Government is looking for accounting interns. Interns earn $9.07 per hour in a 37.5-hour work week, and could lead to a full-time position after graduation. (CC)

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Choate Rosemary Hall is looking for summer teaching interns in a variety of programs and fields of study. (CC)

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The Pennsylvania State Archives and The State Museum of Pennsylvania has internships available. Positions may be tailored to suit student's needs and may be paid. (CC)

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The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, New Castle, is seeking a college student to compile a business directory. Work will involve calling businesses, gathering data, entering data, and completing the directory. (CC)

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The Lawrence County Planning Commission, New Castle, is offering a college student the opportunity to take on a research project to identify the need for additional public transportation in the Lawrence County area. The ideal candidate is a mature student who is interested in statistical research, and could design the survey, implement it, compile the information, and produce the report. (CC)

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State Farm Insurance is taking applications for its 1999 Western PA Summer Internship Program for students who have completed their junior year. The internship, which pays $10.50 per hour and offers a limited benefit plan, provides work experience in the insurance industry. (CC)

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The Family First Sports Park, Erie, promotes a sports atmosphere where athletes and their families come to cultivate character values. Internships are available to college students in the are of sports management (soccer & basketball), marketing, sales, hotel/motel and fitness club management. (CC)

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Rainforest Action Network, San Francisco, has environmental internships available in the fields of media operations, database coordination, campaign administration, and information assistance. Requirements: computer skills, environmental knowledge, and an interest in conservation. (CC)

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The Carnegie Science Center is seeking Westminster interns or volunteers for the summer. Work is available in a variety of areas including exhibits, children's tours, etc. (CC)

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Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade (CC).

SPORTS

Baseball team drops five in tough season

The baseball team dropped five games last week, including a four-game set to GLIAC rival Findlay. The Titans lost to Thiel 6-5 in non-conference action Wednesday. Over the weekend, the Oilers posted the sweep with 6-0 and 12-3 wins Friday and 9-4 and 12-5 decisions Saturday.

The Thiel Tomcats did their damage in the sixth inning, posting three unearned runs to take a 6-4 lead they would not relinquish.

Sophomore Tim Voelp started the game on the mound for the Titans, working five innings and giving up three runs on five hits with a pair of strikeouts. Senior Matt Twining took the loss in relief for Westminster, dropping to 0-1.

Offensively, Westminster was led by sophomore shortstop Tom Nulph, who went 2-for-4 with a double, a stolen base and two runs scored. Senior left fielder Eric Scheponik added a 2-for-3 performance with an RBI and a pair of steals. Sophomore first baseman Henry Klinar rapped an RBI double.

Findlay limited the Titans to just one hit in the opener Friday, a third inning single by sophomore third baseman Kevin Bell. Senior hurler Brian Zima took the loss on the mound, allowing 11 hits and striking out seven while falling to 1-4 on the year.

In game two Friday, the Oilers got all the runs they needed with a four-run first inning to complete the sweep. Bell took the loss on the hill for Westminster, falling to 0-2 after allowing eight runs on 11 hits in five innings of work. Twining pitched the final two frames in relief for the Titans, allowing three runs on four hits with a pair of strikeouts.

At the plate, Nulph led the way for the Titans, going a perfect 3-for-3 with two doubles, a walk and an RBI. Sophomore third baseman Adam Jones added a double and scored a run in the loss.

Westminster led game one Saturday 2-1 after three innings, but Findlay took the lead for good with a four-run fourth inning. Junior hurler Vic Kaplack took the loss for Westminster, dropping to 0-4 on the season.

Offensively, the Titans were paced by Scheponik, who went 3-for-4 with an RBI triple and one runs scored. Nulph rapped a pair of doubles and scored twice in the loss, while Klinar also went 2-for-4.

Westminster again jumped out to an early lead in the Saturday nightcap, staking a 3-0 first inning advantage. Findlay roared back with 10 runs combined in the third and fourth innings to take control.

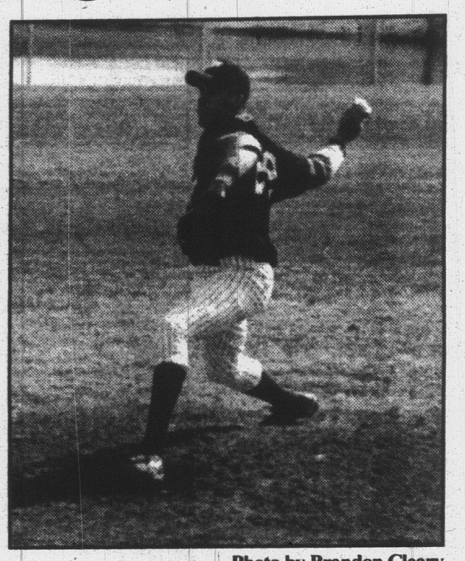

Photo by Brandon Cleary
The baseball team fought in five losses.

Nulph blasted a two-run home run, walked three times, and scored twice. Scheponik added a pair of hits, while sophomore catcher Josh Martin added a two-run single.

Contributed photo
The Lady Titans dropped two games on Good Friday.

Softball team struggles in games over Easter break

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

Good Friday was not a good day for the softball team. The Titans opened GLIAC play with a pair of losses to defending conference champion Ashland, 2-0 and 5-1.

The first game was a pitcher's duel between Titan sophomore Bethany Pinkerton and Ashland senior Natalie Pry. It remained scoreless through 5 innings, but both teams had scoring chances.

In the first inning, Ashland mounted a threat as junior Kim Herman reached on a muffed ground ball. A bunt and a groundout moved her to third before DH Longstretch smacked the ball into left field. But junior left fielder Jennifer Gales fired it home in time to catch the sliding Herman.

The Titan offense threatened in the bottom of the fifth with the score still 0-0. Junior Liz Maurhoff singled to left and was replaced by pinch-runner. After a bunt, second baseman Renee Tappe rocketed a single into right field. With runners on the corners, Gales hit a hard grounder to shortstop where Rachel Newton picked it up and threw home just in time to get the sliding #18.

The Eagles finally broke through in the sixth. Herman doubled to left-center and was sacrificed to third. After a strikeout, Longstretch singled to left driving in the first run of the game.

Ashland scored once more in the seventh. Elridge led off with a single, reached third base on an error, and scored on Newton's sacrifice fly to left field.

For Westminster (9-12, 0-2 GLIAC), senior Stephanie Tangora led the offense with two singles and sophomore Melissa Bajus doubled. Pinkerton pitched a four-hitter with five strikeouts and no walks.

Pry hurled a five-hit shutout and struck out ten Titans for the victory.

Through three innings, the second game was a pitcher's duel too, this time between Westminster's Bajus and Ashland's Herman. Neither side gave up a run thanks to some tough defensive plays, especially by the Titan infield.

But in the fourth, the Eagles broke through. Elridge and Boske led off with back to back singles and advanced on Becker's bunt and Howard ripped a single to center to drive home the first two Ashland runs.

The damage could have been greater as Herman singled to left with two outs. As Howard ran home, Titan left fielder Pinkerton made a perfect throw in time for the out.

Westminster got on the board with a run in the fifth. Sophomore Courtney Behm led off with a single to left and was lifted for a pinch runner. Following a groundout and a strikeout, freshman Kristie Perrotte singled to right-center to score the pinch-runner #34.

But in the bottom of the sixth, the Eagles mounted an explosion. After Elridge flied out, Boske, Becker and Weir all singled. Weir's single drove home Boske to make the score 3-1. Then Herman helped herself out with a triple to center field to score Becker and Weir.

For the game, Herman went 3-4 with two singles and a triple with 2 RBI. Howard added a pair of singles and 3 RBI while Elridge and Boske also singled twice.

Herman pitched a two-hitter with both Titan hits in the fifth inning. She struck out seven and walked one.

Bajus also threw a complete game. She scattered 11 hits, struck out two and walked one.

The Titans dropped to 9-12 on the season.

A view from the Sidelines: Our Field of Dreams no longer a dream

By Jenny Grundy
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Mark it on your calendar: Opening Day 2001. You better buy your tickets early because the Pirates will have a fanfare like they've never seen before. This is the day PNC Park is scheduled to be up and running seating only 38, 127 people. Seating may be limited, but we won't care, because Pittsburgh's Mayer Murphy knows, "If you build it, they will come."

And that is exactly what will happen: people will come.

Pennsylvania's February 3 approval of additional state funds solidified a sturdy Pirate remains for years to come. It has been a long, hard battle to win for Pirate's CEO, Kevin McClatchy and the rest of his army.

I think it is the best thing that can happen to Pittsburgh. There has and still is opposition for such a huge project, spending millions of dollars, but in doing so, people will come.

Just take a look at what Jacob's Field did for Cleveland, or what Oriole Park did for Baltimore. People will come to see the new ballpark.

Newly born Pirate fans will come out in the masses to check out the new picnic area in the outfield, the party pavilion, and even to cruise through the new specialty shops and 12,000 square-foot restaurant.

The long-time Pirate fans who aren't there just for the new ballpark, are never going to want to miss a game. The old-style light towers, the natural grass field, the outfield bullpens, and especially the 21-foot-high right field wall honoring Roberto Clemete, are going to force them to become even bigger Pirate-addicts than they already are.

The park is going to revitalize the city, and people will come. Pittsburgh is showing growth through PNC Park, and through this growth, the money spent on the ballpark will be forgotten in the minds of those who opposed it because they are the same people with the new jobs due to the new growth in the city.

This is a great leap forward for Pittsburgh. It has been a long time since the city has been this excited about something that will stay with the 'Burgh forever, and that is the unification that sports teams bring. This will be a chance for Pittsburghers to join together and collectively forget the long day at work that they had, sit back and enjoy the beautiful open city skyline view, cheering while sipping an Iron City beer, and watching the game that America herself made: the great game of baseball.

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Track & field team members begin season strong

By Emily Thomas
STAFF WRITER

The track & field program posted strong individual and team performances at the Clarion Early Bird Invitational and the Mount Union Invitational, March 27 and April 3.

Junior John Sherman and freshman Scott Fabry led the Titans at the Invitational. Both men posted first place finishes.

Sherman claimed first in the javelin with a toss of 190'7", a distance 10" further than the second place finisher.

Fabry captured the 10,000-meter run. He finished with a time of 36:27.

Also, in the top five individual performances was freshman Ryan Oman. Oman tied for third place in the high jump with a jump of 6'2".

Top 10 finishers included junior Keith Schrag and freshman Jacob Gleason in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, freshman Don Brown in the pole vault, and sophomore Tim Shelenberger in the discus.

Sherman credits the team's accomplishment to the coach and his teammates. "The key is good coaching and ... clutch performances," Sherman said.

The Mount Union Invitational was also successful for the Titans. Leading the team was freshman Ryan Oman, who placed in the Top 10 in three individual events.

Oman placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 39'8.25", sixth in the 110-meter hurdles, with a time of :16.63, and eighth in the high jump with a height of 5'10".

Other Titans placed in the top five. Sophomore Mark Scott placed fourth in the 400-meter run with a time of :50.89.

Scott was pleased with his performance and emphasized that it is still the beginning of the season. "[Everyone is] coming into their own and working hard," he said.

Junior Andy Parshall also placed in the top five. He finished fourth in the shot put with a distance of 46'0". Dan Brown earned a fifth place finish in the pole vault with a height of 12'0".

Athletes finishing in the Top 10 included Freshman Jacob Gleason and junior Keith Schrag in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, freshman Simon Kaanan in the long jump, and Ron Brown in the pole vault.

The next meet is Saturday, April 10 at Case Western Reserve in Ohio.

Golf team finishes second at Malone Invitational

By Autumn Mentzer
STAFF WRITER

The golf team posted a strong performance at the Malone College Invitational last weekend in Canton, Ohio. The Titans fired a two-day, 36-hole total of 317-322-639 to finish tied for second on the five-team field. Teams participating in this year's invitational along with Westminster were Walsh, Lake Erie, Mt. Vernon Nazarene, and Malone Universities. The host Pioneers from Malone University won the invitational firing an impressive 298-295-593.

"It was a very enjoyable time going out and hitting the links again," said senior Chad Rittle. "Not only did we have nice weather, but I was also able to kill the ball to my capability."

Rittle helped to pace the Titans with a fourth place finish by shooting 75-77-152. Other Westminster scores included a strong showing from freshmen Jim Govern with 81-77-158, freshmen Justin De Capua with 81-82-163, junior Ryan Grissett with 80-86-166, and sophomore Mike Burnett with 82-93-175.

"I thought we played very well," said golf team coach, Joe Fusco. "I was pleased with how well we improved from our fourth place finish on the first day to our final second place finish at the end of the tournament."

Some upcoming events for the team are the Ashland Invitational at Ashland April 9-10, and a match with Gannon/Mercyhurst Universities in Erie April 11.

"Hopefully we can continue to improve and use this invitational as a stepping stone to build for our upcoming match in Ashland," Fusco said.

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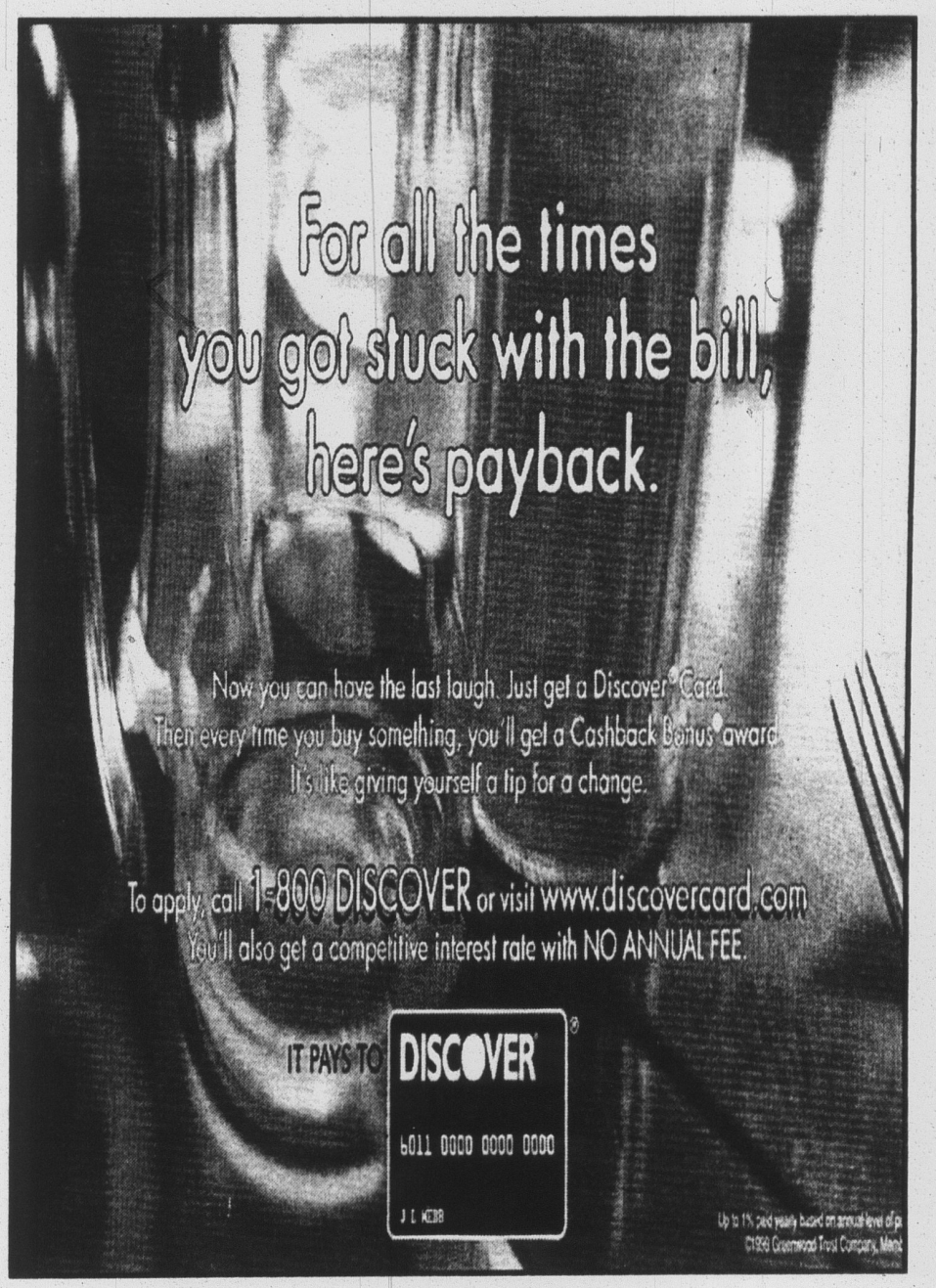
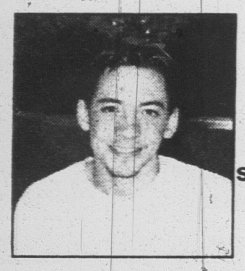


OPINION

Question of the week

Where is your favorite place to eat in and around New Wilmington?

Tara Byrd, Junior
Kings
"The hours are really condusive to college life."

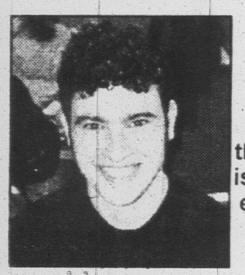


Jake Nolan, Senior
Coney Island
"It's cheap. And they put shredded cheese on their french fries."

Dan DiDesiderio, Freshman
The Alpha Sigma Phi House
"The Deep Friar...ROAR!"

Matti Carothers, Junior
Rachel's Roadhouse
"They have very unique food."

Allisyn Slopek, Junior
The Italian Village
"They have really good atmosphere and authentic Italian food. And you don't have to dress up to go there."



Scott Hauser, Freshman
The Short Stop
"It is convenient to campus. Even though the service is poor, the food is excellent and reasonably priced."

P.J. Pearson, Freshman
Rachel's Roadhouse
"I used to work there. It's actually good food and not that expensive."

Kristen Crooks, Freshman

Eat 'N' Park
"For the Smiley Cookies. It's all about the smiley cookies."

Liz Gonda, Sophomore
The Iron Bridge
"The service is good and the food is really good."

Photos by Brad Dell

Our View: Bubble Mentality

Right now, on the other side of the world, thousands of American and Allied troops are fighting a serious and violent war. Hundreds of thousands of people have chosen to leave their homeland rather than die. Many news personnel are comparing the situation to the Nazi Holocaust. It is without a doubt a horrific human tragedy. And yet, most students on this campus are indifferent, if not completely ignorant to the entire situation.

Scenarios like this are all too common on college campuses. So much goes on in the lives of individuals and within the college community that worldly issues are often ignored.

However, indifference is even more common here than at most schools. Westminster is billed as being nestled "in the heart of Amish country." This translates to mean come here to our peaceful, simple bubble of isolation and escape the trials and tribulations of the outside world.

The college's location in New Wilmington does not help matters. Many of its citizens have spent their entire lives here. They grew up here, went to college here, got married here, and now work right here in New Wilmington. In this almost communal environment, it becomes easy to forget that anything at all lies beyond the city limits. (Perhaps they made *Pleasantville* with New Wilmington in mind.)

Another fuel for the fire of isolation is the lack of ethnic or religious diversity among the student population. The majority of students are Christian Caucasians. This homogeneous majority creates a community of individuals with very similar customs, traditions, values, and beliefs. Because there is so little diversity, students and faculty alike can fall into the trap of feeling indifferent toward the wants and needs of diversity in the outside world.

Similarly, many people on this campus are relatively wealthy, with good family backgrounds, who have felt a great sense of safety and security most of their lives. Of course, this is the case for the majority of the people in this nation. In this century, the United States has not even had any major threat of war on its own soil. So people here have no idea what it is like to live in haphazard unrest and constant fear.

In the Balkans right now, people are being herded like cattle in concentration camps. Forced to flee from their homes to escape death, they now sleep at night on the cold, wet ground. They awaken to the smell of the 100 thousand people around them, and know not whether they will eat today or even tomorrow. Yet because they are so far removed, most students here feel indifferent toward these people and their atrocious situation. It is truly tragic when you believe that if you can't actually see the injustice, then it is not really there.

These are all reasons for students' inattention to world affairs, but they should not be made into excuses. There is no excuse for the disregard of human tragedy.

Most people come to Westminster to get a liberal arts education. That is, of course, an education based on looking and appreciating all the world's perspectives. To deny attention to major events and causes in the world is an act against the fundamental foundations of this institution.

Many call Westminster a Christian community. But a Christian community which ignores the needs and moral injustices of the rest of the world is not Christian at all. Christ suffered for the sins and shortcomings of the entire world. Being true followers of Christ requires, at the very least, caring about and praying for people in need.

People are dying; children are suffering; injustice is running rampant. However, students not only owe it to the victims to acknowledge the pain and pray for resolution, but they also owe it to themselves. The eighty-thousand dollar education should not be wasted completely selfish endeavors. Liberal arts teaches worldly perspectives, so do not embrace life within the bubble.

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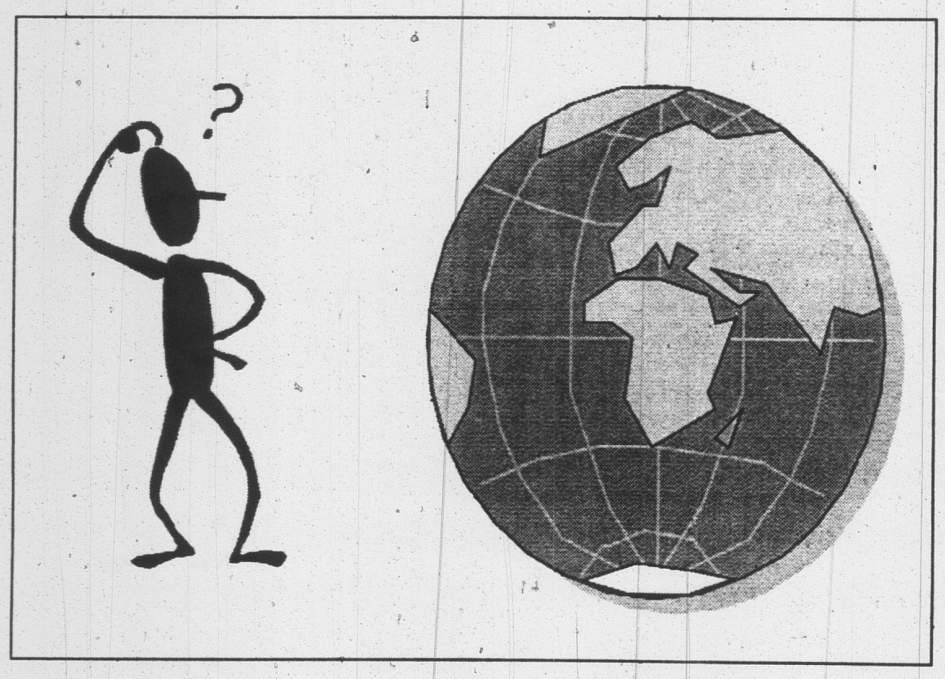

What do you mean, "real world?"

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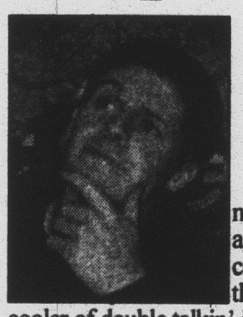
Corporate big-wigs beware: new shirt designs to come



By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

In my seemingly never-ending plight against those feckless corporate bigwigs and their Thermos-brand cooler of double talkin' jive, sometimes I feel as though I'm engaged in a futile battle. It's as if I'm against giant fluffy dinner roll robots (representing those dastardly bigwigs) that can absorb high-powered death lasers and eat cans of oil. It's frustration and disturbance all rolled up into a maddening enchilada I like to call madchilada or enchilmada.

Probably the thing that disturbs me the most is that everywhere I go, I see folks wearing company logos. People wearing Raisin Bran multi-color sun visors or maybe even pair of Amoco gym shorts are just two glaring examples. Sure, I too enjoy wearing the symbol of a heartless multinational corporation sewed discretely onto my clothing on a regular basis, but recently, this trend has begun to genuinely disturb me. Here I am, a strapping twenty-two year old squire about the town, fully qualified of being dubbed Captain Danger (mostly due to my radical raging-versus-machines nature and haphazard, fancy-free lifestyle). Yet I consistently find myself unwittingly supporting the same bigwigs I fight so diligently against by sporting corporate logos hidden so cunningly in bitchin' designs emblazoned on high-quality T-shirts.

Since this logo-wearing practice is obviously hypocritical of my anti-bigwig stance, I have decided that what I require is a whole load of T-shirts that say things on them that I want them to say. Shirts that say what I really might have an opinion on maybe, instead of shirts constantly imploring me to just do something or renaming my planet. Of course, these shirts also have the undeniable capability to ignite a political firestorm that could rock this nation to its very foundations. The following slogans would be comprised of cheap iron on lettering, sloppily pasted onto Beefy-T's. That said, here goes:

PANTS! - I enjoy pants and I'm proud of the fact that I tend to wear them on a consistent basis. As far as I'm concerned, this country wouldn't be the superpower it is today without the crucial assistance of these timeless go-getters. Could we have won the Revolutionary War without our trusty pant friends? Nice try red coats. Case closed.

Free High Fives - Everyone enjoys a good high five and darn it, I like giving them. With this classy number, I'll be high-fiving at an incredibly excruciating and quite frankly, exhausting pace. But high fives, like pants, are a commodity this country can't survive without.

Bank Robber - This shirt goes great with two sacks full of rocks with money signs on the sides. Try bolting down a crowded sidewalk like a maniac in this sexy number and prepare for excitement!

Ask Me About Circular Saws - Admittedly, I don't know much about circular saws but I would like to be asked about them more often then I currently am.

How did I get my giant head through the neck hole on this shirt? - Wait a minute, this one's for my freak of nature roommate and his cranium the size of Mother Russia. He needs the entire enrollment of both the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks just to bash his incredibly massive skull through a doorway, let alone a neck hole on a T-shirt. Good luck Trotsky.

I Hate Being Bombarded with Cannonballs - Frankly, I find cannonballs to be generally inoffensive when stacked into a pyramid shape, but I sure don't like being bombarded with them! There also seems to be a fairly large, and equally spooky, anti-pirate sentiment going around the picturesque Westminster campus, so I'm figurin' these bad boys will sell like hot cakes!

Hopefully one day this small regimen of shirts will grow to be a skilled and trained brigade of brawlers, set against those ever-present bigwig foes. But until then I've got a message for those treacherous bigwigs: You make me sick- like Strawberry Quick- your style is wack- you ain't the mack- so yo step back- get off the crack- and sing a new tune like boom schlock-schlock boom.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We are writing in response to the article written about the cancellation of *WCTV*. We wanted to let the viewers as well as the campus know that we (Broadcast majors) were **never** directly informed of the decision to cancel **our** show. We heard it straight from the *Holcad*. We think it is extremely important, since this is our major and a show we have worked very hard on, that we are told about decisions like this. We also feel we should have had the final decision on the cancellation of the show, or at least have had some input on the decision.

Since none of our opinions were heard by the Broadcast Communications Department, we figured the campus should hear about them.

First, the show gives students a chance to do a lot of news stories on campus. It allows them to stay on campus and gain broadcasting skills. Many students do not have cars, making it very difficult to travel off campus to get stories. *WCTV* is a place where students can make mistakes and learn to be comfortable in front of, and behind the camera. It gives underclassmen a chance to improve their skills before moving up to the Inside Lawrence County news show. *WCTV* gives us experience and skills that set us apart in the job market. We not only have a news show on our resume, but we have the *WCTV* experience as well.

The show informs the campus about what is happening just like the Holcad. Both are important ways for students to learn about and understand what is going on around campus. Don't you, as students, like to see yourself on TV? Well, while you are on TV, we are gaining experience producing, shooting, editing, reporting, etc. We are glad the campus finally realizes we do in fact have a TV station here at WC—we feel we owe that to *WCTV*. It is a shame a show which has made an impression here is being cancelled. Maybe the Holcad could run a story about the major's reactions to the cancellation and get some student opinions.

We are paying to be at Westminster to learn. This is **our** education. Don't we have a right to it?

Thank you,

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Jennifer Body
Sara Bresnahan
Gabrielle Buckley
Tara Byrd
Sarah Cagno
Matthew Deegan
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Carli Segelson

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the "Westminster World" cartoon published in last week's *Holcad*. First, I would like to know who has the audacity to publish something as degrading as this to the members of the sports teams here at Westminster. Also, I want to know why you would want to publish something like this. Football wasn't the only team that did not have the season they are used to here. A move to Division II from NAIA is a big jump. It would take a couple years of good recruiting classes like this year's to be able to get the program up to conference championship level. Those of you that don't believe that must not have been at very many games to watch your football team play. At most of our games there were rarely more than probably 100 students at our games. Our record does not represent the time and work that the team went through and dedication that we showed in our first year in the GLIAC/MIFC. We were very competitive in the MIFC and teams knew not to take us lightly. There wasn't a lack of dedication from the team it was from the students and the administration who obviously feel that the Titans can not compete at this level. I feel sorry for those of you that don't agree with our views. It is a slap in the face to Titan tradition that everyone is trying to preserve. It is very hard to move forward into the future by taking a huge step back to Division III. Many of the athletes came here because of the move to Division II. They wanted a higher level of competition. The problem is that no one else did.

Justin Shearer
Nathan Tengowski

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

PUSH to play at Earth Day festival

PUSH will be appearing on Earth Day this Saturday at 10:00 p.m. at the Down Under.

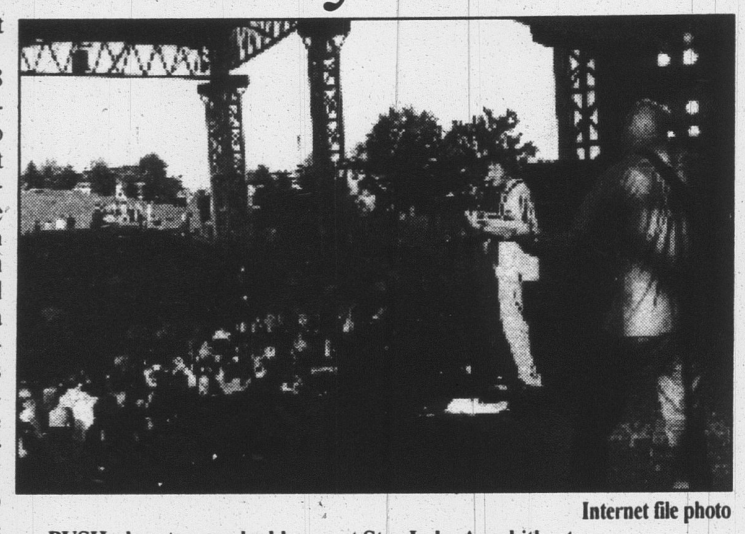
The Band PUSH has been getting a big "push" lately. In fact most recently, in January 1998, the band's song "Eye to Eye" was added into regular rotation on WDVE Pittsburgh, one of the top 5 rated major market radio stations in the nation. WDVE also found the latest effort by PUSH worthy enough to grace it's air-waves by adding the single "Without a Doubt" into rotation which is off of their sophomore release "Somewhere Down the Line."

The pull on PUSH all began in March '97 when they won the Graffiti Rock Challenge, one of the most prestigious competitions in the region. One month later in April '97 they released their debut CD "Souvenir" which is a stunning example of the upbeat and rootsy, mainstream, pop rock which PUSH is know for. The hook-laden, "Souvenir", produced by Rick Witkowski at Studio L, has gotten great reviews and has sold more than 3500 copies within 15 months. Their latest effort "Somewhere Down the Line", which was produced by Dave Brown (The Gathering Field & Rusted Root), is expected to surpass their efforts on "Souvenir". "Somewhere Down the Line" brings to the table a maturer sounding PUSH as well as an ability to experiment with different musical genres.

In April of '98 PUSH was victorious in a band to band combat that resulted in a position on the HORDE tour when it passed through Pittsburgh, PA and also secured them a spot on a compilation disk which was distributed nationally at all of the HORDE Tour dates.

PUSH is also very active in the ever-growing college market. They participated in a NACA Showcase in '97 and received offers for more shows than they had dates. They will again participate in the NACA showcase for '98.

PUSH has been on the Pittsburgh music scene for about three and a half years. However, their current lineup, which has been together for about two years, with the exception of bassist Steve Landay (added in March of '98), has enabled the band to reach the next level in maturity and musicality. They are now touring regionally, and have gained an ever-growing legion of loyal fans through a solid schedule of exciting live performances and undeniably memorable songs. Thanks for taking the time to check them out.



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PUSH plays to a packed house at Star Lake Amphitheater.

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The Mod Squad (R)
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In Kristen's Corner: Call it a comeback?

By Kristen Kress
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Last week, on the ever-popular program, *VH-1:Behind the Music*, the artist documentary was on none other then Vanilla Ice. Being the religious *Behind the Music* viewer that I am (considering it is on one of the three channels we get out here in Nowheresville), I was a bit disappointed with the artist of the day.

Granted, when I was in sixth grade, I distinctly remember getting the *To The Extreme* cassette for Christmas, followed by concert tickets for my birthday. One of my three-day boyfriends actually shaved his eyebrow and did the blonde chunk thing in the front of his hair.

I was always a child of the bandwagon. New Kids on the Block, you bet. I could beat any girl in school with all the merchandise I had, in addition to every single one of the 225 trading cards featuring the Kids.

I broke up with one of those three-day boyfriends because he, in jealousy, stole my "Joey" cards and ripped them up and threw them in my science teacher's wastebasket. The NKOTB life-sized cutout - I saved up for a month to buy the $30 piece of cardboard. Then, there was the Corey Haim/Kurt Cameron phase. Boy, were they the Brad Pitts of my youth.

Anyway, back to "Vanilla" as he was continually referred to throughout the documentary. It wasn't until halfway through the show that they started referring to him as Rob Van Winkle, his real name.

You may be wondering, as I was, where Vanilla Winkle is now. At 34, the former rap star is now happily married and has a child.

Winkle became a born-again Christian after God gave him, as he described, a second chance. The artist tried to commit suicide in 1994 by overdosing on pills at a party at his beach house. Winkle said he just didn't want to live. He had tons of money, cars and houses, but something was missing.

Luckily for Winkle, his friends found him and were able to help save his life.

Can you imagine being Vanilla Ice? The guy went from zero to a hundred at warp speed. His label gave him a fake story and told him to spit it back out when he was asked, so he did. Being barely 20 years old and new to the music industry, he was driven by the all-mighty buck.

Since those days, he claims to have started anew. He has recorded a new CD, "Hard To Swallow," on sale now. No, the music isn't hard to swallow, that's the album name. This is a new style for Ice, and fans say it is similar to the sound of Korn.

I give the guy credit for continuing to do what he loves: performing. He's with a new label now and says, "To those who mock my style, I don't [care] because this is the real flavor of Vanilla Ice, this is who I am now, and you ain't gonna hurt me by dissing me or my music. I've spent the past few years getting this together and my new CD celebrates my past, present and future."

Some things never change. Yep yep.

Easter weekend scores high in the box office

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Keanu Reeves rebounds at box office starring in *The Matrix*.

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Keanu Reeves, who has stumbled at the box office since his 1994 hit *Speed*, bounced back at the weekend with *The Matrix*, a flashy sci-fi film.

The Matrix earned about $27.6 million for the Friday-to-Sunday period, according to studio estimates, breaking several records in the process. Since its Wednesday release, designed to capitalize on the Easter holiday, the Warner Bros. film has pulled in about $37.2 million.

After two weekends at No. 1, DreamWorks' romantic comedy *Forces of Nature* slid to fourth with $6.3 million, sharing the spot with Warner Bros.' mafia yarn *Analyze This*.

New releases also occupied the No. 2 and No. 3 spots: Disney's low-budget teen movie *10 Things I Hate About You* with $8.7 million, and Paramount Pictures' remake of *The Out-of-Towners* with $8.1 million.

According to Warner Bros., the three-day sum for *The Matrix* is the highest Easter opening ever, and the highest for any weekend in April. The film, shot in Australia for about $60 million, uses a lot of stunts and special effects to indicate that evil creatures control human beings through computer-generated reality — or the Matrix.

In addition to Reeves, the film stars Laurence Fishburne. It was written and directed by siblings Larry and Andy Wachowski, best known for their lesbian gangster picture *Bound*.

10 Things I Hate About You, an update of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" set at the fictional Padua High School in the Pacific Northwest, has earned $11 9 million since its Wednesday opening. Its modest per-screen average of about $3,800 was similar to that of *The Out-of-Towners* and compares with a stellar $9,686 for *The Matrix*.

The Out-of-Towners, which opened last Friday, stars Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn in a remake of the 1970 travel caper that starred Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis.

The Norm Show features another SNL actor

When Norm Macdonald was uncerimoniously fired from *Saturday Night Live*, what did he do? He made a movie (*Dirty Work*) and now he has a new sitcom, *The Norm Show*.

Norm plays Norm Henderson a former NHL player who has to do community service in the form of social work to keep from going to jail for gambling and tax evasion. Laurie (Laurie Metcalf from *Roseanne*) plays his co-worker who is the play-by-the-rules type while Danny (Ian Gomez from *The Drew Carey Show*) is more the innocent/stooge type.

In the debut episode, Norm is crass and offensive in a refreshingly unapologetic way. In fact, he's so uncaring that after being unable to talk a young girl out of her job at a massage parlor he gives her money to act like she cleaned up her act in front of his boss. Of course he eventually does the right thing but not without prodding from co-worker Laurie.

At first I thought they were really doing a screw-job with scheduling the show at 9:30 but after hearing the language and subject matter, it's no wonder. I love the edginess and offensiveness of this show and I hope they can keep the networks doing what they always do which is sanitize every show and then take anything original out of them.

I'm a big Norm Macdonald fan so this show would really have to suck for me to not like it but I was really pleased with its lack of political correctness.

The bottom line is if you like edgy comedy that isn't afraid to offend, this show is for you but if you think *America's Funniest Home Videos* is a hoot you might want to keep on channel surfing.

Music students enjoy unusual piano recital

Seven students performed in an unusual piano recital of twentieth century music March 28 in Orr Auditorium.

Audience members were seated on stage during the concert with the musicians in order to foster a more personal atmosphere.

Students, family members, and community members were treated to several pieces of 20th century music.

The concert spanned the century beginning with Laurie Chamberlin who performed the 1903 French composition, "Anime" from Maurice Ravel's "Sonatine." This movement has been likened to a shimmering whirlwind of colors that contains the warm, blurry images of impression and the clarity of neo-classicism.

One number was performed with a specially prepared piano. The audience was invited to watch while Stanley Rothrock used nuts, bolts, weatherstripping, erasers, pennies, and wood to alter the sound of the piano. He then played "A Valentine Out of Season" by John Cage using only the small, prepared portion of the instrument, creating a synthesizer sound.

An entertaining duet featured Laurie Chamberlin in one piano and Matthew McCright at the piano while performing the riotous "Banshee".

Audience members enjoyed the change of pace from traditional music department recitals. Audience member Rachel Helgeson appreciated the musical choices.

"It was a contemporary recital, which gave a new perspective on music for classically trained students from the music department," Helgeson said.

McCright also performed a solo number by Rzewski entitled "Piano Piece Number Four". This piece used the piano in another unusual way, making the noise of the vibrating board sound like a piano exploding.

Kimberly Chase added an Arnold Schoenberg composition called "Sech Klein Klavierstucke" to the concert.

"Schoenberg believed brevity and intensity of expression to be interdependent," Chase explained. "They contain ideas that are complete within themselves, requiring no development."

Rounding out this 20th century piano music was one of Debussy's great showpieces, Isle of Joy played by Karl Geiger. Katrina Hake presented Bartok, and Avis Devine offered the jazz music of Gershwin.

All performers were students taught by either Nancy Zipay DeSalvo, artist in residence, or Sandra H. Chenevey, instructor.

Hockey coverage cancelled in New Wilmington

By Katie Brentzel
STAFF WRITER

After airing the Penguins hockey games live from 1992-1998, the cable service provided by the New Wilmington Borough Council cancelled the Penguins hockey playoff coverage.

Currently, the Penguins are ranked second in the Atlantic Division of the Eastern Conference. As of April 5, Jaromir Jagr was the leading scorer in the National Hockey League. Despite these accomplishments, the borough refuses to air the playoffs due in part to the cost of running the games.

The cancellation has caused irritated a number of students.

"I am disappointed in the cable company because they've covered the season thus far, and now they're leaving the fans stranded," said freshman Heather Deamer.

Regular season Penguins' games could normally be seen on Fox Sports, channel 26. In the past, the cable coverage has included all regular season play as well as exclusive live coverage in rounds 1 and 2 of the playoffs.

"It's very unfortunate that they'd cover this much of the season and then just stop. They playoffs are the most exciting part," said freshman Tara Gartley.

While there is no hope for seeing this season's playoffs, if enough interest is shown, the borough will consider airing them in the future. Interested students should contact the New Wilmington Borough Council.

The playoffs are scheduled to begin April 21.

Humor-scopes

April 9-15

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
You will be in an extremely stuffy meeting today, which will seem to last forever. You will be able to liven things up a bit by putting a few small feathers in your hand, and then "coughing" them out. The only not stuffy thing at this meeting will be the refreshments--like a fruit plate. The only chance you will have to speak to the meeting you will have a big mouth full of pinapple.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
You are about to invent a night light in the shape of a chess piece, which you will name the "Nighty-Knight." You should be ashamed of yourself.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Today you will begin to have nagging doubts about your feet. You will fret about your feet until you resign yourself to being a life long sock-wearer--you start wearing socks even when you swim. People think you are weird.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
You will hear screams coming from Prima's while you are walking by. Don't worry, though. That's normal.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Good day to burst into song. Nothing too fancy, mind you — no arias. The theme song from "The Beverly Hillbillies" will do nicely. Why not see how many people you can get to sing along?

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
Today is an excellent day to wink slyly at people, just as they are turning away. When they look back, smile innocently. Try this in the cafeteria, but don't look at the picture of Mr. McGinnis--he might wink back.

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
Deny everything.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
Today will be Mexican Food day, for you. In fact, chances are better than 1 in 3 that someone will refer to you as "Frijole-breath" before the day is through. Also, beware of a refried bean overdose.

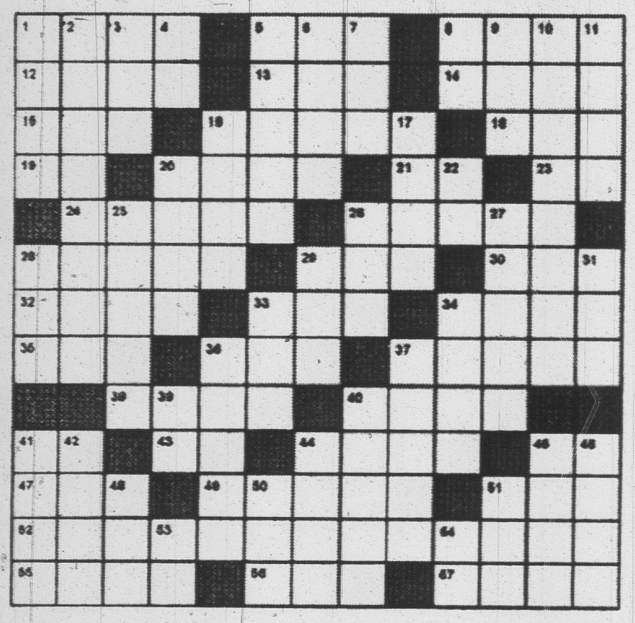
Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
Beware of celery.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
In a strange turn of events, it will turn out that people wearing glasses not only look smarter, they ARE smarter (and have better memories). You'll forget all about that when you take off your reading glasses, of course.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
Another week of social convention defiance. You'll refuse to wear clothes in the "normal" fashion, and you'll begin all your business correspondence: "My Darling Snookums:". Strangly enough, this will lead to a sorted romance with a big business employee. A word of caution: big business empoyees will often try to confuse and disillusion the commoner with 'double talkin' jive.' See page 9.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
Today one or more close relations will pout. You will stoicly endure this, and will steadfastly refuse to relinquish control of the television remote.

Crossword Challenge



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ACROSS

1 Largest continent
5 Direction
8 Diplomacy
12 Quiet; not working
13 Rule
14 You (archaic)
15 Dine
16 House overhangings
18 Girl's name
19 News agency
20 Glut
21 Western state (abbr.)
23 Southern state (abbr.)
24 Rent
26 S. African tribe
28 Scope
29 Noise
30 Southern state (abbr.)
32 Bet
33 Smack
34 Association (abbr.)
35 Preparing golf ball
36 Direct an arrow
37 Eight singers
38 Tiers
40 Completely true
41 Egyptian sun god
43 Musical note
44 Female suffix
45 Greek (abbr.)
47 Collection of poems
49 Lettuce preparation
51 Lion
52 Southern state
55 To the inside
56 Direction (abbr.)
57 Able to gain entry

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1 Region
2 Water aircraft
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4 Near
5 Make happy
6 Central part of church
7 Female sheep
8 Small man's initials
9 Surprised expression
10 Shake violently
11 Canned fish
16 At rest
17 Read quickly
20 Wise
22 Top
25 Go in
26 Small portion
27 Small bite
28 Rodent
29 Faintly lighted
31 Picnic pest
33 Male pronoun
34 43,560 sq.ft.
36 Washed by waves
37 Better than
39 Derived or coming from
40 Gazed
41 Wife of a rajah
42 At another time
44 Dash
45 Hereditary unit
46 Chestnut-colored house
48 Craft
50 High card
51 Part of face
53 At
54 Behold

10 More Random Things You'll Never Need to Know

1) In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes...when you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. That's where the phrase, "good night, sleep tight" came from.

2) The term "the whole 9 yards" came from W.W.II fighter pilots in the Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet before being loaded onto the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards".

3) The first toilet ever seen on television was on *Leave it To Beaver*.

4) It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.

5) Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

6) The world's termites outweigh the world's humans 10 to 1.

7) On average, 100 people choke to death on ball-point pens every year.

8) It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after a couple's wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all of the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey wine, and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the "honey month" or what we know today as the "honeymoon."

9) In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's".

10)"Ice Ice Baby" was the first rap song to reach No. 1.

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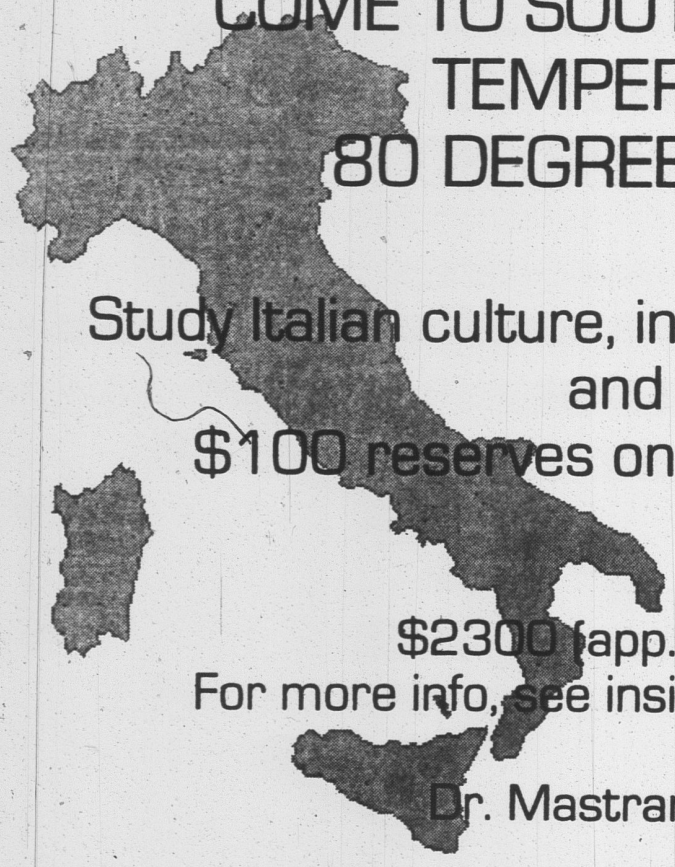

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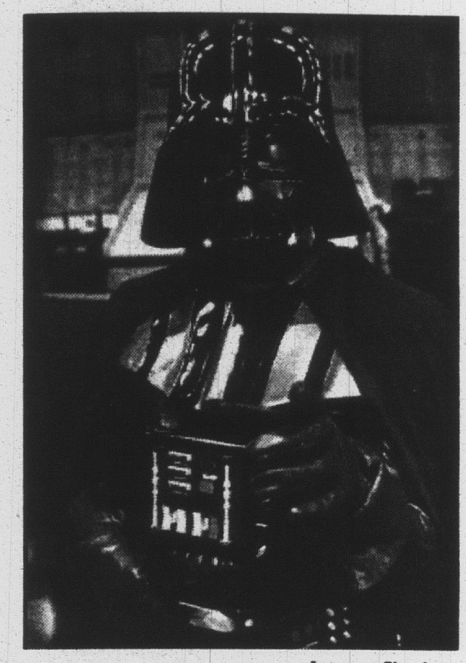

Internet file photo
New Star Wars episodes being distributed.

Strict terms set for initial release of *Star Wars*

By Michael Fleeman
The Associated Press

Los Angeles — If theaters want the Force to be with them, they may have to meet strict conditions.

The studio distributing the eagerly anticipated *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* wants multiplexes to show the movie only in their biggest and best theaters for at least two months, with no more than eight minutes of coming attractions.

In addition, 20th Century Fox is asking that theater owners who play *Phantom* on more than one screen keep it on all those screens through the minimum run. Theaters are also being told to refrain from using a single movie print to show the film on two screens. And they're being asked not to show any non-movie advertisements before the film.

These, at least, are the conditions Fox wants. The final terms still must be worked out over the next few weeks in negotiations between the studio and theater owners. If Fox gets its way, a theater failing to follow the studio's conditions could be hit with hefty fines or lose the right to show what could be one of the highest-grossing films of all time, one expected to rival *Titanic*. *Titanic* grossed a record $600 million in North America.

"There are often conditions put on (theaters), but this is pretty unusual," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co., which tracks the industry.

"But Fox feels that with this type of product they can make these demands and the exhibitors will agree to them. I mean, who wouldn't want to have their theater playing this movie?"

Phantom opens May 19. The movie is a "prequel" to the *Star Wars* trilogy of the 1970s and '80s, taking audiences back to when Darth Vader was a child. The film is accompanied by a major merchandising and promotional campaign that includes toys and souvenir Pepsi cans.

How many theaters will show the movie is still unknown because it is uncertain how many of them will agree to these and other terms dictated by Fox, which is distributing the movie for director George Lucas. He financed it himself. The conditions were first reported today in the Hollywood trade publication *Daily Variety*. Officials at 20th Century Fox declined to comment. Several theater chain owners said they couldn't discuss the conditions because they had not yet negotiated with Fox.

These conditions are in addition to the previously announced requests by Fox and Lucas that theaters refrain from selling tickets in advance - a move that is aimed at thwarting scalping but is likely to mean longer lines.

The request - still being negotiated with theaters - would be a blow to ticket services like Moviefone, through which people can buy tickets by phone for a service charge of about $1.50 per ticket.

Sixties survivors Dylan and Simon to tour

NEW YORK (CNN) — It's confirmed: A summer tour starting in Colorado Springs, Colorado on June 6 will put Bob Dylan and Paul Simon on the same concert stage for the first time. The possibility of the pair touring together has been rumored since March.

Each will play a 75-minute set, and in some cities their faithful fans will be treated to a few duets. The tour will conclude on July 31 at Jones Beach on New York's Long Island.

Dylan still tours almost constantly, and told *USA Today*, he is excited about working with Simon. "He's written extraordinary songs, hasn't he?" Dylan said. "I consider him one of the preeminent songwriters of the times. Every song he does has a vitality you don't find everywhere."

Simon last toured in 1992. On the upcoming summer tour he said, "I like Bob, I like his music, I've known him for a long time, and it's a nice chance to play. I like the idea of where we came from and what we evolved into. We came out of the same early rock 'n' roll context and took similar routes, although mine's more urban."

'Xena: Warrior Princess' episode withdrawn after Hindu complaints

LOS ANGELES (CNN) - The producers of *Xena: Warrior Princess* have decided not to re-air an episode which makes reference to the Hindu deities Lord Krishna and Hanuman.

Renaissance Pictures apologized Monday to the Hindu community for offending them and said the company will not produce any further episodes involving Hindu deities.

Xena: Warrior Princess is an action-adventure series which stars Lucy Lawless as Xena.

"We certainly had no intention of offending anyone," a spokesperson for the studio said.

The episode in question first aired in February, and quickly drew complaints from a Hindu group, the World Vaishnava Association.

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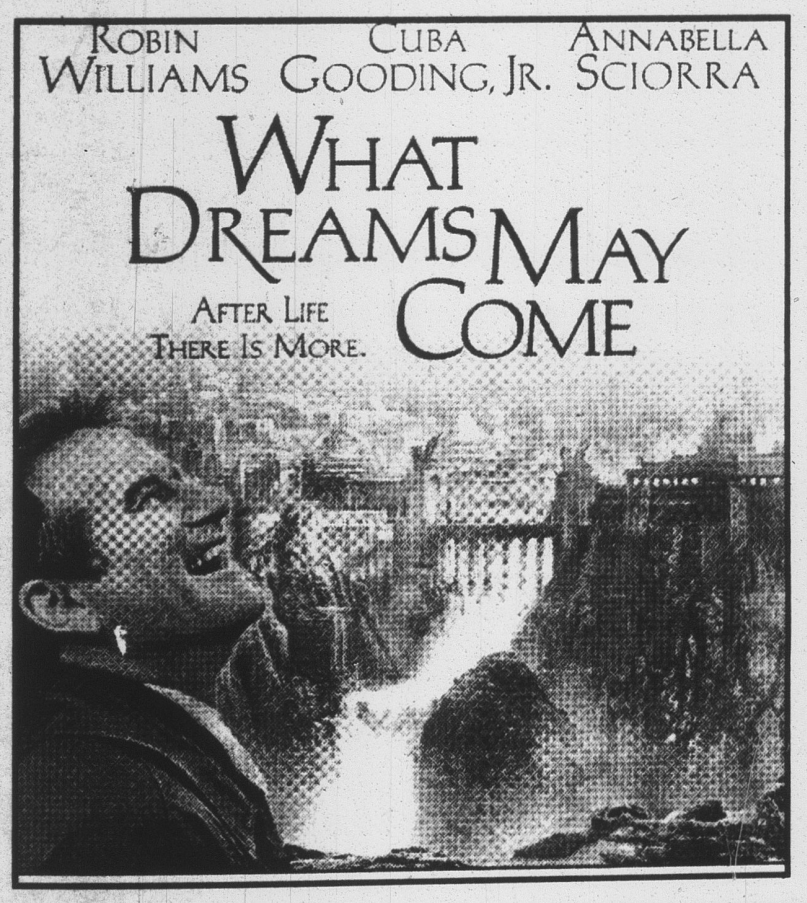

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Guantanamo Bay prepares for Kovsovo refugees

WASHINGTON (AP) - As NATO airstrikes continued pummeling Yugoslavia Tuesday, the United States said its naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, would be a "safe haven" for up to 20,000 Kosovar refugees in the coming days.

The refuge would be only temporary, said White House press secretary Joe Lockhart.

"We fully intend the Kosovars will ultimately return to their homes."

President Clinton said Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic "could end it now" by withdrawing his forces from Kosovo, accepting terms of a peace accord and allowing hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians to return to their homes.

The administration refused to match Yugoslavia's promise of a unilateral cease-fire in Kosovo to mark Orthodox Easter. Reciting the terms spelled out by Clinton, National Security Council spokesman David Leavy said, "NATO operations will continue until these conditions are met."

Defense Secretary William Cohen said the Serb cease-fire idea is "not only completely unacceptable but it's absurd." Speaking in an interview today at the Pentagon with the Voice of America broadcast service, Cohen said accepting a cease-fire now would be an "abdication of responsibility" by NATO.

Cohen also said he was flying to NATO headquarters in Belgium today to consult with alliance military and political leaders. He said he was taking some members of Congress with him to show them "what is going on, what the plans are, to solidify support for the administration and just stay the course."

The administration also was expected to announce that it would accept up to 20,000 Kosovar Albanian refugees and house them at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Briefly addressing the crisis in Kosovo, Clinton laid out terms that he said Milosevic must accept to end the allies' airstrikes.

"Mr. Milosevic could end it now by withdrawing his military police and paramilitary forces," Clinton said. Further, he said Milosevic must accept the deployment of an international security force "to protect not only the Kosovar Albanians, most, not all of whom are Muslims, but also the Serbians minority in Kosovo. Everybody."

The United States continued to express opposition to sending American ground troops to Kosovo. "I can tell you once again that he has no intention of introducing ground troops," press secretary Joe Lockhart said.

"If people are confused, they should not be."

The United States is sending 2,600 troops into Albania to support attack helicopters, but none are destined for Kosovo.

Today, 1,200 Marines aboard ships in the Aegean Sea prepared to move ashore at a Greek port and will establish a refugee camp for displaced Kosovars in northern Macedonia, possibly near the village of Cegrane, a U.S. defense official said. The official, speaking anonymously, said the Marines received their orders Monday and soon will be providing food, water, medical services and shelter to thousands of refugees. The Marines are from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which has been in the Aegean for weeks.

"We believe a sustained air campaign can accomplish the objectives we have laid out," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said today.

Asked if Clinton was contemplating sending ground troops to the Serbian province, Albright said "the president has no plans or intention for ground forces" as part of a combat force in Kosovo. The administration, however, has committed troops for a NATO peacekeeping force, if a peace is reached.

Meanwhile, Albright and the foreign ministers of Britain, France, Germany,

Italy and Russia agreed to meet in Brussels, Belgium, within a few days to assess the NATO campaign and reaffirm their determination to forge a settlement for Kosovo.

Today at NATO headquarters in Brussels, U.S. Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, held an unannounced meeting with his counterparts from several allied countries to discuss the air campaign, Pentagon officials said. The officials would not discuss details of the talks.

Albright ticked off the U.S. demands in a speech Monday night honoring Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, who is president of the war-crimes tribunal for Yugoslavia.

Albright said Milosevic must pull military, police and paramilitary forces out of Kosovo, return all refugees to their homes, accept the deployment of an international security force in the province and create a democratic political framework in Kosovo.

Strongly hinting that Milosevic would be held accountable for war crimes, Albright said: "There can be no question that war crimes and crimes against humanity are being committed in Kosovo. Nor can there be doubt that the orders to carry out these acts are coming from the top."

The State Department now estimates close to 400,000 more ethnic Albanians have been routed since the NATO attack began March 24.

Clinton called for private donations to Kosovar refugees and offered haven for up to 20,000 at the outset. Pentagon officials said a refugee camp likely would be set up at the U.S. base at Guantanamo, Cuba, which the United States considers U.S. territory and has been used to care for Haitian and Cuban refugees.

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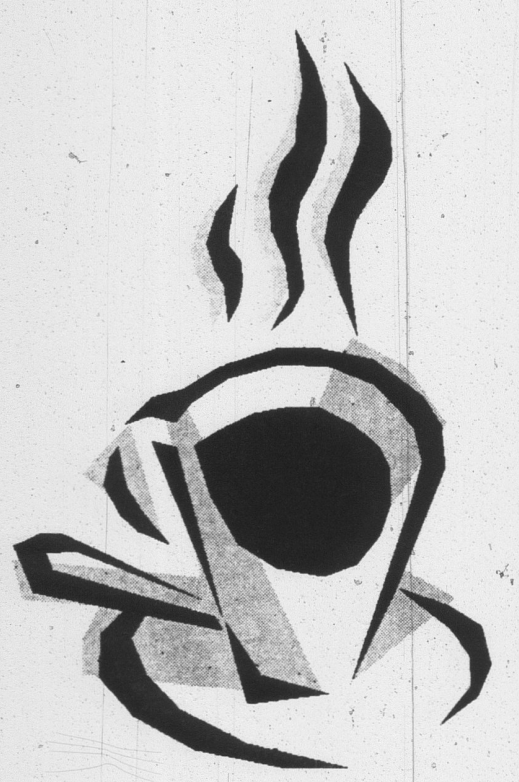

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Missouri voters to decide on concealed weapons

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Missouri voters decided Tuesday whether to lift a concealed-weapons ban dating to the days of Jesse James.

The vote marked the first time a state has put the question of concealed weapons to the voters. Thirty-one other states allow citizens to carry concealed guns, but those measures were enacted by legislators.

Proposition B resulted from failed yearly attempts by pro-gun lawmakers to pass a concealed-weapons law against a threatened veto by Democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan.

The National Rifle Association almost singlehandedly bankrolled the campaign for Proposition B - providing more than $3.7 million, well over 95% of the money behind the measure - in what was viewed as an important test of gun sentiment in the heartland.

"Since this is the first time it's ever been put to a vote, both sides on this issue are going to learn a tremendous amount," said Fred Myers, a leader of the Proposition B campaign. "This will be a race that political scientists and pundits will mull for years, because it's breaking such new ground."

Supporters said allowing law-abiding people to pack guns would keep the criminals guessing.

"The honest people of this state need to be able to defend themselves while going from their homes to their businesses," Greg Jeffrey, a spokesman for the Proposition B campaign.

The other side received just one-fourth the funding but had help from Hillary Rodham Clinton, who recorded a telemarketing message targeted at women. The first lady said Proposition B is "just too dangerous for Missouri families."

St. Louis County Prosecutor Robert McCulloch was among the law enforcement officers who feared the measure would court trouble: "We don't want to be going back to the old Wild West days with everyone wearing a gun."

James, the Wild West's most notorious outlaw, was a native of Kearny. Missouri banned concealed weapons in a crackdown on gunslinging in 1875, seven years before James was shot to death on the family homestead by a member of his gang.

If Proposition B passes, state residents will need a second permit to carry a concealed weapon.

Applicants will have to undergo criminal and mental health background checks, take at least 12 hours of state-approved training and have no violent offenses on their records for at least five years.

Islam leader Farrakahn recovers from surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is recovering well from surgery and is free of cancer, his doctors said Tuesday.

"There is absolutely no evidence of cancer in his body," said Abdul Alim Muhammad, health minister for the Nation of Islam. "I would go out on that limb to say the minister is cured."

Dr. Alfred Goldson, radiology oncology head at Howard University Hospital where Farrakhan is being treated, agreed that all tests show Farrakhan to be free of cancer that was first diagnosed eight years ago.

Farrakhan's score on a prostate specific antigen test was 0.1 - a level shown by men who are free of cancer, Muhammad said.

The Nation of Islam leader was rushed to the hospital last week and had surgery to correct an inflammation caused by the cancer treatment.

Muhammad said the surgery took 35 minutes and that Farrakhan was awake and alert less than an hour later.

Muhammad said the news conference was scheduled to "correct some of the distortions and outright fabrications" relating to Farrakhan's cancer treatment.

Some published reports painted Farrakhan's condition as grave and said Nation of Islam officials were extremely worried about his recovery.

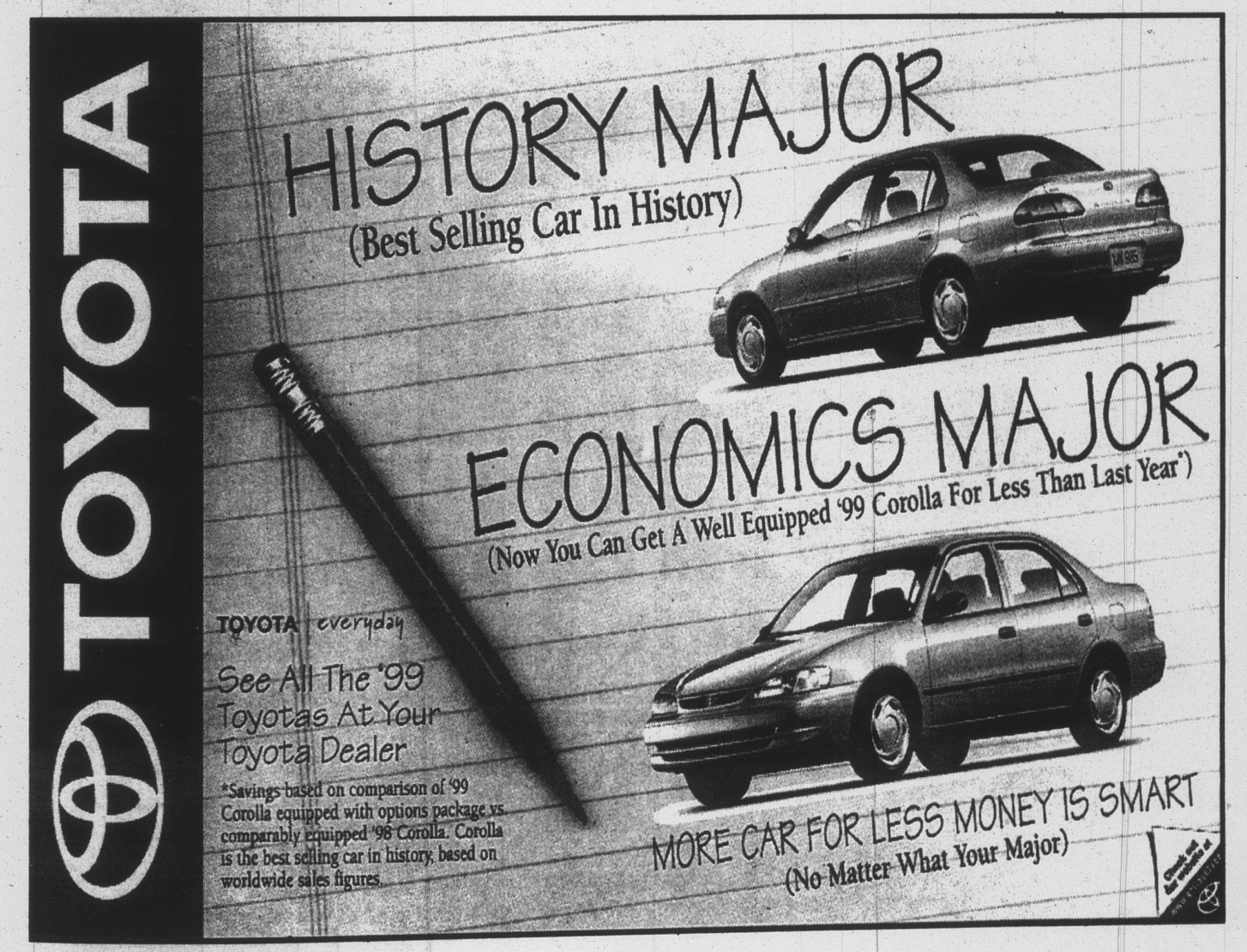
"He's in high spirits. He looks good and he's eating well. He has a full head of hair," Muhammad said. "I want to try and deal with all the rumors that have been out there. He's fine."

Farrakhan could be discharged from the hospital this week, Muhammad said.

Nation of Islam officials said Farrakhan would continue his three-month sabbatical and would use his experience to spread the word that prostate cancer is more common and aggressive in black men.

"The minister wants to do all that he can to make sure our people know the value of early detection," said Leonard F. Muhammad, Farrakhan's chief of staff."

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among U.S. men and the second most deadly, behind lung cancer. This year, 184,500 U.S. men will be diagnosed with the disease and more than 39,200 will die from it, the American Cancer Society estimates.



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St. Francis to Western Psychiatric, where he stayed as an inpatient after a similar incident several years ago. Since that time, he has been on medication for his depression and has been seeing a therapist regularly.

McTaggart will remain in Western Psychiatric for an indefinite period of time, depending on his health and the speed of his recovery. There he will receive inpatient treatment for his depression.

Sophomore Henry Klinar spoke with McTaggart on Wednesday.

"Doc is looking forward to teaching his classes next fall and seeing his students and friends again," Klinar said.

At this time, other faculty members have stepped in to teach his courses. Dr. Ford, Dr. Horn, and Dr. Perkins have each taken over one of McTaggart's classes. Even so, Dr. Ford says that his students miss him.

"[They are] very distressed about not having him as a professor," Ford said. "The students in Bill's classes are right on track. He has done a wonderful job with them thus far," she added.

According to college counselor Babs Quincy, clinical depression is an illness caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain. Not enough of the chemical serotonin is produced, causing changes in eating and sleeping habits. Depression can also affect a person's ability to work, study, or interact with people.

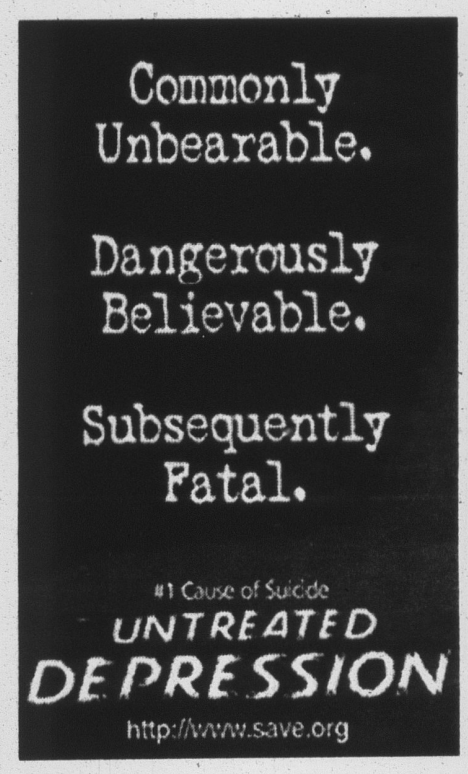
"Only with medication can clinical depression be controlled. Anti-depressants jumpstart the brain to produce serotonin," Quincy said.

Patients who suffer from depression may have inherited the disease, but the condition may remain dormant until triggered by negative circumstances. Even patients who are receiving treatment may have relapses, especially if they lose a loved one or experience a comparable loss.

McTaggart has grappled with depression throughout his life. In 1995, he had an episode similar to this one. Since then, McTaggart has devoted much of his time to demystifying clinical depression in order to educate others about the disease. He was given the "Salute to Courage" award in 1997, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the surrounding community.

Friends of McTaggart are concerned for his health but anticipate a full recovery. "It is a chemical problem, and they need to get that balanced," Fusco said. "He is in a place where he can get the help he needs."

Those who wish to send their regards to McTaggart should mail them to his home address; his mail is being forwarded to Western Psychiatric.



U-WIRE NEWS

Police order media to surrender Michigan U, riot photos, footage

By Charles Robinson
Michigan State U.

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — East Lansing police have ordered several area media organizations to surrender materials identifying participants in Michigan State University's weekend riot.

Area TV stations have been issued search warrants, and the *Lansing State Journal* has been subpoenaed for property including photos, news footage, and notes regarding the riot.

A subpoena requires the recipient to show up at a given place and time, presenting information and/or requested items. A warrant allows police to enter a location and seize materials they deem important to the case.

"They have asked us for all of our tape," WILK news director Kevin Ragan said. "We certainly want to be good citizens, and we certainly want to cooperate with the investigation, but there is also some freedom of the press issues that we have to be concerned with."

East Lansing has set up an Investigative Task Force to help identify those who took part in Saturday night's riots. The city has established a Web site, www.ci.eastlansing.mi.us/Riot/home.htm, which people can use to identify suspects and give police tips.

As of 9 a.m. Thursday, the site had received at least 4,500 page views. A page view is recorded each time an Internet user looks at a Web page.

East Lansing police also report 180 phone tips. One of the 19 people featured on the site has been identified.

WILK, MSYM, WLNS, and WLAJ have been asked to relinquish materials.

The East Lansing Police Department has issued warrants to the East Lansing Meijer, 1350 W. Lake Lansing Road, for riot-related photographs, said East Lansing police Lt. Thomas Johnstone.

Police also seized three rolls of film taken by two other people, Johnstone said. He said those photos included one showing a man standing on the hood of a DeWitt Township police car with one foot up, preparing to kick in the windshield. That car was later set on fire.

The State News has not received a subpoena for materials related to the riot.

WLAJ news director Joe Parker said the station will cooperate with authorities, turning over all footage taken by the station during the riot.

"I don't see it as a problem seeing as (the riot) happened out in the public and the big city," Parker said. "As a news organization, we're nowhere near being separate from the community. "I don't think you need to make the distinction between 'Am I journalist or a community member?' We're both every day."

After speaking with the station's attorney, Ragan said WILK only would surrender riot footage that has been aired by the station. Unaired footage will not be turned over to the police, Ragan said.

"There is a federal statute which prohibits the execution of search warrants on news organizations in circumstances such as this," said John Ronayne, WILK's attorney, and counsel for the Michigan Association of Broadcasters.

Ronayne also has served as counsel for *The State News*.

Don Hudson, managing editor of the *Lansing State Journal*, said the newspaper has not decided whether it will turn over pictures or notes to authorities.

"We're really not going to talk about it at this time," Hudson said. "It's in the hands of our attorney right now."

The number of photographs taken by the police is unknown, Johnstone said. Police have been seizing photographs since Monday, he said.

"If there is video or photographs out there the police department becomes aware of with a possible suspect, we will actively seek that evidence," Johnstone said.

Charles Hill, Associated Press chief for Michigan, said at least one freelance photographer experienced difficulties with getting his film developed at Meijer.

"One freelance photographer who covered the riot and has done work for the Associated Press reported that his film was seized at Meijer last night," Hill said. "In this case, we're not challenging the legality of the seizure, but we are going to ask that the negatives are returned."

The Associated Press and *State News* staff writers Andrew Benore and Ellen Sciba contributed to this report.

U. Pittsburgh student from Yugoslavia fears for mother's safety

By Erin Lindeman
U. Pittsburgh

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH, Penn. - Pitt freshman Aleksandra Omanovic has no clue where her mother is or if she'll be able to speak to her again.

Omanovic was raised in the small village of Zemun, Yugoslavia, about 40 miles from Belgrade, one of the cities recently bombed by the United States and its NATO allies. Five years ago, she moved with her father to Florida, away from threats of the civil war in Serbia.

A little more than one week ago, after the bombing had started, Omanovic unsuccessfully attempted to reach her mother by telephone. An operator said the call could not be connected at that time. Finally, Omanovic called her sister, who lives in Washington, D.C., and was able to talk to her mother in a three-way phone call.

"She was angry [the bombing] was going on," Omanovic said. "She didn't think they would bomb civilians, but they did."

Since that conversation, Omanovic has not known where her mother is or whether she is safe.

Omanovic said one of the bombs hit an area only 15 minutes away from her home.

"I feel lucky [to be in America] because I know a lot of people whose entire family is there," she said.

Her mother said that most men in the region had been drafted to fight for the Serbian army, including friends with whom Omanovic had gone to school.

"A friend of mine and my cousin have already been killed," she said.

According to Omanovic, a siren sounded every 20 minutes, warning civilians of bomb threats. Her mother had not slept in four days.

Omanovic said the village of Zuman has no bomb shelter, only underground basements.

Economically, Yugoslavia is in poor condition. Omanovic described the time period from 1992 until she left as the "worst time in my life."

She said there was almost nothing to buy in the stores, no schools and very few jobs.

"The teachers were not paid enough and therefore not willing to work," Omanovic said.

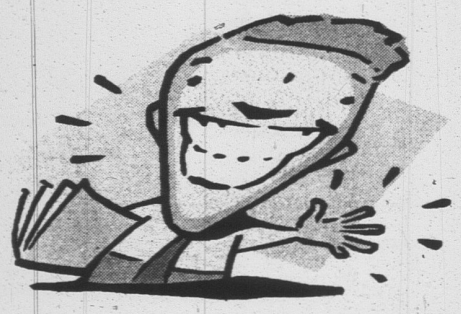
She told a story of standing in line at a grocery store for two hours to purchase food staples, such as bread and milk.

And she lived without an indoor bathroom until seventh grade.

"Mom and I struggled," she said. "But we survived. It wasn't that bad. The problem was people worked and weren't getting paid."

Even though it meant her daughter was leaving her side, Omanovic's mother was supportive of her daughter moving to America.

A few weeks ago, Omanovic received a letter from her mom and one from a friend. She said they sounded happy. Both letters were sent a few days before the bombing began.



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Offensive pamphlets mailed to Dartmouth College leaders

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. - During a week which is supposed to be marked by the observance of important religious holidays by many campus groups, two hate-filled pamphlets depicting offensive messages directed at Jews and homosexuals were mailed to campus leaders by an unknown person or group in the past few days.

The pamphlets contained long cartoon strips with degrading dialogue and story lines. These were mailed to Student Assembly President Josh Green '00, who is Jewish, as well as officers of the Dartmouth Rainbow Alliance, Dean of the Tucker Foundation Scott Brown, Interim College Chaplain Gwendolyn King, and Rabbi for Dartmouth Hillel Edward Boraz.

In the Jewish mailing, titled "Where's Rabbi Waxman?" a deceased rabbi was sent to hell for not believing in Jesus. The rabbi questions, "Lord Jesus, is everyone lost who rejects you?" The Jesus figure answers, "Yes, I am the only way to heaven."

The rabbi had previously rejected scriptures which "indicate the Messiah has already come" with the words, "Gasp, I've seen these Scriptures before. If I accept them, my people will disown me."

The second mailing depicts homosexuals encouraging children to be homosexual and threatening to "infect the nation's blood supply" with HIV. "If research money for AIDS is not coming at a certain level by a certain date, all gay males should give blood. Whatever is required to get national attention is valid. If that includes blood terrorism, so be it." The pamphlet responds that their actions are "cold-blooded murder."

The homosexual pamphlet goes on to compare gay men with child molesters — "Even children were not safe from their gross perversions" — and said "God doesn't make homosexuals. If he did, he wouldn't condemn them."

A character in the cartoon says, "I became a modern day Sodomite because my teachers said it was a harmless alternative lifestyle. They lied through their teeth, so now I'm doomed to hell."

The mailings, which were discovered in the recipients' mailboxes throughout this past week, contained the return address — "Crusade for Christ HB 5072." However, the Campus Crusade for Christ's Student Director Owen Fletcher '00 denied that his "organization or anyone from [his] organization" mailed the pamphlets.

Fletcher told The Dartmouth he thought the mailings were "saddening and offensive and we sympathize with anyone who received them."

The pamphlets were produced by Chick Publications in California. An e-mail address printed on the pamphlets read odlovesDartmuth@Hotmail.com (sic).

DRA secretary Chris LaBarbera '02 discovered two identical copies of the homosexual pamphlet when he checked the group's mailbox yesterday morning. The envelopes were addressed to the DRA president and secretary by their title but did not use specific names.

Green said he too was not going to make his experience public until he discovered others had received similar pamphlets, saying the DRA announcement "renewed my frustration."

In the DRA letter, Webber said he believes the mailing expressed "a religious perspective" in a "manner that intends to hurt rather than convince or convert.

U. Virginia Police investigate strange student newspaper theft

By Lindsay Wise
U. Virginia

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - University Police now are investigating the theft Friday morning of about 5,000 copies of *The Cavalier Daily* from distribution locations throughout Central Grounds.

Mike Axel, Beta Theta Pi fraternity president, admitted Sunday that members of his fraternity pilfered about 400-500 *Cavalier Daily* newspapers Friday "as a joke."

In Friday's paper, a front-page story reported that five Beta Theta Pi pledges were convicted Thursday of a misdemeanor for cutting down a 35-foot, $1,700 tree outside Trinity Presbyterian Church last December.

About half of the newspaper's daily 10,000 circulation disappeared early Friday.

Upon realizing that several thousand copies of the paper were missing, the newspaper held an emergency Managing Board meeting to decide what course of action to take, Michael Greenwald, *Cavalier Daily* editor-in-chief said.

Greenwald said he contacted William W. Harmon, vice president for student affairs, who advised him to call police. Although the first copy of *The Cavalier Daily* is free, each additional copy costs 25 cents. Five thousand copies cost $1,249.75, but could be worth even more.

But Axel said the number of papers taken by Beta members was far fewer than 5,000-and that the prank was not meant to be an attack on the newspaper or administration.

"We definitely did not take anywhere near the amount Mike [Greenwald] was throwing at me," he said. "But I told Mike we would be more than willing write a check for the papers that we have."

Asst. Dean of Students Aaron Laushway said the fraternity and its members potentially could face punishment through the IFC Judiciary Committee or the University Judiciary Committee.

"This is inappropriate behavior; it is criminal behavior, and it needs to be addressed," he added.

Honor Committee Chairman Hunter Furguson said the offense could fall under the Committee's jurisdiction.

Greenwald declined to comment about whether the newspaper would press any charges.

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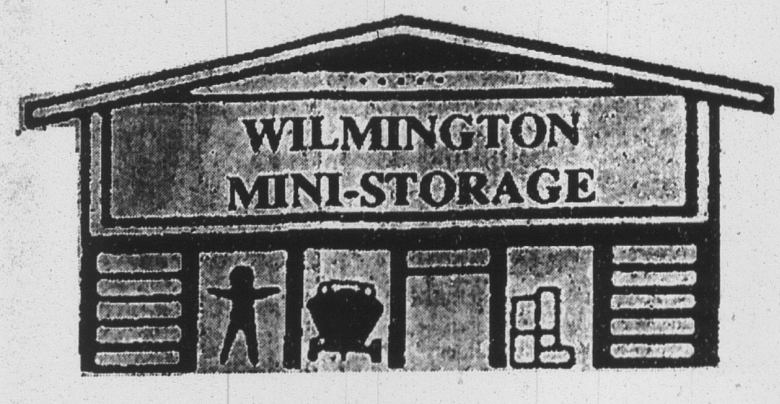

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7:30 p.m., Susan Shafer Recital - Orr
10-10 p.m., JT's Cafe - Down Under

Saturday, April 10
8 a.m.-10 p.m., Relay for Life - Burry Track
10 a.m., Alpha Sigma Phi Relay for Life - Field House Track
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
11 a.m., Pi Sigma Pi Spring Honors Convocation - Chapel
12:30 p.m., Pi Sigma Pi Honors Reception - TUB Lounge
1 p.m., Baseball at Wayne State
2 p.m., Voice Recital: Tammy Remaley & Rebecca Persing - Chapel
3 p.m., Senior Piano Recital: Katrina Hake - Orr
3 p.m., Men's Tennis vs. Northwood
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel

Sunday, April 11
9:30 a.m., Argo staff meeting - TUB A/B
11:30 a.m., ZTA Mother/Daughter Brunch - Down Under
noon, Baseball at Wayne State
2-4 p.m., Junior Panhellenic Easter Egg Hunt - front of Ferguson Hall
3 p.m., Chamber Ensemble Recital - Chapel
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Vespers, Rev. Tim Solomon - Chapel
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
8:15-10 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

Monday, April 12
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Werner Gilliam '99
3 p.m., Men's Tennis vs. Wayne State
4 p.m., SWAT Informational Meeting - TCF 116
5 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi meeting - Alpha Sigma Phi House
5:30 p.m., Cuba Trip Informational meeting - PH 215
5:30 p.m., Panhel meeting - Ferguson Lounge
5:30-8 p.m., ZTA meeting - TCF 116
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6 p.m., Phi Mu meeting - PH 112/113
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6:30 p.m., Kappa Delta meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
7 p.m., BSU meeting - PH 231
8 p.m., Percussion Ensemble Concert - Orr
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230

Tuesday, April 13
7:30 a.m., Tuesday Morning Fellowship, Hope Cummins - Lindley Dining Hall
1:30-4:30 p.m., Community Service Day - TUB Lounge
3 p.m., Softball vs. Gannon
3 p.m., Early Registration: Fall Semester 1999 - TUB A/B
9 p.m., Campus Crusade for Christ - OM 210

Wednesday, April 14
SAVE meeting - TCF 111
SAA meeting - PH 230
11:40 a.m., Faculty Forum, Jim Perkins, "I Don't Speak Korean" - TUB A/B
1 p.m., Baseball vs. Ashland
3 p.m., Early Registration: Fall Semester 1999 - TUB A/B
4:15-5:30 p.m., Phi Sigma Tau meeting - PH 116
4:30 p.m., Who's Who Reception - TUB Lounge
7 p.m., SGA meeting - TCF 116
7 p.m., Phi Alpha Theta meeting - Chapel
8 p.m., Celebrity Series, Smokey Joe's Cafe - Orr
8:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa Rush Party - Down Under
8:30 p.m., Kappa Delta Pi meeting - Education Dept.
8:30 p.m., Habitat for Humanity meeting - Chapel

Thursday, April 15
3 p.m., Early Registration: Fall Semester 1999 - TUB A/B
3 p.m., Men's Tennis vs. Grove City
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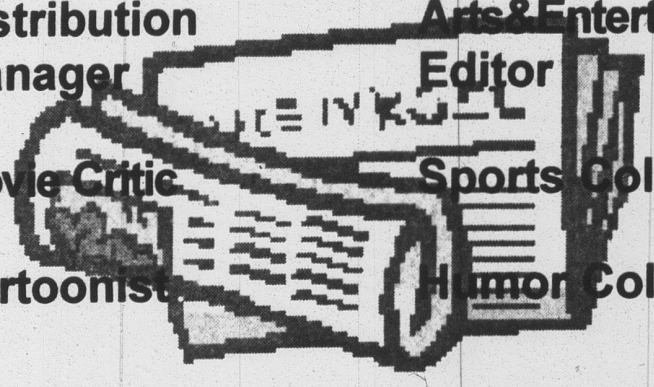

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At the Track

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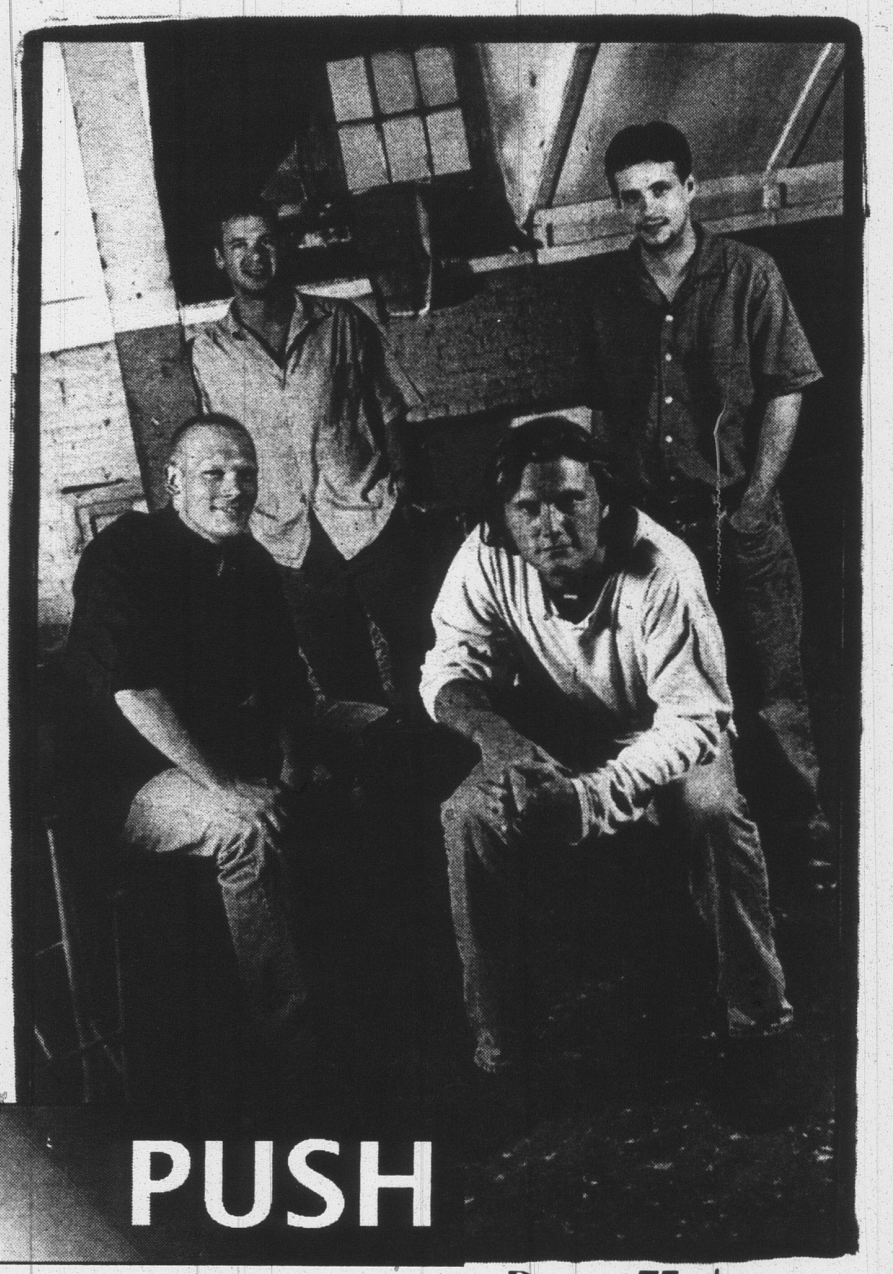

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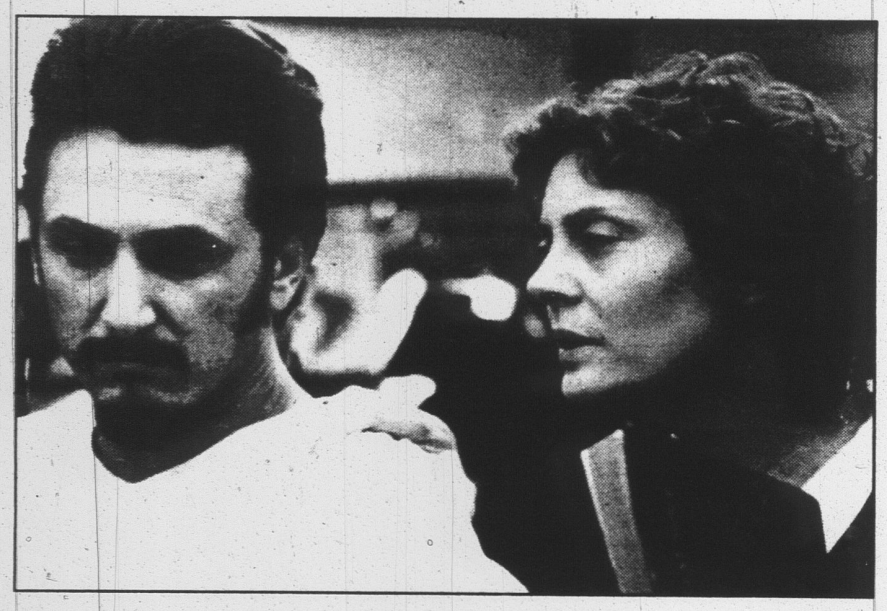

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Relay For Life raises over $20,000 in contributions

Photo by Brandon Cleary
President Williamson helps kick off the Relay for life.

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

The second annual Relay for Life was held at Burry Stadium on Saturday, April 12th.

The relay, a 12-hour fundraising event to fight cancer, was organized and initiated by Alpha Sigma Phi philanthropy chair, Mike Zebrine, and his fraternity. The college's Relay for Life is held to honor late Dr. Peter Macky, who died of cancer two years ago.

This year's Relay was more successful than the previous year. Over $11,000 was raised before the event, so the goal was set at $15,000. The total monetary contributions exceeded this goal, reaching a whopping $22,500.

The money raised came from donations and the purchase of luminaries. All money raised goes toward increasing cancer awareness, funding the American Cancer Society's programs of cancer prevention, detection, research, and services to cancer patients and their families.

The number of participating teams increased as well. Last year 32 teams from the college and community participated, and this year 51 teams partook in the Relay. Out of the 51 teams, 8 were from the New Wilmington community, including Key Club, United Methodist Church, National Honor Society, Kiwanis Club and Winck Trucking.

The day began with speeches from Zebrine, President Williamson, American Cancer Society representative, Bruce Bauman, Dr. Nancy Macky, and Alpha Sigma Phi advisor, Dr. David Twining. The relay began at 10 a.m. with a ceremonial team lap. After the first lap, each team sent members to walk or run around the track for the next 12 hours.

Music was played all day by 89 FM, and pizza, hot dogs, and hamburgers were provided by Sodexho Marriot and Domino's. Other sponsors included Giant Eagle, Prima's, Nucomm Electronics, Pacific Atlantic Transport, Inc., The Tavern, Apple Castle, and Day Star Marketing.

"This year was a huge success," said the event's public relations chair, Christopher Comtois. "We exceeded much more than we anticipated to raise, and everyone seemed to be having fun all day long."

The cancer survivor walk took place at 6:45 p.m. The names of the 15 cancer survivors present were read, and the survivors walked a lap around the track as onlookers applauded.

Luminaries were purchased to honor those who have survived cancer or died of cancer. The lighting of luminaries began at 7 p.m. Five hundred and eight luminaries were lined around the inside of the track, 100 of which spelled out "Hope." As the luminaries were lit, a bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" and other emotional songs. All names of the individuals being remembered were read aloud during this glowing tribute.

"I was shocked that we were able to raise over $22,500 this year. We were expecting to raise about $16- $17,000. I want to thank all the participants, administration, student body, and everyone who helped make this event successful. I am also very thankful for the help and dedication my fraternity gave," Zebrine said. "I hope it raises awareness and even more people get involved next year."

Tentative plans are being made for next year's Relay for Life, which may last 20 hours, instead 12. The date for next year's event has been set for April 15.

Soccer teams anticipate new field

By Rebecca Snyder
STAFF WRITER

After years of a having a small field, watching loose balls fly into Lake Britain, and playing on a baseball outfield, the soccer teams are finally getting their own field.

The current field, located just below the gymnasium, is a second-rate field compared to many of the school's competitors. Soccer fields, unlike football fields, are not a standard size; however, there are maximum and minimum length and width requirements. Currently, the soccer field barely meets the minimal measurements.

"The current field has limited space and is not adequate to support both the women and men's soccer teams," said Joseph Fusco, athletic director.

"It's difficult to play on our field because it's so small," added freshman soccer player, Rick "Digger" McLellan.

Using the space that is actually the baseball outfield also poses several problems. The excessive wear on the field requires more maintenance and care. Also, the fall soccer season limits the baseball team's use of its field for fall practices.

The new field will be located below the tennis courts, parallel to the lake. Although Westminster hoped to start work on the new field last fall, nothing has been done so far because of poor weather conditions.

However, Fusco said he expects work will commence before long.

"The bids for the project are all in now and we should be starting work very soon," he said.

The terrain below the tennis courts needs to have a lot of work done before it will be suitable for a field. The area has to be drained and leveled, and a well will be installed for irrigation purposes.

The total cost for the project is about $117,000, which includes the cost of draining, irrigation, topsoil, and the building of bleachers and a storage shed. Several contractors have been hired to complete the project. Steve Connell, grounds supervisor, is overseeing the entire project.

The field will not be ready for use until the fall semester of 2000. However, this new field will be near the maximum measurements and will handle both the women and men's home games excellently.

Several players expressed excitement at the promise of a new field.

"I'm really excited to have a larger and improved field to play on," said Becky Cook, freshman soccer player. "I think the new facility and larger field will help us to become a better team."

Photo by Brad Dell
Last weekend's Earth Day celebrated environmental awareness in and around the amphitheatre. Students could tie-dye clothes while watching the Relay For Life.

Weekend Weather

Friday: Showers, High 51, Low 39
Saturday: Windy, High 43, Low 34
Sunday: Sun/Showers, High 47, Low 34

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CAMPUS LIFE

Greek week schedule packed with fun

By Adam Kunkle
STAFF WRITER

A long-standing tradition among the Greek students on campus, Greek Week, is scheduled to begin April 19th.

Greek Week lets fraternities and sororities compete with each other in several activities each day for a week. The events begin Monday with a 4 p.m. kickball game on the field behind Russell Hall. Other Monday events include a pool tournament at 6:30 p.m. at the Phi Tau house and Greek feud at 8:00 p.m. in the TUB lounge.

Highlights of other festivities during the week include the Miss Titan competition held in Orr Auditorium, Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.. Sigma Kappa sponsors the event to raise money for its philanthropy - Alzheimer's research.

"This is a great opportunity for everyone to have a good time while supporting a great cause," Mike McPeak said.

"I hope a lot of students support this event."

Other Greek Week events include a pie eating contest, a food relay, and a water balloon toss. The week ends with the Greek Olympics followed later by the annual block party, held at Alpha Sigma Phi house.

Sing-n-Swing, scheduled for Saturday at 7:30 in Orr auditorium, is an annual "song and dance" competition between the fraternities and sororities. This year the Greeks will focus on songs and dances relevant the theme of soundtracks.

Senior Greek Week co-chair Scott Stinson explains that Greek Week wouldn't be possible without the help of representatives from the other Greek organizations.

"We have been meeting regularly for months trying to iron out all the details and to make sure that these events run as smoothly as possible," Stinson said.

Along with Stinson, other chairs include T.R Hileman and Julie Bach.

Stinson added that the judging of this year's competition will focus a great deal on participation among the members of the organizations.

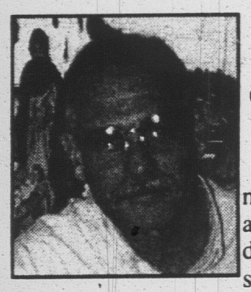
"We want a lot of team spirit and overall Greek spirit during the games."

Students are excited for the upcoming Greek week. Sophomore Tara Crawford said she feels this is a great time to work with other Greek organizations on campus.

"It is a great experience to meet other Greeks on campus that I normally wouldn't meet," Crawford said.

"Greek week is a time where everyone gets along and works together. I wish there are more opportunities to work with the other fraternities and sororities." added sophomore Chrissy Jardine.

Chapel Corner: Living "Christianly" in the world



By Wayne Nickerson

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"Jesus did not mean that poverty and hunger are desirable in themselves. ("Blessed are the poor...") But in a sinful world where frequently success and prosperity are possible only if one transgresses God's law, poverty and hunger are indeed a blessing. The kingdom is for precisely such people."

I remember reading these words from *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* by Dr. Ronald Sider as I began my seminary education. It is difficult to imagine that a little book could have such a huge impact. Sider set out to simply let the Hebrew Bible and the Christian New Testament speak for itself concerning the issues of wealth, poverty and the demands that these sacred books place on those who call themselves Christian. The controversy that followed its publication surprised Sider. "Tinkering with socialism," wrote one critic from the religious right, and that was a compliment!

I believe that one book helped motivate a whole generation of Evangelical Christians to ask of themselves some very difficult questions. What responsibility does the wealthiest "Christian" nation in the world have toward needy people in the world? What causes underline the economic inequities that exist between the northern and southern hemispheres?

These kind of questions were often largely overlooked, as many Christians "personalized" a faith that had always demanded community responsibilities toward others. The book helped many sincere Christian to move beyond the question of "will I have eternal life after death" to "what can I do to help others have a life now before death."

It is always a struggle to make religious faith meet the demands of daily living. Ron Sider's work made an impact on me as I sought to understand what it meant to live "Christianly" in the world.

Dr. Ron Sider will be the Christy Lecturer this Sunday, April 18th in Vespers 7:00 p.m. Chapel, Monday, April 19 - Michael Baily

Friday, April 23 - Dr Kang-Yup Na.

Women's Choir and Chorale to perform Sunday

By Erin Kirkby
STAFF WRITER

Women's Choir and the Chorale will present their spring concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in the chapel.

The women's choir consists of 60 women, and 60 men and women perform in the chorale. Dr Angela Broeker, director of choral activities, and chorale director Gregory Ramsdell place students in specific choirs based on previous experience and class schedules.

This semester's concert represents all styles of music including early, classical, multicultural and contemporary music. Both the women's choir and the chorale will perform for half the program time.

Women's choir's performance pieces consist of Gospel songs and some foreign works including a Japanese children's song. Japanese exchange student Mamiko Nakata joined the choir and helped Broeker retrieve the piece from Japan in preparation for the concert. Choir member Janis Sylves said the type of music selected makes the concert exceptionally interesting.

"We've been working really hard and we have a lot of foreign pieces," Sylves said. "We're really excited."

Students singing solos include Sylves, Heather Lazzini, Rachel Helgeson and Heather Bullers.

Broeker and Ramsdell anticipate an outstanding performance by both choruses.

"Women's choir is doing a fabulous job and are well-prepared," Broeker said.

"We're in excellent shape," Ramsdell said. "With the addition of new members, we have a better sound and have learned the music faster."

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. and Broeker advises students and faculty to arrive early.

"Our concerts are almost always completely full so get there by 2:45 p.m. to get a seat," Broeker said.

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Notes from the Health Center: Westminster's ugly ducklings

"If you have attempted to fit whatever mold and failed to do so, you are probably lucky. You may be an exile of some sort, but you have sheltered your soul. There is an odd phenomenon that happens when one keeps trying to fit and fails. Even though the outcast is driven away, she is at the same time driven right into the arms of her psychic and true kin, whether these be a course of study, an art form, or a group of people. It is worse to stay where one does not belong at all than to wander about lost for a while and looking for the psychic and soulful kinship one requires. It is never a mistake to search for what one requires. Never." (Clarissa Pinkola Estes, Ph.D)

Ms. Estes in her popular book, *Women Who Run With the Wolves*, uses familiar myths, fairy tales and stories, to teach her readers truths about life. In the above quote, she is teaching something from the familiar story, The Ugly Duckling. All her (or his) life the ugly duckling has felt like a misfit. It turns out the reason is because she is not a duck. She is a swan. It is only after she "finds her own people" that she can really experience joy and fulfillment.

If I had a dollar for every time a student has said to me, "I don't fit in at Westminster," I would be a rich lady!

You would be surprised at who I hear this from. It is not who you would expect. It is people who, by all outward appearances, are well connected and established in the campus community, and beautiful looking people also: The type who can go into the cafeteria at any given time and find friends to sit with.

They not only say they do not fit in, they say things like: "I only have one really good friend here."; "I'm this bubbly outgoing person on the outside, but inside I feel alone."; "I don't belong here. I've never felt like I belong." "I hate the superficial party scene, but it's all there is on this campus." "If only someone would take the time to really get to know me." "My party friends aren't my real friends."

This makes me sad. It is lonely to feel disconnected with others, to feel "different," and to think you are out of place. The need to belong is something that runs very deeply in all of us.

However, even more disturbing to me, is the notion these smart students have, that if they do not fit in to a certain narrowly defined campus culture, they must have some major character flaw. I may be very wrong, and correct me if I am, but I have this hunch that many Westminster students get tired of the party/drinking scene.

Everyone seems to know how superficial and mindless it is, and even dangerous sometimes, but they do it anyway, because this is how "fitting in" is defined here. Please do not misunderstand me! Partying can be really fun and a great stress reducer. We all need to do things sometimes that are purely mindless and superficial, but if that's all there is, it can get old.

So have the courage to find "your own people". Have the courage to stand your ground, to know who you are and what you're all about. Do not be discouraged if you feel different. If all the different people here got together, there would be a new definition of "in", plus more people would feel connected and less lonely. Think about the kind of friends you need, and go for it. They are here. Find them. The Ugly Duckling wasn't ugly, just with the wrong group - for a swan that is!

NEWS

Photo by Courtney Behm
Chuck Chirozzi

Chirozzi supervises, teaches technical skills

By Kristin Nejak
STAFF WRITER

Upon walking into Chuck Chirozzi's small, cluttered office, it is easy to see that he enjoys his job. Most of the wall space is covered with championship pictures of three Westminster football games and newspaper clippings written about the broadcast program.

Chirozzi keeps very busy with his job as Chief Engineer. He is in charge of maintenance, writing, and designing of the television and radio stations on campus. Chirozzi is also in charge of Orr Auditorium, dormitory wiring, security and physical plant radios, and audiovisual department repair work.

Chirozzi's position has different time demands than the normal nine-to-five job. Driving the remote truck that he built, he travels to every away game that the TV station covers. WCTV also covers every home football and basketball.

Chirozzi has worked at the college since 1988 and has traveled to three national football championship games. When asked what his favorite part of his job is he said, "I love the remote broadcasts."

In addition to Titan athletics, the station also covers home games for Lawrence County high schools and events such as the Lawrence County Band Festival. Chirozzi said he feels that area residents and other colleges know the college's broadcast program because of its coverage of such events.

"We have the largest [campus broadcast program] in the Tri-State Area. I believe we are putting this campus on the map."

Chirozzi feels that the program is beneficial to students because it prepares them for the future.

"We give the students the best of both worlds - academics and practical experience."

He went on to say that broadcasting is not a major in which students can just attend classes. They have to put in a lot of time and have the initiative and ambition to succeed.

"It's a rough world out there. Unless you're the best there is, you're going to lose."

When asked how he feels about the students he works with, he said that he enjoys seeing the dedicated students graduate and succeed in the business.

"We have students working everywhere."

Chirozzi has had years of experience in the broadcast field. His father was involved in amateur radio, so he was raised around broadcast media. Chirozzi also attended electronics school, while serving four years in the Navy in Vietnam, after which he worked 20 years at WYTV in Youngstown.

Kitzerow and Bove plan student trip to Italy for May 2000

Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow and Dr. Carol Bove will be accompanying approximately 26 students to Southern Italy on May 16-29, 2000. Both are excited about visiting Rome, the isle of Capri, Sorrento, and the Amalfi Coast during late spring.

More important, they are thrilled to be visiting parts of Italy that often go unexplored, such as Abruzzo and Sicily. Little is known about the natural beauty and rich culture of these regions even though many Italian-Americans have roots there.

Although many prejudices about the South exist, one of the goals of the trip is to learn about the North-South question, examined, for instance, by the influential Southern Italian political theorist, Antonio Gramsci.

Those going on the trip will study Italian culture, including the language, film, gender, criminal justice, literature, painting, and mosaics; however, the trip will not be all work and no play in that most days there will be time for leisure activities.

Marlene Epstein of Plaza Travel in Sharon, who has handled college trips before, has helped plan the trip. She has set up full breakfasts each day and six three-course meals, along with lodging in three-star and four-star hotels centrally located in Rome, Sorrento, Taormina, and Palermo.

IP Credit for Social Thought or Humanities, Major/Minor credit for Sociology, or elective credit will be given. A $100 deposit will reserve one of the few remaining places on the trip.

The cost of the trip is approxiamately $2300, but exact cost depends on fluctuations in the exchange rate. If 8 more students sign up, the cost will go down to about $2200. For more information, including financial aid, contact Dr. Kitzerow, 7252, kitzerpg@westminster.edu or Dr. Bove, 7303, cbove@westminster.edu.

See details in the advertisment on page14 of this issue of the *Holcad*.

Weekly Announcements

Ellwood Group Inc. corporate office is offering a paid accounting internship to a student with junior or senior status, strong computer skills, and knowledge of Excel and Word. Starting around May 21 and paying $9.17 per hour, there will be 30 to 40 hours per week through the summer. Call Jackie Meade (CC) at ext. 7343 for more information.

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Yellowstone National Park has opportunities for work in their service stations for students who have completed their first year of college. First-year employees can earn up to $6 per hour. (CC)

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The Badlands National Park is looking for interns to fill various positions during the summer. The internships are on a volunteer basis, and require junior status. The Badlands position requires skills in public speaking and a background in natural sciences. (CC)

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The Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, Inc. is looking for interns. This child-focused, facility-based program provides representatives to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases. (CC)

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Pennsylvania State Government is looking for accounting interns. Interns earn $9.07 per hour in a 37.5-hour work week, and could lead to a full-time position after graduation. (CC)

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The Pennsylvania State Archives and The State Museum of Pennsylvania has internships available. Positions may be tailored to suit student's needs and may be paid. (CC)

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The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, New Castle, is seeking a college student to compile a business directory. Work will involve calling businesses, gathering data, entering data, and completing the directory. (CC)

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The Lawrence County Planning Commission, New Castle, is offering a college student the opportunity to take on a research project to identify the need for additional public transportation in the Lawrence County area. The ideal candidate is a mature student who is interested in statistical research, and could design the survey, implement it, compile the information, and produce the report. (CC)

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The Department of Physical Education will be offering American Red Cross re-certification classes for Adult CPR, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and Lifeguard Training. The CPR classes will be held Wednesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Field House classroom. Cost of the course will be $20.

The Lifeguarding class will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Field House Classroom and Natatorium. Cost of the course will be $20 and in order to participate, you must possess a current Lifeguard Training and CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certificate. For registration information, contact Coach Klamut, Ext. 7315 or klamutrg@westminster.edu. Registration for these classes closes at 3:30 p.m., April 26.

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State Farm Insurance is taking applications for its 1999 Western PA Summer Internship Program for students who have completed their junior year. The internship, which pays $10.50 per hour and offers a limited benefit plan, provides work experience in the insurance industry. (CC)

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The Family First Sports Park, Erie, promotes a sports atmosphere where athletes and their families come to cultivate character values. Internships are available to college students in the are of sports management (soccer & basketball), marketing, sales, hotel/motel and fitness club management. (CC)

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Rainforest Action Network, San Francisco, has environmental internships available in the fields of media operations, database coordination, campaign administration, and information assistance. Requirements: computer skills, environmental knowledge, and an interest in conservation. (CC)

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The Carnegie Science Center is seeking Westminster interns or volunteers for the summer. Work is available in a variety of areas including exhibits, children's tours, etc. (CC)

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Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade (CC).

SPORTS

Baseball team falls against Wayne State

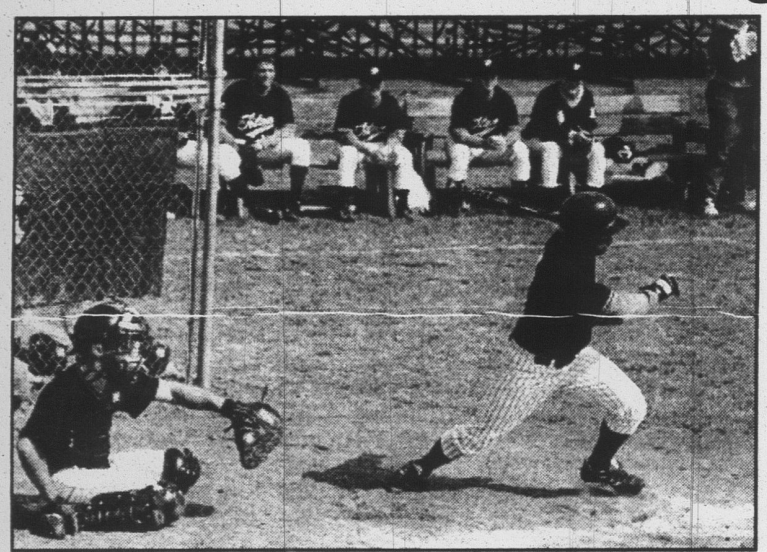


Photo by Brandon Cleary

Wayne State trounced the Titans in four games.

By Chris Cappabianco
STAFF WRITER

The baseball team dropped four games to GLIAC foe Wayne State over the weekend. With the losses the Titans record fell to 0-16 in the GLIAC and 1-22 overall.

The Titans lost the opener on Saturday, 8-0. Wayne State pitching allowed only one hit. Sophomore third basemen Tim Voelp provided the lone hit for the Titans. Senior Brian Zima was charged with the loss.

In game two, the Titans were unable to overcome an onslaught of hits by the Tartars and seven fielding errors of their own as they were trounced 23-2. Junior shortstop Tom Nulph provided the only bright spot for the Titans with two hits. Voelp took the loss on the hill.

On Sunday, Titan mound man Vic Kaplack turned in a stellar effort pitching a complete game two hitter, striking out six Tartars. Though it wasn't enough as the Titans committed four-second inning errors allowing the Tartars four runs and a eventual 5-4 victory.

Trailing 5-1 in the top of the seventh inning, the Titans scored three runs and loaded the bases with one out, but were unable to tie the game. Voelp led the Titans with three hits, including two doubles and two RBI's.

"It tough to take," Voelp said. "It seems like we are getting better, but we just can't get into the win column. It's frustrating."

In the bottom of the sixth inning of the finale, after two controversial ball-strike call, Wayne State scored a run breaking the 3-3 deadlock and held on for their second one run victory of the day.

Nulph and Junior Jason Smith led the Titan attack with two hits a peice. John Coloaicovo was the hard luck loser on the mound.

"We have been so close but we just can't get over the hump," said Nulph. "If we can just get one victory, it will give us confidence for more."

With the loss, the Titans losing streak moved to 22 games.

Softball drops double-header

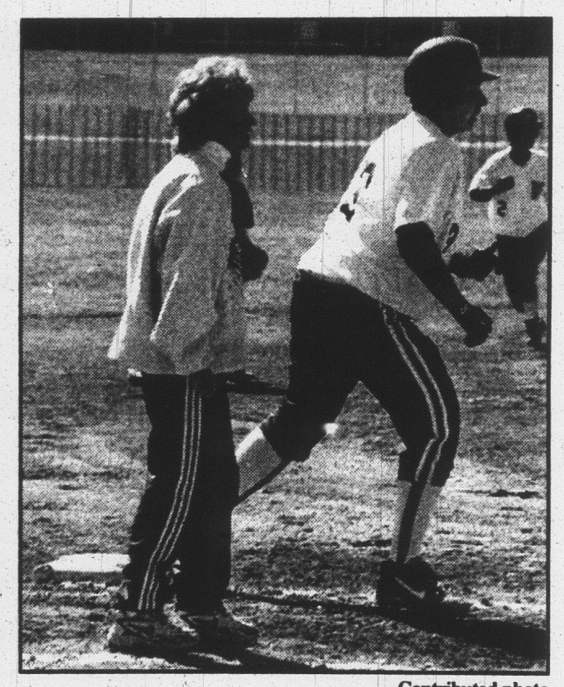
By Donald Kelley
STAFF WRITER

The Titans lost both games of a double-header against league rival Gannon, April 13 at home. The Golden Knights posted a 1- 0 shutout win in the opener before posting a 4- 2 win in game two. With the loss the Lady Titans drop to 12-16 overall, 3- 6 in the GLIAC.

Westminster's B.A. Pinkerton was the losing pitcher in the first game. Pinkerton said, "They were a tough hitting team and I was happy that our defense kept them to only one run." With the loss Pinkerton falls to a record of 7- 7 on the year. Coming into the game, Gannon had a record of thirty-four and three. The Titans displayed poor offense by posting just four hits in the game. Westminster's pinch hitter, Lynn Zolkowski said, "I was disappointed with the way our offense played. The pitching was fierce but we couldn't put the bat on the ball."

Gannon did most of it's scoring in game two in the first inning by posting 3 runs. Westminster sophomore pitcher Melissa Bajus dropped to 5-9 with the pitching loss after allowing four runs (just one earned) on eight hits with three strikeouts. The Titans seemed hesitant to swing at the ball in the second game, which resulted in nine strike-outs. Freshman outfielder Kristie Perrotte led the Titans offense by going 2 for 3 at the plate with a double and a run scored. Freshman second baseman Rennee Tappe added a RBI double and a run scored in the loss, while Pinkerton posted a RBI single.

Liz Maurhoff, third base, said, "Our intensity wasn't there in the second game. If we would have continued to play like we did in the first game we would have won."



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The Lady Titans struggled against Gannon.

Pair of losses set tennis team at 3-5 in conference

By Coley Donegan
STAFF WRITER

The tennis team saw its record drop to 4-8 overall and 3-5 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) following a pair of conference losses to Northwood and Wayne State University.

On Saturday the men's tennis squad was in action here at Westminster against Nothwood University. The team was lucky enough to have the bad weather hold off for just long enough to complete their match, but the result was anything but favorable.

En route to their victory the Timberwolves swept the Titan netters 9-0, winning six singles and three doubles matches. In their dominating performance, Northwood went undefeated in set play also, not losing a set in neither singles nor doubles play.

On Monday the team hoped to gain momentum following Saturday's disappointing loss as they once again played host to conference rival Wayne State. Unfortunately the team was again defeated on their home turf by a score of 8-1.

With the first serve at 3 p.m., the Tartars of Wayne State swept all six singles matches and captured two of three doubles matches on their way to the league victory. The lone win for the Titans came at #1 doubles.

In the win for the Titans, seniors Scott Pfahler of Canfield and Jay Barkley of Butler, teamed for an exciting 8-6 decision over Wayne State's Matt Eszes and Brad Sawicki.]

"It's disappointing losing two games in row like this. We just hope we can get back on track Thursday," sophomore John Bressler said.

The Westminster men's tennis team will continue its homestand on Thursday as they play host the Grove City College in a non-conference match with the first serves scheduled for 3 p.m.

A view from the sidelines: D-II to D-III

By Jenny Grundy
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The move from Division II to Division III has just been set straight for me today. I, like many others on campus and around the county, have been out of the loop as to what is really happening. Apparently, this move from Division II to Division III has been grounds for some very upset WC athletes and coaches.

From what I've heard around campus, the athletes and coaches are very upset with President Williamson's decision to move to NCAA D-III, after we spent only one year in D-II. The athletes apparently feel as thought they have not been given the chance to prove themselves after only one season in the GLIAC, and are now being asked to move down and compete on a lower-level of competition in the PAC (President's Athletic Conference) in D-III.

For most of the campus and surrounding community (disregarding the athletes and coaches), we have been given a explanation for the step-down, having been given a statement in our mailboxes. That is not what concerns me about his issue, though. I am more concerned about the angers that have been asserted around campus from the athletes.

My column this week is not to take a side on this decision made by the executive offices of the college, but it is merely a challenge to the angry people on campus.

If you are irritated about the second huge athletic move in three years, then voice your opinion to someone besides your roommate, or your girlfriend or boyfriend. Write a letter to the editor of the *Holcad*, or to take it to another level, write a letter to the editor of the New Castle News. If you want answers and feel you aren't getting them, call President Williamson and ask him. Write him a letter expressing your anger and frustration in the decision.

The biggest mistake we as students can make right now is to sit and let this go on over our heads if we are upset about it. WC removed January Term from us and we didn't say a word about it until it was too late. Jason Hunter and the Black Student Union took a huge step in voicing their opinion about the classes on Martin Luther King Day.

Remember who you are Westminster. YOU are why Westminster is here. Without students, there is no college. Make Westminster the place you want it to be, and if you are unhappy about the change, voice your opinion.

If I was an athlete here at WC, and was going to be spending the next three years of my college life feeling as though I was not given the opportunity to play at the level I was promised when I came here, I don't think I'd be letting this change occur without a fight.

Once again let me state that I am not trying to cause trouble here, I am simply trying to urge my fellow students to speak out about how they feel. This is a major move for Westminster, and if you are unhappy about it, complaining to your parents over the summer will not change a thing. Speak out now, before it is too late.

Aikman is once again highest-paid player in NFL

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Troy Aikman once again is the highest-paid player in the NFL, reworking his contract with the Dallas Cowboys so he'll get $85.5 million through 2007, a league source who asked to remain anonymous told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The deal includes a whopping $20 million signing bonus. Aikman already has received $13 million and will get the remaining $7 million in early 2001, the source said.

Neither Cowboys owner Jerry Jones nor Aikman's agent, Leigh Steinberg, would discuss the terms of the deal other than to say it gives the team much more flexibility under the salary cap for several years.

"Our goal was to free up cap room so that Troy could play with a competitive team," Steinberg said. "He wants more rings on his fingers."

Under a contract that previously made Aikman pro football's salary leader, Aikman was to make $6.5 million in 1999, $7.25 million in 2000 and $8 million in 2001. The new deal drastically lowers those figures but includes a six-year extension, locking Aikman up beyond his 41st birthday. The source did not have the annual breakdown of the new contract.

"We have extended the contract of Troy Aikman to the point where this franchise and our fans are sure to have him for the rest of his career," Jones said. "We are very pleased this agreement has been completed."

Aikman has reworked his previous contract practically every season to help Dallas get under the cap. The Cowboys were desperate for space now because they're trying to sign several free agents and must have money left for the players they pick in the draft this weekend.

"It had been six years since we'd last done Troy's last contract, and in those six years there had been major changes," Steinberg said. "Rarely does someone play that long on one contract."

The deal was hammered out mostly during an all-night negotiating session late Friday through early Saturday. It was finalized Monday and announced Tuesday during a news conference that also featured the signing of center Mark Stepnoski, a former Cowboy and a close friend to Aikman. Stepnoski was given a five-year, $10.5 million contract, plus a $3.5 million signing bonus. Neither Aikman nor Steinberg attended the news conference.

Aikman isn't the first marquee quarterback signed to more seasons than he's likely to play. Denver and San Francisco made similar deals with John Elway and Steve Young to take immediate advantage of a lower salary cap figure while gambling the cap eventually will go up enough to help absorb those deals.

Two season ago, it didn't seem likely Aikman would even consider playing nine more years in Dallas. He was tired of his teammates' off-field transgressions and felt the franchise's focus on winning had waned after three Super Bowl victories. He mostly blamed then-coach Barry Switzer.

Switzer left after going 6-10 in 1997 and was replaced by Chan Gailey. Aikman's performance and demeanor seemed revived by the new coach and the team responded by winning its sixth NFC East title in seven years. They were ousted from the playoffs in the first round.

Aikman, the first overall selection in the 1989 draft and the first player picked under Jones' regime, guided Dallas' transformation from 1-15 to Super Bowl champions three seasons later. He's one of only three quarterbacks to lead a team to three Super Bowl victories.

"His talent and commitment will help us ultimately get back to the Super Bowl," Jones said. "That's his goal, that's what he's all about. ... Any time you have ever seen him in any form of excitement or frustration it's because of the direction the team was going in his mind toward doing things to win the Super Bowl.

Stepnoski broke into the NFL with Aikman in 1989 and they made a formidable tandem for six years. But Stepnoski signed with Houston after the 1994 season, when Dallas didn't make re-signing him a priority.

Stepnoski said Tuesday it was the right decision at the time, but things didn't turn out as he hoped. The Oilers missed the playoffs all four seasons and the team moved to Tennessee halfway through his tenure.

"The whole emphasis on winning is definitely one of the key features that motivated me to come back," said Stepnoski, who is a bit undersized for a lineman at 6-foot-2, 265 pounds but makes up for it with speed and technique.

Stepnoski's bonus will count $700,000 against the cap each season through 2003. His annual salaries are $400,000 in 1999, $1.7 million in 2000, $1.9 million in 2001, $3 million in 2002 and $3.5 million in 2003. There are hefty roster bonuses payable in February of 2000-2002.

Jones isn't done dealing, with several more signings likely before the draft begins Saturday. Topping his wish list are receiver Raghib Ismail and linebacker Quentin Coryatt.

Dallas' negotiations with Stepnoski, Ismail and Coryatt have led to an NFL investigation of possible salary cap violations. Whistleblowers say the Cowboys agreed to terms with all three players, but couldn't finalize them until clearing room under the salary cap. The team reportedly had about $400,000 before reworking Aikman's contract.

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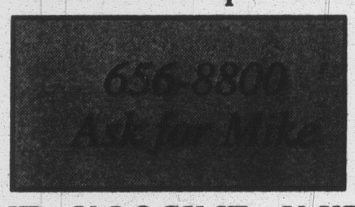

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OPINION

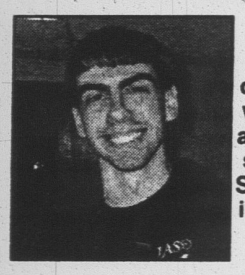
Question of the week

What do you think about the crisis in Kosovo?

Jennifer Moberg Freshman
"Our school is so sheltered. I wasn't even aware that we were at war until I saw a newspaper article at McDonald's about a stealth bomber being shot down."

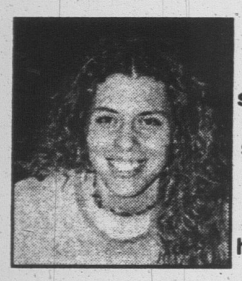
Carli Segelson Senior "I am really concerned for the refugees and the POWs. I think it's good that we're helping out, but I think we could do more."

Kristi Huff Sophomore
"My heart goes out to all war-torn countries. We, as a peaceful nation, take so much for granted."



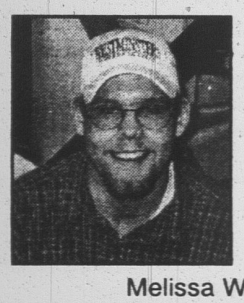
Ben Tate Sophomore "I don't like war. But we can't stand by and simply let this situation happen. So, I have conflicting feelings about it."

Steve Klevacha Feshman
"I don't know anything about it."



Erin Painter Senior "On Friday I saw it in the news, and it made me sick. I didn't think that something resembling the Holocaust could happen in this day and age."

Mike Leiper Junior
"I think it's unfortunate that the people are being kicked out of their homes. Hopefully, more service organizations will keep providing them with food, clothing, and medical treatment."



Chris Leas Freshman "I really haven't been paying enough attention to offer a well-informed opinion."

Melissa Wiley Junior
"With the position that America is in right now, we have no choice but to help because we have the means to so. It would be considered barbaric not to."

Photos by Brad Dell

Our View: Still a Pointless Inquiry

Since the end of its second year lies just around the corner, the time has come once again to evaluate the merits of the first-year student program - has it improved? According to the opinions of students at the end of last year, it certainly couldn't get any worse.

Many current sophomores fail to sympathize with the tales of woe from this year's freshmen class. The general consensus is that Inquiry this year (if nothing else) is much easier than last year.

However, can this really be called an improvement? An easy class is not necessarily a good class. In fact, often the best courses are the ones that challenge students the most. So perhaps, making Inquiry easier made it an even bigger waste of eight preciously-paid-for credits.

The biggest problem with Inquiry is still its lack of cohesion. This issue is rooted in several places: absence of an explicit goal, irrelevance of material, and lack of commonality between professors.

On page 55 of the Undergraduate Catalog it states that "There are four primary Inquiry questions: (a.) How do we know? (b.) What is the nature of humankind? (c) What is the good and how can humans attain it? (d) What should we make our ultimate concern?"

Could the writers of these questions have been more vague? Incoming freshmen read this description, and it sounds as if they are about to take part in some grand philosophical analysis and study. Little do they know that these questions are mentioned maybe once at the beginning of each term and then forgotten completely.

Instead, the class is built around a group of selected common readings, which are (in general) almost completely irrelevant and offer very little educational value. At the end of the first semester, a reading of "The Idea of a University" by John H. Newman finally revealed that the main purpose of the class was to be an introduction to the liberal arts. Why did they not schedule this reading at the beginning of the course?

To truly be an introduction to Westminster's brand of liberal arts, the Inquiry classes should focus more on exploring the different intellectual perspectives and less on looking at individual philosophical, literary, and scientific selections.

The Common Assignment, completed by all students in Inquiry I, is really the only beacon in a sea of dark pointlessness. Each student chooses a topic, and closely examines it using several different perspectives. This is almost an exact exercise of the nature of liberal arts. And the ability to write a research paper is an essential skill for every college student.

To be a worthwhile class, Inquiry should focus more on sharpening these essential skills and introduce students to the many facets of liberal arts. In-depth philosophy and complicated literature should be reserved for the Intellectual Perspective electives, to be taken later in a student's college career.

This year's big disappointment was Inquiry II's attempt to create four different thematic sections. Students registered for these courses with the idea that they were embarking on a study of a particular topic that suited their interest. However, they were fooled again, as the themes became just one more aspect of Inquiry, which has a name but no relevant content.

The idea that a professor from any discipline can teach Inquiry is another of the program's fundamental flaws. An intrinsic goal of these courses is to provide students with a common foundation on which a liberal understanding of the world can be built. But the reality is, a student taught by a physical education professor is going to have a far different foundation than one taught by a psychology professor. Neither foundation is necessarily better than the other is, but they are certainly not common.

Inquiry does have a few redeeming aspects, like the Common Assignment. Also, the requirement of lab experiences is a great way to get freshmen involved in campus life. And designing a community service project forces students to look beyond their own self-interests. However, these are very small parts of the Inquiry experience and very far from the focus

These classes consume a quarter of a freshman's credits, and nearly four thousand dollars of tuition. This is way too much time and money to waste on classes focused on a virtually useless hodgepodge of random philosophical tidbits.

Westminster World

Things I learned in Inquiry.

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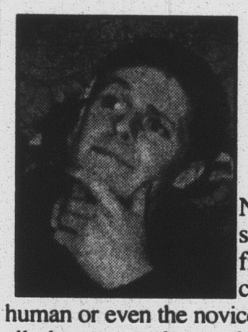
When Judo goes bad: A clear and present danger



By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

The judo chop. Not customarily considered the offensive fighting maneuver of choice by the average human or even the novice ninja, it has generally been a combat art form long ignored by the general fighting public who seems to prefer the flashier "clothes line" or "punch to the spine".

Now, being the hard-nosed, scrappy as a '91 Ford Taurus coupe, tough SOB that I am, many would believe that I engage in many a rumble in the Bronx. But this isn't Operation Condor, and I haven't actually been in a fight since playing football during recess in fifth grade.

Side Note: I lost an entire week of recess for that fight and you know, the pain still lingers.

Anyway, as an incredibly perceptive individual and scandal-uncovering reporter, I've recently noticed that the practice of judo chopping is coming back at an alarming, if extremely discrete, pace. Imperceptible to the untrained eye, the judo chop can occasionally be dismissed as a simple wave of the hand.

Personally, I tend to be a big fan of the judo chop. I find it to be a useful compliment to my already effective head butting and rock throwing skills. But be duly warned fair reader, the judo chop is certainly not to be trifled with.

Let me lay down this particularly bone-chilling equation scenario with disastrous implications: Judo chops + Robots = total chaos and an indestructible race of all-powerful robot dictators. That's exactly what could happen if robots somehow acquire the correct knowledge and technique to deliver their own brand of deadly chops. How could they acquire such information? The most likely source would tend to be our faithful, do anything for a dollar, corporate bigwigs and their five gallon drum of buttermilk layered with some double talkin' jive.

So you aren't convinced that judo chopping is a clear and present danger? Check out this snapshot of some random citizen who apparently didn't appreciate the cinder block bench someone had thoughtfully constructed for him.

Now I know what you're saying, this guy's free on the streets? That's right Reggie, as are some other individuals judo chopping their way to an unholy alliance with our future robot overlords.

But maybe that last shocking picture didn't completely convince you. Sure, maybe that guy was just testing the bench for faulty workmanship. Well then this next little piece of evidence just might be enough to break the case wide open like a big case-breaking object.

Seems as though our country's own intern aficionado President Bill Clinton has even sold out to the upcoming robot regime.

Now I realize that evidence such as this is both alarming and panic inducing, equipped with the capability to ignite a political firestorm that could rock this nation to its very foundations. But fear not, I've done my fair share of research on how to inactivate our cunning robot foes. As far as I can see, these judo-chopping robots have a few glaring weaknesses.

First, robots love drinking oil. So if I can assemble a highly trained squadron of commandos and bartenders, maybe we can sneak into their secret oil-drinking robot pubs and slyly spike their delicious oil cocktails with not delicious battery acid. Also, the natural enemy of the robot is the shark, so if we could somehow lure the leader of the robots into a tank of water brimming with sharks, with say a delicious steak as bait, I've got a good feeling our robot problems will be solved.

As long as the rich heritage of judo chopping in America is preserved for our future and possibly hostile robots are kept at bay, Hollywood will thankfully remain free to exploit the world's resources and obliterate islands for sweet box office profits.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor and everyone who participated in Relay for Life,

I wanted to extend a sincere thank you for everyone involved with relay for life this past weekend. It was amazing to see so many Westminster students participating in such a worthwhile cause. I am personally touched by the commitment of the students, faculty, and community members, for I lost my father to cancer almost two years ago.

For months I watched his body deteriorate, watched him lose his hair, and eventually his life. For those who have lost loved ones to this deadly disease, I know you understand how hard it is. For those who have not, thank your lucky stars. Dealing with a death is one of the hardest things in life and sometimes I sit back and think that no one understands how I am feeling or what I am going through.

However, thanks to all of you, my faith in human kind is restored. As I looked on at the beautiful candles and the word "hope" in the bleachers of our usually desolate stadium I felt my father there with each and every one of us. So again I thank you for your time, effort, and commitment to not only those who are living with cancer, but also those who have died from it. I know my dad is smiling down and feeling thankful that I came to a college that appreciates life and all that it has to offer.

Sincerely,
Danielle Perfetti

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Why more Americans need to care about Kosovo's problems

By Maureen McClarnon
The Chronicle (Duke U.)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Now, I'm going to admit my dirty little secret to everyone, so you all will have something to use against me if I ever get to the national stage. Ready? I'm not being appropriately vigilant with the whole Kosovo thing. Apparently, I have an actual aversion to reading about it. When I pick up my morning paper, I read the headlines but can't bring myself to read the two-page spread on the inside. After all, what is there to know that hasn't greeted me with my alarm clock on Morning Edition?

Bombs are dropping, accusations are being made, people are fleeing, starving, being separated from their families, refugees are being mistreated at borders, living in horrible conditions, being singled out for death or worse by the Serb forces.

What sort of news does a war have to offer, aside from more of the same? I have friends who spent the Persian Gulf War glued to CNN; I stayed with the radio. And now I'm hiding once more, getting all of my news from the radio, like it's the 1940s all over again. This isn't a case of me not wanting to know; really, how much do I need to know? I know this: Milosevic certainly isn't crying that Albanians are leaving Kosovo, although he apparently has a problem with allowing all of them to leave with their lives. And I know the bombing probably won't help anything, while committing ourselves to ground troops could be as effective as driving a jeep into quicksand.

And may I add that the United States is awfully quick to engage itself, but since Kosovo is across lots of land and water, we don't have to deal with tides of refugees coming through our borders. Sure, we can set up some camps, fly some people to Guantanamo Bay, but is that enough? NATO set up camps in Macedonia, only to return the next day to find them abandoned after the Macedonian army bussed the hundred-thousand-plus refugees to Turkey and elsewhere. Macedonia, with its formerly peaceful mix of Slavs and a minority of Albanians, doesn't want the ethnic balance to tip into war within its borders, so those refugees who remain are being confined to border areas and left to die from illness, starvation and dehydration: Not In My Backyard written large.

The problem is this: Once I start reading, I can't stop. I follow links from one online news story to another, each one bringing me closer to tears. I have more empathy than I know what to do with, and I'm terribly aware that we Americans are lucky, and not because we live in such a great country where all of our ethnic conflicts are worked out between violent individuals or swept under the rug, but because we are so isolated from all of this terror. This war will not creep over into our borders, the way it might for Hungary, Montenegro and Macedonia; here the populace is left to watch as the president goes through his maneuvers, with little thought to long-term strategies or desired outcomes, as if he's just learned how to play Battleship.

Personally, I've always been a proponent of assassination as the best way to hit an evil, mega-maniacal person where he lives. Sanctions don't work; just look at Cuba. Of course, we can also look to Cuba for an example of why assassinations don't work: The United States isn't very good at them. Rather than giving up after that rumored attempt on Castro's life, the CIA should have formed an elite unit of assassins, and a lot of them should have been women. Add to that some James Bond technology, and the world would've had a perfect job for the likes of Monica Lewinsky. (Poison thong underwear! She could go to Thailand and study with sex workers to learn how to shoot lethal darts out of her most sensitive areas.) But really, I think war would be much more fair if enacted as a fight between the world leaders themselves; after all, in a room with NATO leaders, Milosevic would surely be outnumbered, especially considering Yeltsin's present physical condition (no, really, it's just a cold). How else could such a man, unaccustomed to "feeling the pain" of his people, be impacted by any amount of air strikes? His soldiers are pawns-living, breathing plastic toys he'll dispose of as he sees fit. When you're in the business of killing millions of people, watching some of them die isn't a problem. Gandhi said that there is very little that one can do, but that it must be done. If you want to drop some water into the bucket of need that is this immense refugee crisis, I suggest visiting http://www.warchild.org/kosovo.html.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Movie critic combo cashes in on Oscar night

By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

Every year around Oscar time, numerous contests are held to see who can pick the winners of the Academy Awards, the crown jewel of accomplishment in the film industry. Odds are even posted at various casinos in Las Vegas tempting novice movie aficionados to wager on who they think will take home some of those coveted golden statues.

Movie rental stores also use the Oscars as a marketing campaign, hoping to increase their business by holding a contest to find out who can pick out the most winners in the major Oscar categories and offering prizes such as free rentals for excellent entries.

Video Update, a rental facility in New Castle, held a contest of its own this year, drawing attention from local movie hounds eager to prove themselves a true cinema mastermind.

This year, the big winner in the contest was Westminster's own Chris McCarren, a senior political science major and half of the former Holcad movie reviewing duo that penned "In Theatres now with Rob and DH." Even more surprising was the fact that the second place finisher in the contest turned out to be McCarren's reviewing partner and alumni Rob Steiner ('98).

For finishing first in the highly competitive Oscar battle royal, McCarren was awarded twenty-three free movie rentals and an alleged chance to appear in the next Frank Stalone movie Pool Hall Hustlers, a prize he was obviously thrilled to accept.

"At first I thought it was just some prank call," said an ecstatic McCarren upon learning of his triumph, "but when I called Video Update and they informed me of the incredible news, I was overcome with emotion and pure, unadulterated bliss."

McCarren also hoped that his grand prize included backstage passes to the Bay City Rollers Reunion Tour '99, but was forced to settle for the free rentals.

Steiner was initially just as exuberant of his second place finish and ten free rentals, but his glee quickly turned to vengeful wrath when he discovered that his former partner, McCarren, had actually taken first prize.

"I had beaten him soundly in a separate Oscar pool," explained a notably withdrawn Steiner, "but apparently DH had adjusted some of his picks for the Video Update competition and he was able to come out on top."

McCarren explained that the biggest pick in his pool was Roberto Benegni for best actor in *Life is Beautiful*.

"When *Saving Private Ryan* didn't win best picture, I thought I was done for," said McCarren, "but good old Benegni really came through in the clutch and now I'm reaping the gratifying rewards."

In celebration for his hard fought victory, McCarren immediately raced over to Video Update to claim his prize, which he lovingly refers to as "the sweet, sweet nectar." He proceeded to rent such box office smashes as *Uncle Sam Wants You...Dead!* and the always endearing *Starship Troopers*.

As for future plans, Steiner and McCarren plan on reuniting for an entire weekend of constant movie viewing, at which time they will squander all of Steiner's ten free rentals and watch movies for hours on end.

"We both realize the kind of sacrifice we're going to have to make to watch ten movies non-stop over an entire weekend." explained a stoic Steiner, "But when Video Update calls, you'd best answer."

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In Kristen's Corner: *A Man For All Seasons*

By Kristen Kress
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Theatre Westminster averages three shows per season, one in the fall, and two in the spring. Last fall, Theatre Westminster performed the hit, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* and also supported the student-produced musical, *Prom Queens Unchained*. This semester began with Another Antigone, and now the department is hard at work on the final production of the year, *A Man For All Seasons*.

A guest director, hired by the department is directing this production. This year, Father Bob Miller, of St. Camillas parish in New Castle is the guest director. The show is progressing very well and will open April 28, running each night through May 1st.

A trend in the shows this year seems to be a senior theatre major named Ed Sciulli. Ed played the part of Albert Einstein in *Picasso*, Dave in *Antigone*, and now is seen as Sir Thomas More in *A Man For All Seasons*. Ed directed a one-act play called *Sure Thing* as part of the student-produced One-Act festival earlier this spring, and he held the double title of Technical Director/Set Designer for *Prom Queens* last fall.

His new role as Sir Thomas More is quite a change from the others he has portrayed this year. Sir Thomas More was Lord Chancellor of England in the 1520s who, for religious reasons, was reluctant to sign an oath supporting King Henry the VIII's decision to divorce and re-marry.

Sir Thomas is the model Christian, a man willing to stand up for what he feels is right in accordance with the scriptures, even if it may mean his death. Eventually, it does.

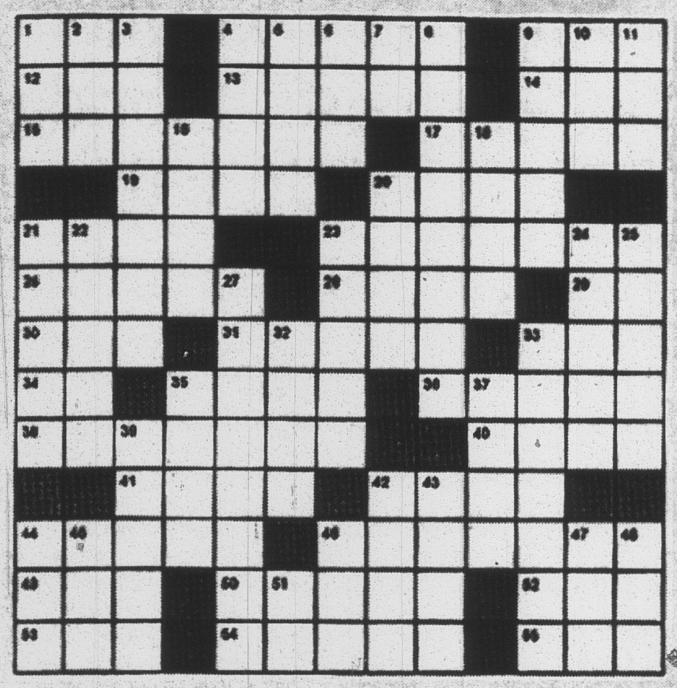
After several interrogations and a false testimony given by a former friend of More, he is sentenced to execution by beheading for high treason, a charge of which he is completely innocent. He dies for his beliefs, "the King's good servant, but God's first."

Another familiar face in the show will be that of senior Theatre/English double major Laura Butchy. Laura held the role of Germaine in Picasso and is the founder/director of the annual One-Act Festival. Butchy now plays the Common Man, who serves as narrator and a servant to Sir Thomas, among other roles. Most importantly, the Common Man holds an important role in the play; he represents everyman and someone the audience can relate to.

The rest of the cast is composed of 12 theatre lovers, including a few non-students. Theatre Professor Leslie Thomas plays King Henry the VIII, Speech Professor Dr. Walter Scheid plays the Duke of Norfolk and Director of the Celebrity Series Gene De Caprio plays Cardinal Wolsey.

This is a tremendous show dealing with faith, government, pride, greed, and honor. All shows are in Beeghly Theater at 8 p.m. and you can reserve your seats now by calling the box office at extension 7241.

Crossword Challenge



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23 Embroidered design
26 Screwdrivers, for example
28 Braid
29 Concerning
30 Rocks on top of hill
31 Throw out
33 Dry, as in wine
34 Equally
35 Spit (p.t.)
36 Put in office
38 Let go
40 Inside
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46 Arrest
49 Bow; curve
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52 Fish eggs
53 Prepare golf ball
54 Rub out
55 Deviate from course

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7 Near
8 Calculate
9 Growl
10 Hawaiian garland
11 At this time
16 Pointed piece of metal
18 Receipt (abbr.)
20 Powder
21 Fragrant oil
22 Rope
23 Malicious ill will
24 Build
25 Right-hand page of book
27 Cut away from
32 Flower receptacle
33 Pertaining to the senses
35 Religious body
37 Itemize
39 Thrusting weapon
42 Numbers (abbr.)
43 Feminine suffix
44 Day of the week (abbr.)
45 Is (p.t.)
46 Government spies (abbr.)
47 Not alive upon arrival (abbr.)
48 Evergreen tree
51 Railroad (abbr.)

Last week's answers

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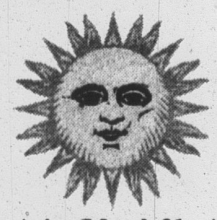

April 16-23

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
You will have a recurring nightmare this week, in which you find yourself dangling from the ceiling, while brightly colored raccoons with glowing eyes file into the room. One of them will be carrying a sock full of quarters. Perhaps you shouldn't eat so much candy before going to bed?

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
You will declare war on drugs and glare menacingly at your pharmacist. This trend will continue and you will declare war on all of the things that you don't like. People on campus will start joining your crusades. Tension will mount until the national guard is called in to stop your war on registration for fall semester.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Good week to doodle. Stop by Miller's to buy a pack of new crayons--your life may depend on it.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Beware of celery.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
This week you will finally get around to exercising! Your pet will look at you like you've gone completely wacky. Don't be intimidated, though--at least you never get distracted and forget that you're holding your leg up behind your head.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
This week one or more close relations will pout. You will stoicly endure this, and steadfastly refuse to relinquish control of the remote control.

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
You're about to spend a considerable amount of time with someone who personifies "dour": the kind of person who never once clapped for Tinkerbell, even as a child. Just ignore them, if you can. If you can't ignore them, pretend they are ducks.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
You will be forced to re-evaluate your boss' IQ, when you discover that he is looking forward to the release of *Titanic II*.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
Beware of lightning! Either stay indoors, or leave your aluminum foil hat behind. Don't stand close to evil people. It is rumored that God my strike you dead--even by association.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
This is a good time to get out there and make a difference! Though you find trouble in deciding exactly where "there" is.....try running faster and then maybe when you get "there," you will be "here." Anyway, if you find "there," make a difference. Or if you get too run down from all of the running around, just lie still until the urge to make a difference goes away.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
Try to avoid nibbling on things. Despite recent developments, you don't actually know your friend that well yet.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
Good week to defy convention. Be yourself. Buy a fedora, for example, and wear it indoors.

Eastwood makes *True Crime* worth the money

By Derrick Bash
STAFF WRITER

Having spent several weeks eagerly awaiting the April 9th opening of Doug Liman's *Go*, I was a bit peeved after finding out that it's release was (for yet to be explained reasons), withheld until Sunday. Frantically searching for another movie to fill the void during the post dinner hours of Friday night, I decided my best bet was *True Crime*, directed by, and starring Clint Eastwood.

Originally a novel by Andrew Klavan, *True Crime* follows the exploits of Steve Everett (Eastwood), a womanizer, recovering alcoholic, and reporter for the Oakland Tribune, who is about to be kicked out by his wife, Barbara (Diane Venora). After another reporter is killed in an automobile accident, Everett is chosen to conduct a final interview with Frank Beachum (Isiah Washington), a convicted murderer scheduled to be executed by lethal injection a minute after midnight. As Everett begins to research Beachum's case, he begins to doubt his guilt. Everett then sets out to find the truth, and save the life of an innocent man, all in less then a day.

Eastwood has once again succeeded in making an interesting movie with excellent character development. Despite Everett's weaknesses, Eastwood manages to make him a strong and likeable character, and develops a strong connection between himself and Beachum. James Woods as Alan Mann, editor for the Tribune appears in several humorous, entertaining scenes with Eastwood, as does Denis Leary, portraying Bob Findley, another editor. Venora adds warmth and works well in the role of Everett's wife, as does Lisa Hamilton as Beachum's wife.

While the plot itself is far from original, the use of a good cast to develop interesting, three dimensional characters, saves *True Crime* from becoming a run of the mill crime thriller. With a running time of just over two hours, *True Crime* moves a bit slow at times, but Eastwood manages to keep the suspense taut, and maintain interest throughout the film, making *True Crime* worth the outrageous price of admission.

Contributed photo
R. Tad Greig

Greig to be honored twice at state convention

R. Tad Greig, director of bands and instructor in music education, will be honored two times this year at the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Convention in Valley Forge, PA. In both cases, peers in the music profession nominate the inductee.

Greig will be inducted into the national band fraternity Phi Beta Mu and will later be honored as a "Citation of Excellence in Music Education" recipient. The "Citation of Excellence" is awarded on a three-year cycle, one year awarding an educator at the elementary level, the next year at the secondary level, and at the collegiate level the year following.

Greig is completing his sixteenth year of teaching. Prior to his work at Westminster, he taught in the Warren County School District (PA), Mercer School District (PA), and Struthers City Schools (OH). Greig also taught at Grove City College while taking classes required to complete his masters degree in music education at Youngstown State University.

While teaching at Struthers, Greig was hired as an adjunct faculty member at Thiel College to re-establish the instrumental music program. Greig was hired two years later by Westminster College, again in an adjunct teaching capacity. He became a full time faculty member in 1995, after having taught for three years at Westminster.

AROUND THE GLOBE

In just six weeks, gas prices rise by 25%

Gasoline prices have soared 25% in the past six weeks, numbers released Monday by the Energy Department show.

A gallon of regular unleaded gas averaged $1.14 nationwide, up 2 cents from a week ago. Just six weeks ago, the average was 91 cents, among the lowest when adjusted for inflation.

Lower output from oil producing countries and a greater demand from increased seasonal driving are fueling the increase.

The West Coast has been hit hardest as fires at two refineries cut the supply of gasoline. Last week the average retail price was $1.53 a gallon, up 35% in the past six weeks.

Drivers near San Francisco reported paying as much as $1.86 a gallon for unleaded gasoline and $2 for premium.

The skyrocketing prices have led to an Internet and e-mail campaign urging people to protest by refusing to buy gasoline on April 30.

Greg Galbreath, who pays $28 to fill up his pickup in San Francisco, plans to observe the one-day boycott.

"The prices are absurd," he says.

But gas station employees say the campaign won't have much effect.

"If people need the gas, they'll pump it," Ernesto Giron says at a Shell station in downtown San Francisco.

Economists don't expect higher gas prices to trigger inflation because they started from such a low point. Also, prices of imported goods and other commodities are low, which should help offset increases in gas prices, says Mike Englund, chief economist for Standard & Poor's MMS.

Major oil-producing countries agreed last month to cut output by 2.1 million barrels a day beginning April 1 to raise prices of crude oil, which hit a 12-year low in December. Oil officials in Mexico and Venezuela Monday repeated promises to abide by the production cuts.

The price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil for May delivery fell 17 cents Monday to $16.40 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

That was up from $10.72 in mid-December. But Victor Yu, an analyst for Refco, says crude oil prices could hit $18.50 a barrel by the end of the year.

The Energy Department predicts gasoline prices will peak in May at $1.18 a gallon and then average $1.13 a gallon through the summer.

Retirement plan offers $300 tax credits

WASHINGTON (AP) - Millions of working Americans would be eligible for $300 tax credits to encourage savings in new personal investment accounts for retirement, under a Clinton administration plan being unveiled Wednesday.

An administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that Clinton's long-awaited plan would provide an annual tax credit of $300 for workers to invest in a personal savings account similar to the 401(k) plans many businesses offer their workers.

In addition, Clinton would provide up to $700 as a government match to money workers save on their own.

President Clinton first proposed the accounts in his State of the Union speech back in January, as part of his overall plan for using $4.8 trillion in projected government surpluses expected over the next 15 years.

But the administration has struggled since that time to come up with details of its savings program, which Clinton has dubbed Universal Savings Accounts. Clinton and other administration officials were scheduled to unveil the proposal at a White House ceremony Tuesday.

Clinton sees the plan as a way to blunt a Republican drive in Congress for much broader income tax relief.

Clinton's plan is targeted to low and middle income workers and the government matching money for a worker's own savings would begin to phase out at household incomes around $40,000. Workers earning more than $100,000 would, for the most part, not be eligible for the program unless they don't have any retirement plan through work.

The administration estimates that about 124 million American workers would qualify for some benefits.

Clinton's budget projects that the accounts would cost $96 billion through 2004 and $536 billion through 2014 - using up about 12% of the surpluses.

Clinton has proposed that the bulk of the long-term surplus - about 77% - go to bolster Social Security and Medicare.

Clinton's framework for rescuing the federal retirement programs, however, has come under heavy Republic criticism.

By unveiling the details of the targeted tax relief Tuesday, one day before Americans must file their tax returns, the administration hopes to generate new support for its plan to save Social Security.

The new USA program would be in addition to Social Security retirement benefits, designed to most help low- and moderate-income workers and those who don't have pension plans on the job.

Magician emerges after being buried alive

NEW YORK (AP) - Seven days after he entered a transparent coffin set 6 feet into the ground, magician David Blaine was helped out Monday looking fit but slightly wobbly.

Hundreds of spectators cheered when the 3-ton tank of water that covered his see-through coffin was lifted and Blaine sat up and smiled.

"I saw something very prophetic...a vision of every race, every religion, every age group banding together, and that made all this worthwhile," he told the crowd.

The shirtless, tattooed magician donned sunglasses and stepped unsteadily out of the coffin, aided by security people, and was taken to a doctor for a checkup.

The coffin had given him only about 6 inches of headroom and 2 inches on each side.

Blaine has insisted that the subterranean sojourn was not a publicity stunt - he has a television special scheduled Wednesday on ABC - but a test of will.

His hero, Harry Houdini, planned a similar feat but died in 1926 before he could perform it.

Two guards from Sunrise Security Services Inc., hired by the event's promoter, had been at the site 24 hours a day. Air was pumped into the coffin, but Blaine said he was given no food and received only 3 to 4 tablespoons of water a day through an intravenous tube. A plastic container and tube handled toilet necessities.

In case of emergency, there was a panic button in the coffin, a crane to quickly remove the water tank, and round-the-clock medical personnel.

Thousands of people had visited the grave on Manhattan's upper West Side, waving and staring through the water in the tank at Blaine in his Plexiglas coffin. Spokesman Pat Smith estimated that some 75,000 people had visited the site.

O.J. says he was attacked by gunman in golf course parking lot

LOS ANGELES (AP) - O.J. Simpson wrestled and bit a gunman who tried to rob him Tuesday in the parking lot of a golf course, police said. Simpson was cut on the hand during the attack.

Simpson chased the assailant in his car while calling police on his cellular phone, but gave up because the man was running red lights and police told Simpson to pull over.

Nobody has been arrested, said Officer Jason Lee, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Simpson, in a phone interview from home with The Associated Press, called the incident at Los Feliz Golf Course "the weirdest thing."

"I had finished playing golf and was walking to the car saying goodbye to my buddies," he said. "I was taking my shoes off between cars and I sensed someone coming up behind me. I turned around and he was holding a gun on me.

"I said, 'Man, why do you want to screw up your life? Take my car. You don't want to do this.'"

He said the man looked at him and called him by his name, saying "O.J., I hear you carry a lot of money."

The assailant seemed intent on robbing him, Simpson said, but when he offered him money and his credit cards, he didn't take them.

"This guy looked like a regular solid citizen," he said. "In his 40s, very clean cut. I might have taken him for an off-duty policeman."

Simpson said he told him people would see him aiming the gun, but the man refused to leave.

Asked if he thought the incident was an attempted car jacking, he said, "He didn't want the car, he wanted me."

In 1994, Simpson was acquitted of murdering ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. However, he later was found liable for their deaths in a civil trial and was ordered to pay $33.5 million in damages.

Dry weather raises Florida wildfire threat

TALLAHASSEE, Florida (AP) - Florida's governor declared a state of emergency Tuesday as windy, dry weather raised the threat of wildfires across the Southeast, where flames have blackened thousands of acres of forest and brush.

Residents of 60 homes near Wilkesboro in western North Carolina remained under an evacuation order Tuesday because of that state's largest fire, which had burned 600 acres. The blaze was 75% contained.

The declaration Monday night by Florida Gov. Jeb Bush allows the National Guard to help firefighters, and two Blackhawk helicopters were immediately put to work dumping water on fires in Hillsborough and Polk counties.

"The governor is being proactive and putting all his tools in the toolbox," said Jon Myatt, a spokesman for the Florida Military Department. National Guard helicopters also fought fires in Tennessee over the weekend. Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for help, and all outdoor burning permits were suspended.

Bush noted that an index of fire potential calculated by Florida's Division of Forestry was above 600 - on a scale where 400 denotes significant danger. Humidity dropped to as low as 20%.

"We are in a red-alert day," said Fire Services Deputy Chief Frank Pocica. "We're in very dangerous, high-burn conditions."

Brush fires in central Florida on Monday blackened at least 1,400 acres and destroyed three houses. And weekend fires in southern Florida burned hundreds of acres of brush and grass southwest of Miami.

Weeks of drought also have dried out Georgia's forests, and the state Forestry Commission reported 131 fires on more than 5,000 acres Monday. That followed 119 weekend fires that forced a precautionary evacuation of campers from Stephen Foster State Park and briefly closed a major highway north of Atlanta.

"Yesterday was the roughest day we've had in recent years," Alan Dozier, chief of forest protection for the Georgia Forestry Commission, said Tuesday.

Nearly 30 weekend fires in eastern Tennessee more than 3,000 acres. Two vacation homes were destroyed. Arson was suspected in 11 fires.

Unlike the other states in the region, North Carolina got help from the weather as the wind died down Tuesday, and cloudy, humid weather is expected Wednesday.

Kevorkian sentenced to 10 to 25 years in prison for assisting death

Pontiac, Mich. - A Michigan judge on Tuesday sentenced Dr. Jack Kevorkian to 10 to 25 years in prison, despite emotional courtroom pleas on his behalf from the widow and brother of the terminally ill man he was convicted of killing.

Judge Jessica Cooper of Oakland County Circuit Court, who denied bail to Kevorkian, 70, said his flouting of the law had given prosecutors and the courts no choice but to remove him from society.

"This trial was not about the political or moral correctness of euthanasia," Cooper said. "It was about you, sir. It was about lawlessness."

Referring to the "60 Minutes" program that featured a videotape of Kevorkian's administering the lethal injection that resulted in the charges, Cooper said that Kevorkian had "the audacity to go on national television, show the world what you did and dare the legal system to stop you."

"Well, sir, consider yourself stopped."

The corridor outside the courtroom was crowded with foes of Kevorkian, who burst into applause after the sentencing. Kevorkian, who had talked on a cellular telephone in the courtroom before the sentencing, smiled as he was led out by bailiffs. He had declined to speak in his defense. One of his lawyers, Michael Schwartz, said that on hearing the sentence Kevorkian had softly uttered, "Justice?"

A jury convicted Kevorkian on March 26 of second-degree murder in the death of Thomas Youk, a 52-year-old accountant who lived in suburban Detroit and suffered from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease. His widow, Melody Youk, gave a statement to the court Tuesday that bitterly criticized prosecutors and cast Kevorkian as someone who was merely carrying out the wishes of her husband.

Saying that she wished she had been able to speak at the trial, Mrs. Youk said that her husband "would be greatly distressed that the man who brought him peace at the end would now suffer on his account."

She said that Youk had decided before contacting Kevorkian that he wished to end his life.

"I was crushed," Mrs. Youk said. But she said she bent to her husband's wishes.

Youk had tried several kinds of experimental drugs and therapies, she said, but he had virtually lost all use of his body.

"My husband had come to the end of his life as he chose it," she said. "He was not depressed. He was not a victim."

But John Skrzynski, the prosecutor, said Kevorkian had used Youk as part of his effort to rally support for euthanasia and assisted suicide.

"The defendant chose to put us in this sad situation," he said. "This is not a case where the prosecutor went looking for Kevorkian."

The doctor, who plans to appeal, his lawyers say, must serve more than six years before being eligible for parole under Michigan guidelines.

Cooper told Kevorkian that whatever his views on euthanasia, he must follow the rules of a democratic society.

"We are a nation of laws," she said. "We have a civilized and nonviolent way of resolving conflict. You can criticize the law. You can gripe. You can lecture. You can petition the voters. But you may not take the law into your own hands."

The judge noted that voters in Michigan last November defeated by a wide margin a measure that would have legalized assisted suicide.

She said the law was clear.

"When you purposely inject another human being with what you know is a lethal dose, that, sir, is murder."

She also noted that Kevorkian had lost his medical license in Michigan eight years ago, and that he had no permission to hold the sorts of toxic drugs he used to kill Youk.

"You had no right to be in control of any kind of controlled substance, let alone deliver it to someone else," she said.

She said she was denying bond because she did not know whether Kevorkian could be trusted to stop assisting suicides, even though one of his his lawyers, Mayer Morganroth, said he had made such a promise.

"I question whether you will ever cease and desist," the judge said.

This was the fifth time in a decade that prosecutors had tried Kevorkian in the deaths of seriously ill people. Three trials ended in acquittal. A fourth trial ended in a mistrial. In those cases, he had not been charged with murder but with violating laws against assisted suicide. In some of those trials, families of the dead had given emotional statements defending Kevorkian's actions.

But this trial, at which Kevorkian insisted on defending himself, was different because prosecutors were able to use a videotape Kevorkian made of himself injecting Youk with lethal chemicals in September. Kevorkian took the tape to the CBS News program "60 Minutes," which broadcast it in November along with an interview in which Kevorkian dared prosecutors to file charges against him.

Another of Kevorkian's lawyers, Schwartz, criticized the sentence as unduly harsh. He also noted that Kevorkian had recently indicated he would go on a hunger strike in prison.

"This is a civil rights case," Schwartz said in an interview after the sentencing. "This was not about Jack Kevorkian."

Saying that Kevorkian was "not some cold-blooded murderer," Schwartz said he failed to understand how the judge could view him as a threat to society.

Terrence Youk, a brother of Thomas Youk, said after the sentencing that he found it "outrageous, but not surprising."

In the courtroom, Youk had urged the judge to show leniency for Kevorkian, and charged that prosecutors had been "disingenuous" by casting his late brother as a victim of the doctor's.

"Tom fought the courageous and inspired fight," he said. But he said his brother had become "a prisoner in his own body."

He said his brother would have spasms of choking on his own saliva. "He was caught in hell," Youk said, his voice breaking.

He said his brother had ultimately decided to die "from a stable, well-informed point of view," and that he had often lamented that although he did not want to die, he could not go on living in such a manner.

Terrence Youk accused the prosecution of hypocrisy.

"Why doesn't the prosecutor charge me with conspiracy to commit murder?" he said, saying that he had composed his brother's letter to Kevorkian and arranged their initial meeting.

He said his brother's intentions had been very clear. "This was no one else's decision but his."

He added, "History will judge us harshly for such a lack of insight and compassion."

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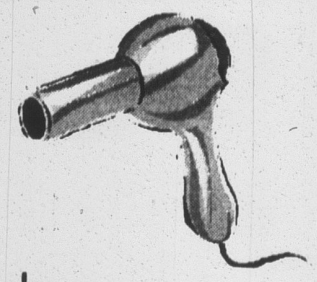

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U-WIRE NEWS

College education worth investment, study shows

By Heather Buxton
Clemson U.

(U-WIRE) CLEMSON, S.C. - As Clemson University students work toward that coveted diploma, they can rest assured that their hours of study and their parents' tuition payments are not in vain. A recent study has proven that a college education does indeed pay off.

The study, "The Market for College Graduates in South Carolina," treats a college education as a financial investment, comparing the costs with current wages.

"This allows you to compare the returns you get on a college education with returns like in the stock market," said study author Curtis Simon, associate professor of economics at the University.

Simon found that the number of South Carolina workers with either a two- or four-year college degree increased from 1980 to 1990, from 14.1 to 18 percent.

According to the study, four-year graduates earn an average of 60-65 percent more than high school graduates do. Two-year graduates earn an average of 29-33 percent more than high school graduates do.

When these wages are taken into consideration with the cost of higher education, both two- and four-year degrees have a return rate of approximately 10 percent relative to high school degrees.

"The major finding is that the returns to two- and four-year college degrees in South Carolina are fairly substantial," said Simon.

Simon's findings also revealed that South Carolina returns are lower than those in Georgia, North Carolina, and the United States as a whole. South Carolina also has fewer college graduates in its workforce.

Though his study does not offer any specific reasons for this disparity, Simon does have some theories.

"Perhaps the lack of major urban markets or large research areas might be some causes," he said. "It could also reflect the preparation for college across states."

The study also found that the return on college education was consistently higher for black students than white students.

Though Simon would not speculate as to the causes of the differences, he did suggest that perhaps the results indicate that colleges should work to attract more minority students. Overall, however, the findings were not considerably significant.

"[The returns for black and white graduates] are in the same ballpark," he said.

According to Simon, the most important results of the study were those that proved how valuable a college education can be.

"What it shows is how important it is to give our children as high a level of skill as possible," he said. "A college education does pay off."

In light of the study, Simon hopes parents and educators will keep the results in mind and concentrate on preparing their students for college.

With the growing internationalism of South Carolina, it is becoming easier to understand each individual's role and the place of the United States in the world.

"We should exploit our advantage," Simon said. "Our advantage is education."

Signing off: College students try to fight Internet addiction

By Rodney Thrash
Northwestern U.

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. - College students have been fighting alcoholism for years, but the '90s have brought a new addiction - the Internet, Dr. Kimberly Young said last Friday at the third annual Networking Conference at Norris University Center.

Young, who considers herself a "cyberpsychologist," led 40 college students and professionals in a discussion of the Internet's positive and negative effects on college campuses.

The one-day conference was sponsored by the Chicago Consortium for Prevention, an organization that links h alth professionals and Chicago college stude.ts.

Internet addiction is a serious problem that needs to be addressed on college campuses, said Young, founder and director of the Center for Online Addiction.

"There is an over-the-line format, and people can abuse the Internet," the University of Pittsburgh assistant professor of psychology said. "It's a sort of diversion, and they can take it to excess. Just like any good thing, it'll become an addiction."

Young compared the use of the Internet on college campuses to an alcohol addiction.

"Having a glass of wine at dinner is fine, but if I'm getting drunk every night, clearly that's bad," she said.

Young, who said she believes there are positive benefits of the Internet, blames people who abuse those benefits for their addiction.

"Technology isn't to blame," she said. "It's how frequently it's used."

College administrators are also to blame because they over-emphasize the importance of Internet access, said Lisa Kerr, Loyola University's director of retention.

College freshmen are easy victims of the Internet because they are overwhelmed by the transition from high school to college, Young said.

"You're homesick and you're not popular anymore like you were in high school, so you don't feel like you fit in," she said. "There are a lot of developmental things going on, too. You don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend, and the Internet becomes a wonderful haven."

Impersonal relationships formed on the Internet encourage people to go online too often, said Esther Barnes, a McCormick freshman who attended Young's speech.

"The Internet is a substitute for people who aren't sociable or are having problems being social," Barnes said.

The Internet definitely can lead to social isolation, said Julie Koenigsberger, director of the Wellness Center at University of Illinois at Chicago.

"It's dangerous and difficult to develop an intimate relationship with a person, whether it's romantic or not, when you don't know who the true person is," she said.

Using the Internet as a substitute, Young said, can have other negative effects. Among them are relationship break-ups, lack of sleep, financial debt, backaches, eyestrain, poor nutrition, and academic failure.

But the Internet is beneficial for college students, who can use it as a support group to combat problems such as alcohol abuse, said David Barnett, Ph.D., of the University of Illinois at Chicago's Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns.

"The Internet gets information out to students, and it makes them aware of consequences of alcohol and drug abuse," he said.

And Internet addictions can be controlled, said Annann Hong, Northwestern's co-director of health education and coordinator of the conference.

"Treatment for addiction is one of moderation, not of complete abstinence or elimination," Hong said.

Generation X students outline attitude change

By Colleen Kuenzig
Virginia Tech

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. — Combating apathetic stereotypes and calling for commitment to higher ethical leadership are just two of the objectives discussed in a report by 50 Generation Xers released Friday.

Proposed in Washington, D.C., April 8, the report, "The Content of Our Character," states, "Contrary to stereotypes, today's generation is not unlike the generations of yesterday: we are reflective, experienced and not easily impressed by rhetoric."

The group started the first of a series of town meetings Monday night in four cities across the country, said Gregg Behr, graduate student at Duke University and the leader of the report preparation. In Charlottesville, Va., Durham, N.C., Philadelphia and San Jose, Calif., the town meetings are bringing together youth and professionals to encourage dialogue surrounding the report.

Behr said there are three objectives behind "The Content of Our Character" and the town meetings:

To express a vision for ethical analysis for personal, professional and civic life,

To create a vision not common among Generation X; to break the apathetic stereotypes, and

To ignite dialogue about what these principles mean in local communities.

The report was conceived in the summer of 1995 by a group of Truman scholars interning in Washington, D.C., Behr said the group discussed what it would mean to express the voices of Generation X for a common vision.

"The Content of Our Character" encourages voter responsibility, community involvement, political accountability and environmental awareness.

The report states, "We must educate our peers, our children and our children's children about the importance of civic engagement and community service."

One of the focus points, "Political Compromise and Mediation," challenges today's political leaders, accusing them of feeding media frenzy and working for selfish gain.

The report states, "True leadership means being honest about solutions rather than chasing headlines. Politicians should roll up their sleeves, encourage honest debate and get to the root causes of complicated problems."

Charles Taylor, director of undergraduate studies for political science at

Virginia Tech, said he is glad to see Generation Xers take this initiative.

"I certainly agree with those values, I like very much the notion that politics is not about sound bytes," Taylor said.

Taylor said the report reflects a certain sense of maturity from Generation X, but also a change in the general underlying culture.

He said unhappiness with today's politicians has led to the values expressed by the report, and White House scandals were only the surface of such frustration.

"The last two, three or four presidential elections have promised much, but without much substance behind them," Taylor said.

"The Content of Our Character addresses more issues including:

- Commitment to bridging racial and class divisions in schools,
- Recommendations for educational partnerships between public school systems and community resources,
- Advancement programs to increase health care delivery to under-served areas, and
- Support for universal health insurance.

Bust of Hitler found on steps of Indiana U. Hillel

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Monday afternoon, two Indiana University students discovered a bust of Adolf Hitler on the steps of the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center. The incident comes at the beginning of Holocaust Remembrance Week.

Two students found a bag and a letter on the steps of the Hillel Center.

"The note said 'Happy Holocaust Remembrance Day from the man who made it all possible,'" Friedman said. Inside the bag was a bust of Adolf Hitler, which was made from plaster.

The Hillel Center staff called the IU Police Department. At the time, police said there had been other anti-Semitic literature left in the area around Sixth Street. Friedman said she was concerned about the bust and literature appearing this week.

"Tomorrow is Yom Hashoah, which is the Jewish remembrance of the Holocaust," Friedman said. "We have a number of events going on and we are concerned something more might happen...this has crossed the line of freedom of speech."

IUPD Lt. Jerry Minger said police are looking at the connection that this incident might have with other anti-Semitic literature around campus.

U. California-Berkeley Sigma Chi members accused of hate crime

By Daniel Hernandez
U. California-Berkeley

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - Berkeley police are investigating a possible hate crime involving members of a UC Berkeley fraternity that has left one student with a broken jaw that has to be wired shut for nearly a month.

While members of the Sigma Chi fraternity are maintaining that the brawl that occurred during the early hours of March 13 was not racially fueled, senior Octavio Castro said this week that the fight occurred after he and his friends were called racial epithet.

The assault, which occurred March 13 at approximately 2:20 a.m., is being investigated as a hate crime, said Berkeley police Capt. Bobby Miller.

"No one is arrested or charged," Miller said. "Right now we don't know who is responsible or have any leads. The case is suspended until further information develops."

Castro said he and two of his friends were walking up Durant Avenue when they came across three men who were yelling racial slurs.

"They just started yelling, 'Foreigners suck' and 'Go America' and 'Immigrants, you should go back where you came from,'" Castro said. "Then they started going through the whole gamut, 'spics,' 'niggers' and then 'whites rule.'"

According to Castro, the members of Sigma Chi were yelling so loud that residents in the Unit 1 dormitory opened their windows and yelled out for them to be quiet.

The three men, Castro said, then walked into the Sigma Chi fraternity house on College Avenue. While his friends kept on walking, Castro said he stayed in front of the house.

"I just stood out there because I was pissed - I'm Mexican," he said.

In the moment when his friends turned around to get him to keep on walking, three or more men came out of the fraternity house, and then an altercation ensued, Castro said.

"One of them pushed my friend then a fight started," he said. "One of the guys ran up to me and hit me in the face. [That's when] my jaw was broken."

Since the incident, Castro has missed classes for nearly two weeks and had to have his jaw wired shut. He has been sustaining himself on a liquid diet since that night, which has resulted in him losing 17 pounds.

But, according to Renzo Iturrino, president of the UC Berkeley Sigma Chi chapter, Castro and his friends were the ones that followed and provoked the three members of Sigma Chi.

"Three of our members of different backgrounds, one Mexican, one Brazilian and one Caucasian, were walking down [the street] drinking and having a good time," Iturrino said. "At Top Dog, the members of the other fraternity thought they heard something and proceeded to follow them up the hill."

According to Iturrino and other officers of the Sigma Chi, Castro and his friends could not have heard what they allege because the members of Sigma Chi involved were of varied ethnic backgrounds.

"It doesn't make too much sense since one of the members in that group is Mexican-American and the other is Brazilian," said Peter Kim, one of Sigma Chi's alumni advisors.

Iturrino said that Castro and his friends were the ones who instigated the fight outside the Sigma Chi house.

"(Castro and his friends) followed (the members of Sigma Chi) to the front of our house," Iturrino said. "Some aggravated words were exchanged, two of our members came out, one of them was pushed and a fight started."

According to Castro, members of Sigma Chi have been "uncooperative" with police investigators since the March 13 fight, a charge that Iturrino called completely false.

"We have been cooperating with police at all times," he said. "As far as our members are concerned, the word 'assault' was thrown out there, they were scared so some contacted attorneys. That's not being uncooperative, that's their absolute right."

Kim added that 30 percent of Sigma Chi's members and three out of five of its officers are of ethnic minorities.

"This cuts home to me, this is a fraternity that I am proud of, and I am proud of my Korean heritage," Kim said.

Iturrino said the three members of their chapter are being "penalized" for their involvement in the fight, varying from fines to exclusion from social activities.

"We have a judicial committee in the house that takes care of that," he said. "Physical confrontations is probably the worst thing you can do as a member of this house."

Iturrino also said that Sigma Chi has contacted other UC Berkeley student groups that may take offense in hearing about the allegations, including other UC Berkeley fraternities and cultural groups.

"The whole story was actually rather shocking," Iturrino said. "There's just no way that could have come out of our members."

But Castro said that Sigma Chi is just trying to smooth over the unacceptable actions of three of its members.

"At first I felt guilty - maybe I should have walked on, but I thought, 'No, stuff like that shouldn't happen, especially at a place like Berkeley," he said.

Castro said there was no doubt in his mind that members of Sigma Chi were yelling out racial slurs, citing the many Unit 1 residents who awakened from their sleep by the loud yelling from the fraternity members.

"People from Unit 1 heard them say it, we weren't the only ones who heard them say it, they're lying," Castro said.

He added that the members of Sigma Chi who were yelling out the racial slurs knew they had committed an error when they apologized to him and his friends.

"One of the guys in their house apologized, he knew they were in the wrong," Castro said. "Right now, they're just trying to cover their asses."

But Iturrino and Kim said that - at worst - the incident on March 13 was merely a fight between members of two fraternities.

"Both sides were intoxicated," Kim said. "Maybe (Castro) does believe that's true; but it just does not make sense. Also, we were the ones who called the cops."

Castro, who said he has not been a member of a fraternity for nearly two years, said that no matter what the Sigma Chi members' ethnic background is, they cannot deny that they yelled out racial slurs on March 13.

"He could be Benito Jaurez, I don't care, he can't go around saying that stuff," Castro said. "That wasn't the issue, the issue was they said it."

He added that the Sigma Chi brothers responsible for yelling racial slurs and breaking his jaw that night should be held accountable for their actions.

"I'd like to see them apologize," Castro said, "not just to me but to the rest of the people who had to hear that crap."

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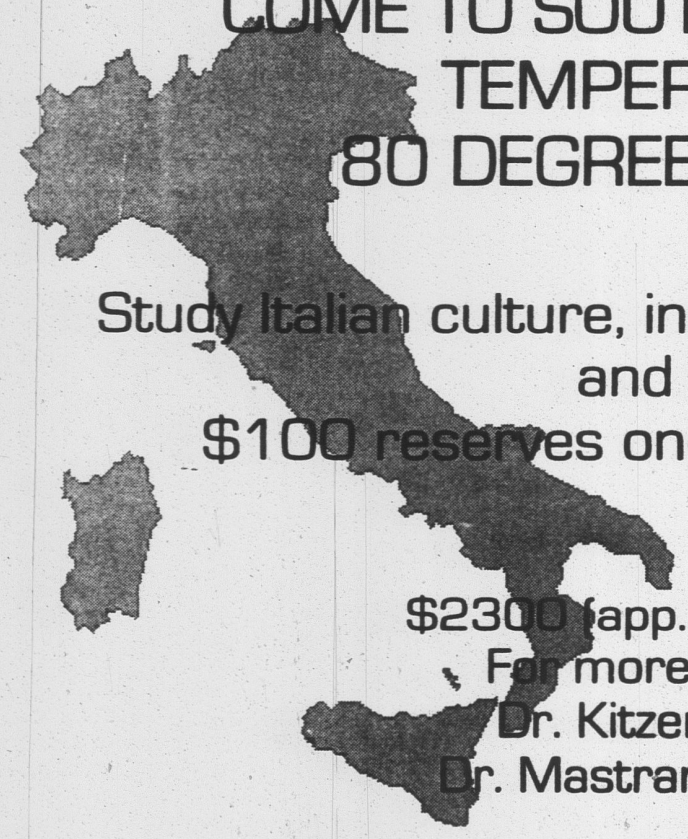

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Calendar of Events

Friday, April 16
Alpha Gamma Delta Formal
Alpha Phi Omega Formal
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Worship Team
3 p.m., Early Registration: Fall Semester 1999 - TUB A/B

Saturday, April 17
Campus Visitation Day
10 a.m., Track and Field at Slippery Rock Open
10 a.m., Kappa Delta Girl Scout Philanthropy - Down Under
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
11 a.m., Men's Tennis vs. Gannon
11:30 a.m., CVD Faculty Fair - TUB Main Lounge
1 p.m., Baseball vs. Hillsdale
1 p.m., Softball vs. Findlay
3 p.m., Senior Piano Recital: Laurie Chamberlin - Orr
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel

Sunday, April 18
AGD Initiation Service and Feast of Roses - Chapel
Greek Week
1 p.m., Baseball vs. Hillsdale
1 p.m., Softball vs. Hillsdale
3 p.m., Westminster Choral and Women's Chorus Concert - Chapel
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Vespers, Dr. Ronald Sider, Christy Lecture Series - Chapel
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

Monday, April 19
Greek Week
11:40 a.m., Chapel Communion, Wayne Nickerson
5 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi meeting - Alpha Sigma Phi House
5:30 p.m., Panhel meeting - TUB A/B
5:30-8 p.m., ZTA meeting - TCF 116
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6 p.m., Phi Mu meeting - PH 112/113
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6:30 p.m., Kappa Delta meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
7 p.m., BSU meeting - PH 231
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230

Tuesday, April 20
File your FAFSA
Greek Week
3 p.m., Men's Tennis vs. Malone
7:30 p.m., Gospel Choir Exec. Committee - TUB A/B
8 p.m., Westminster Orchestra Concert - Orr
9 p.m., Campus Crusade for Christ - OM 210
9 p.m., Circle K meeting - TUB A/B

Wednesday, April 21
Greek Week
SAVE meeting - TCF 111
11:30 a.m., Faculty Forum, Tim Wooster "Discover Your Potential and More About Those Pesky Electrons" - PH 131
3 p.m., Softball vs. Point Park
4 p.m., English Dept. Colloquium, Scrawl Poetry Reading - TUB A/B
4:15-5:30 p.m., Phi Sigma Tau meeting - PH 116
7 p.m., SGA meeting - TCF 116
8 p.m., CPC meeting - TUB A/B
9 p.m., Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

Thursday, April 22
Greek Week
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Bookstore Spring Sale - TUB Lounge
3 p.m., Softball vs. Geneva
6 p.m., Greek Week: Mock Trial - Orr
7 p.m., IFC meeting - TUB A/B
8-9 p.m., Lambda Sigma meeting - TUB A/B

Friday, April 23
Greek Week
7:15 a.m., Geology Field Trip - West Virginia
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Bookstore Spring Sale - TUB Lounge
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Flutes for Lunch - Orr Lower Lobby
11:40 a.m., Chapel
10-10 p.m., JT's Cafe - Down Under

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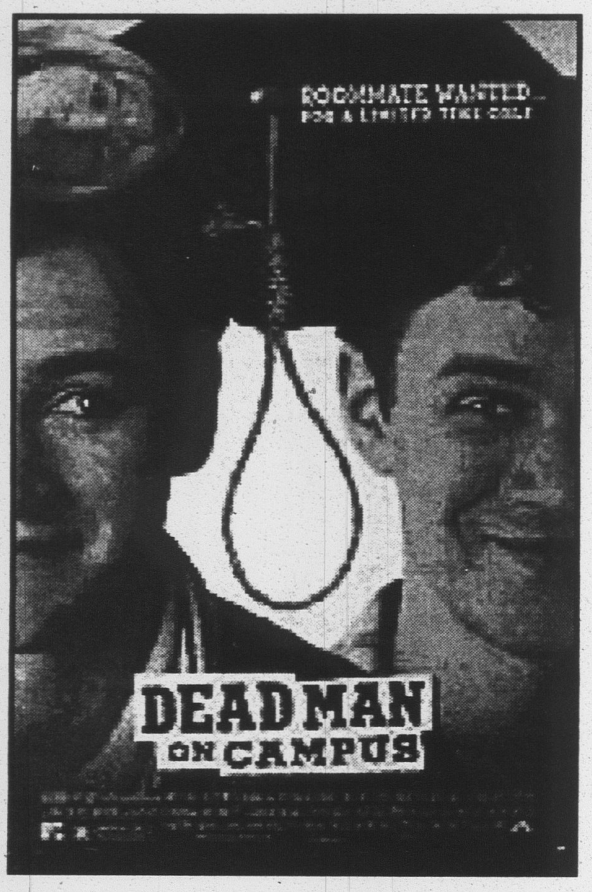

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Campus visitation promotes college

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

The college held its first campus visitation day of spring semester on April 17. Despite the cold and cloudy weather, it drew about 100 prospective students and their parents.

"I was really impressed with the campus," said Rob Schuller, a sophomore from West Middlesex, "And all the computer labs were pretty cool."

A full slate of activities awaited the students. At registration, folders were given out. They contained a fact sheet on the college, an application, a schedule of events and other pamphlets. After a brief welcoming ceremony, students and parents were then separated to attend forums.

The parents met in Beeghly Theater for a discussion of financial aid led by Robert Latta, director of financial aid. He explained the various types of financial aid available for incoming students.

Parents then asked questions ranging from divorced parents affecting the amount of money given to requirements for keeping scholarships. A major item of interest was the college's upcoming switch to NCAA Division III and how it would affect athletic scholarships.

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Photo by Courtney Behm

Prospective students toured campus, questioned professors, and spoke with current students on campus visititation day.

Photo by Brad Dell

A Man For All Seasons **plays in Beeghly Theater April 28-May 1.**

Faculty, staff to appear in *A Man For All Seasons*

By Darcie Yobp
STAFF WRITER

A Man For All Seasons, Theatre Westminster's final production of the school year, focuses on a timeless problem that pertains to all of humanity. And with three faculty/staff members in the cast, a larger cast than usual, and a guest director, this play should be anything but boring. It is certainly destined for box office success.

This drama by Robert Bolt details the life of Sir Thomas More, who, in the 16th century, was faced with a decision between betraying his religious convictions or dying by beheading. He chose the latter.

Senior theatre major, Ed Sciulli, who portrays the martyr, said that this drama makes one examine the choices he/she makes. "More is honest to what he believes in and won't let go of that for anything," said Sciulli. "We too often don't do that."

"He [More] is a man for our age, for any age," agreed Father Robert J. Miller (Father Bob), director. "He took a courageous stand and witness for what he knew to be right; [he is] a person to look at and emulate."

According to the cast and crew, this production of *A Man For All Seasons* has even more to offer than guidance and inspiration.

Sciulli and fellow theatre major Rachel Helgeson (Lady Margaret More) said the play's roles are demanding, but powerful and immersing. Since, according to Sciulli, age is the hardest characteristic to simulate, it is fortunate that faculty members Les Thomas, Dr. Walter Scheid, and Celebrity Series Director Gene DeCaprio were cast as King Henry the Eighth, the Duke of Norfolk and Cardinal Wolsey, respectively.

While Sciulli was at first wary of working with professors, he recently commented, "it's been fantastic; it's great that students and faculty can mix, and all be on the same level." (As an example, Helgeson said she was "shocked" when Scheid insisted he be called Wally.)

For Thomas, technical director of Beeghly Theater, this production also meant mixing with the cast on a different level. For the first time he is both on stage and working behind the scenes. "It's a strange, difficult switch to go from technical director to actor between scenes, but I'm enjoying being more a part of the process."

The process included the challenge of working with a large cast (14 members). Thomas said planning rehearsals around 21 different schedules—including crew—was not easy.

Adjusting to a new director was also an obstacle. "Dr. Guthrie [resident director] already knows our abilities and can push us to our limits," said Sciulli. "Father Bob has to find our abilities and bring them out."

But Thomas said working with a guest

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ALLIES hopes to educate, support, encourage students

By Brad Dell
STAFF WRITER

Last semester, the *Princeton Review* ranked Westminster as the fifth most homophobic college in the nation. This semester, with the formation of ALLIES, the college has taken a huge step to prove that ranking wrong.

"ALLIES helps people in this school who have been silent," said freshman M. Reifstek. "Now they have a voice."

According to its constitution, "ALLIES exists with two intentions. First, it intends to provide visible, tangible support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) members of the community. Second it intends to educate the campus community on gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered issues."

Sophomore Nathaniel Sizemore, an ALLIES officer, explained why he believes ALLIES is necessary for the community.

"I've had friends on this campus, who have since graduated, that had problems with being gay at Westminster. I want ALLIES to be like a meeting between a bunch of friends, where anyone can come and know that they can talk freely to sympathetic people."

ALLIES was co-founded by '95 graduate

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Saturday: Showers High 63 Low 41

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CAMPUS LIFE

Wide variety of cluster courses being offered for fall semester

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

Still looking classes to take next semester? Registration was last week, but maybe you still need another class, or maybe you don't like the choices you have made. How about taking a cluster course?

Cluster courses are part of the new curriculum instituted last year. A cluster course is two linked classes, taught by at least two faculty members from separate disciplines. The purpose of a cluster course is to offer students the opportunity to integrate knowledge from two different areas of study. All students in the new curriculum are required to take at least one cluster course. They are usually taken during sophomore and junior years.

Next semester, students have several clusters from which they can choose.

"The Art and Science of Nature" is taught by Professor of Biology Ann Throckmorton and Peggy Cox, professor of art. It will explore the methods that artists and scientists use to investigate and observe the natural world. Much of the class will be spent outside observing nature, doing experiments, and making artwork. A three-hour lab is part of the class.

Another cluster being offered is "Sporting Spirit and Social Intellect," taught by English Professor Richard Sprow, and History Professor Gene Sharkey. This cluster will study social aspects of the U.S. throughout the history of the country. A particular emphasis will be placed on sports and the way in which they reflect and symbolize the characteristics of American life. The course will focus upon the attitudes, thoughts, and behaviors of Americans through time.

The English and history departments are also offering a cluster, which combines Holocaust Literature and European History from 1900-1945. Taught by Dr. Betsy Ford of the English department and Dr. Verena Botzenhart-Viehe of the history department, this course was offered last fall for the first time. It studies the history of the Holocaust, as well as issues of intolerance and diversity.

"I'm really excited about teaching the course again. [Clusters] encourage faculty members from different departments to get to know each other and it just seems natural at Westminster," Ford said. "The cluster courses have the same creativity as the J-term courses had. They bring that spirit back and are taught for a longer duration than J-term. The clusters are my favorite thing about the new curriculum".

LLP student Judith Compher took the Holocaust/Literature cluster last fall and agrees.

"The concept of a cluster where a student gets a look at things from two disciplines is fascinating," Compher said. "The professors worked very hard together to blend and overlay the two disciplines so the course was truly a cluster and not just two classes."

Sociology Professor Phyllis Kitzerow and communications instructor Cary Horvath have paired for a small-group communication and deviance cluster. The cluster called "Letting Them in and Keeping Them Out" explores how groups form, work together, become close, break up, and label deviants.

Another offered cluster is "Myths, Folktales and Mud: Interpretations in Clay," taught by Dr. Jacob Erhardt of modern languages, and Dr. Kathy Koop of art.

"This course analyzes the form of myths, folktales, and legends in their cultural contexts. Students gain an understanding of the meaning and structure of literature and the visual arts by interpreting prose narratives through the medium of clay sculpture," Erhardt said. A trip to the Cleveland Art Museum is an important part of the course.

Another cluster being offered is "Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective and The Studies in Hispanic Literature and Culture: Images of Women," taught by Dr. Bari De Lopez and Dr. Kristen Park.

Photo by Courtney Behm
Katie Brentzel and Meghan Duda will serve as co-editors for the *Holcad*.

Student publications choose new editors

By Emily Thomas
STAFF WRITER

The three student publications have chosen new editors-in-chief for the 99-00 school year.

The college yearbook, *The Argo*, which has gone through several changes and additions in the last month, recently appointed Andrea Bean as next year's editor-in-chief.

Bean, a graduate of Wilmington High School, has experience in both journalism and yearbook layout.

The "newspaper experience was helpful. If I didn't have that, I wouldn't have done this" said Bean.

Bean said that at first she was a little worried about applying for the position because of her freshman status. However, after discussing it with the current editor Amy Polan, she was confident enough to go through with it.

"[I] had a good experience senior year, and thought that it'd be a good way to get involved," said Bean.

Bean said she has no major changes in store for *The Argo*. However, one small alteration that she hopes to make is to place a greater emphasis on campus organizations in the book.

The Holcad has also filled its editor position for the 99-00 school year. Sophomores Meghan Duda and Katie Brentzel will share the job. Co-editors are not common for the *Holcad*, but according to Sheila McBride, chair of the student publications board, this is not the first time two students have headed the paper.

Duda, a graduate of Harbor Creek High School, has previous experiences on school papers. She was a writer and the sports editor for her high school paper, and has been a staff writer for the *Holcad* for two semesters.

Brentzel, a graduate of Penn Trafford High School, also has prior knowledge of student publications. She was on the high school yearbook staff and on the staff of *The Argo*. She also has written for the *Holcad* the last two semesters.

Duda first heard about the position from journalism teacher and *Holcad* advisor, Jim Raykie. He "approached me to see if I was interested," Duda said.

"[I] wanted to do something with the Holcad...so I talked to Jim Raykie about it," Brentzel said. "I almost didn't do it until I talked to Meghan, and we decided to do it as co-editors."

"We really pushed for it. [Sharing the position was] a good idea," said Duda. "It will give us two sets of eyes going over it. A lot goes into it-there's more to it than just spell-check."

The idea was brought up to the Student Publications Board who then voted on and approved the proposal.

By having co-editors-in-chief, the duties and salaries of the editor-in-chief and managing editor have been combined, and they will be split equally between Duda and Brentzel.

Both women agree that the current editor, Laura Butchy, has done an excellent job with the paper. They hope to continue in the direction she's taken it.

It has been "a year of refinement. I hope to build on it to become more proficient in covering student interests," said Duda.

The final editorial position filled was editor of *Scrawl*. The student literary magazine will be headed by junior Shelly Stevenson.

Stevenson has experience in writing, and is a published poet. Her work has appeared in *Scrawl* for the past two years, in *East of the Sunrise*, and *The Best Poems of the '90s*. She has also been on the *Scrawl* selection committee for two years.

"I'm very grateful that I was chosen, and I hope to do as good a job as my predecessors," Stevenson said, "and I want to make *Scrawl* the best it's ever been."

McBride said she feels that the new editors have exceptional commitments to student life and journalism. Their involvement in college life and their willingness to take on the responsibility particularly impresses her. "That'll make the publications a real contribution to campus life."

McBride emphasized that positions on these staffs are open to any student on campus. Interested students should contact the advisor or visit the publication's office for more information.

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T.J. Greggs. His first action was to create anti-hate signs, which read, "This is a hate-free zone. This space does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, physical disabilities, or sexual orientation. There is plenty of room in the world for all of us." The pink signs were distributed to the resident life staff, as well as any individual or organization that desired one.

"People have told me that they think it is really cool that I have a hate free zone poster on my door," said sophomore R.A. Rachel Helgeson. "I think it creates an awareness of a variety of different groups that belong on this campus. We can be different kinds of people and still be a community."

Group co-founder Rachel Jones created an ALLIES support pin. The design consists of a blue background and a rainbow triangle with a pick circle in the middle. Within the circle are the letters WC. The WC stands for both Westminster College and Westminster Cares.

"The idea behind the pin was to have a visible sign of support," Jones said. "There are many people on campus who support GLBT issues, but no one knows who they are." Jones included the pink triangle, a symbol originating in Nazi Germany and later appropriated by the gay community, in her design.

"You don't have to be gay, or even in ALLIES to wear a pin," said Greggs. "Anyone who supports GLBT issues should wear one." Pins are available in the Student Affairs office.

Sizemore explained why the second goal of educating the campus is so important. "Reading things like the *Princeton Review* Ranking makes me angry. I don't thinking that this school a bunch of white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestants who are homophobic, biased and racist. I wouldn't have come here if that were the case," he said. "ALLIES just needs to make [the campus community] think about these issues and they will begin to take care of themselves. But we must be active."

To begin fulfilling this goal, Greggs has held educational programs called "Baby Steps" in Shaw, Ferguson, Jeffers, and Hillside resident halls.

After seeing his program in Hillside, Junior Emily Degoey remarked, "I grew up in a really small, conservative town. T.J. was the first openly gay person that I have ever heard speak. His program was a good and very positive first exposure."

ALLIES looks forward to being very active next fall. Members will work with the Diversity Symposium to provide more GLBT seminars, speakers, and movie discussions.

Special events are also being planned for National Coming Out Day. Because fall break conflicts with the actual date, the day will be celebrated on Thursday, October 7.

Membership in ALLIES is open to all members of the college community (students, faculty, administration, and staff), regardless of sexual orientation. The confidential meetings and held weekly. Contact T.J. Greggs at greggstj@westminster.edu or dellbe@westmisnter.edu for more information.

Chapel Corner: take advantage of opportunities

By Carrie Stickel and Keturah Laney
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Welcome to the fourth installment of the friendly Chapel Corner. It's no secret this semester is coming to a close - anyone else feel unmotivated to do school work? Time to cram all of your assignments, social events, and daily doses of sleep time into one 24-hour period. Wait! Don't check out just yet because there still are plenty of events to enjoy and time left to implement your best time management skills. There's tons happening inside and outside of WC. Here's a Top 10 list of guilt-free opportunities you can't afford to miss:

10. E-mail everyone you know while you still have access to a free account.

9. Check out what's going on in the world! Choose your medium: the Internet, an actual newspaper or an evening with Tom Brokaw or Dan Rather.

8. Give Blood: The third installment of the WC Blood Drives is Tuesday, April 27th from Noon - 6:00 p.m.

7. PLAY! Find a Frisbee and a friend or two, dust off that football, hackeysac. Stargaze and eat popcorn with a group of friends. Be creative!

6. Clean out your closets for Kosovo.

5. Celebrate at JT's Café tonight. The musical guest is Jason Rekker. If you like acoustic guitar and fresh, but insightful lyrics, then you don't want to miss Jason. (Of course, bring a friend, or two or fifteen.)

4. While you're into the entertainment scene, spend "An Afternoon on Broadway" with the Choir. Here's a chance to support the talent of you peers and catch some great tunes. The show starts at 3:00 Sunday in the Chapel.

3. Thank a faculty or staff member for making a positive impact on your life during the past year or four. Let the person know exactly what he or she did or said. They will be grateful to hear some good news from you.

2. Laugh until you can't breathe! Find something that delights your soul and enjoy it to the fullest. Once you catch your breath, find someone to share your joy!

1. Be thankful for the blessings and privileges of life. Look for ways to share them with others.

Upcoming Chapel/Vesper Events:
Mass at 6:00 p.m. this week.
Senior Vespers 7:00 p.m. Sunday April 25
Chapel 11:40 Monday, Wayne Nickerson
Friday Doug Forsberg (last Chapel of the year)

Health Center offers free condoms to students

By Kendra McClymonds
STAFF WRITER

The insecurities many females have concerning "that doctor" and finding a gynecologist with complete confidentiality can be quieted thanks to the Student Health Center and Family House Council, Inc. of New Castle.

Every third Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, Family House Council nurse practitioner Terril Donnelly and business clerk Leslie Hollins come to campus to offer family planning and prenatal services. Female students can call the Health Center to make an appointment with Donnelly and Hollins for counseling, gynecological exams, and birth control prescriptions/refills. Both males and females can use this service for STD and HIV testing as well.

"Students certainly do use this service. There may be one slow morning a year, but there is usually a full schedule," Health Center nurse Judith Duda said. She also said this service costs substantially less than going to a private gynecologist or drugstore. The college pays Donnelly and Hollins by the hour, but the student pays for the visit through his/her own insurance. Because of the strict confidentiality, handling the scheduling and billing is the only thing that Duda is allowed to do.

"When a student calls to make an appointment, I never ask any more than if it will be a long or short visit. This way I can keep an accurate schedule and that's all I know unless a student chooses to tell me more," she said.

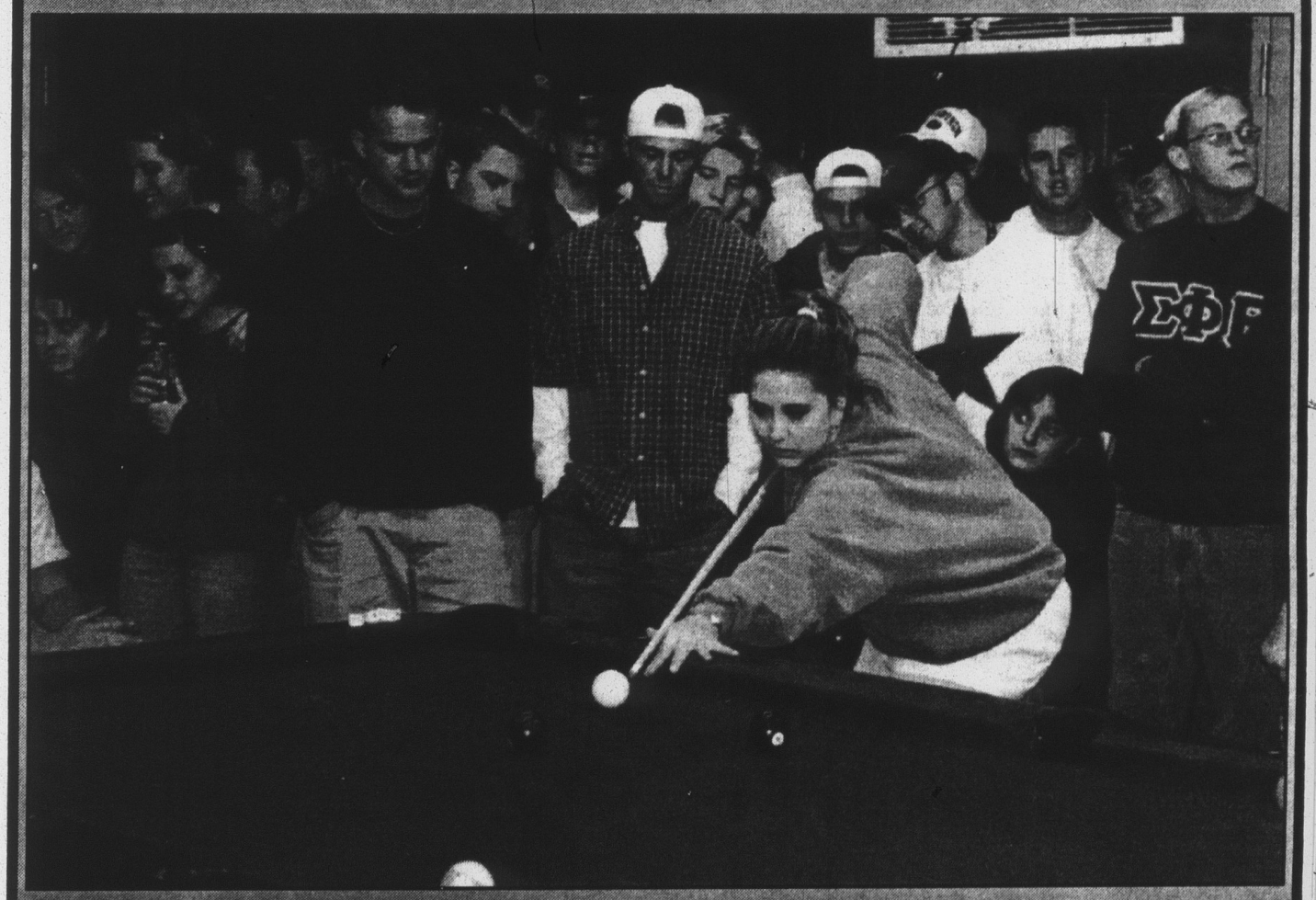
Aside from this counseling and gynecological service, the Health Center has a supply of condoms available for all students. Duda devised a system that she thinks makes people desiring contraceptives feel more comfortable.

"A lot of times a young man, often representing a fraternity house, will come in search of condoms and be embarrassed beyond belief. I'll take him to the health education room and show him where I keep the informational brochures and condoms. Then I'll just slip away so he doesn't have to be embarrassed in front of someone who looks like his mother or grandmother! From then on they know where everything is and they can come back without always asking me."

She also said just as many women as men take advantage of the condoms offered at the Health Center. Duda said she has noticed a recent increase this semester in the number of men who take advantage of the free condoms.

"I think these services and available condoms promote safe sex, so it's a good idea," said sophomore Debbie Schmidt. Because of the success and general acceptance, the Family House Council will continue to bring their services to campus. They will be here again on Reading Day, Wednesday May 5th.

GREEK WEEK '99



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Students kick off Greek Week with a billiards tournament at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house. Other Greek Week events, such as the *Greek Olympics* and *Sing & Swing* will continue throughout the weekend. See the Calendar of Events on page 19 of this issue of the *Holcad* for times and locations.

Off-campus housing policy differs from college to college

By Kory Freshwater
STAFF WRITER

With room drawings leaving many students unsatisfied, many are wondering how Westminster's system compares to other campuses.

Duquesne University student Mike Spitznagel said, "At Duquesne, only freshmen are obligated to live on campus; all other students can live where they choose."

"However," he added, "most second-year students live on campus because the price is competitive and it's more convenient."

At Westminster, students sign a four-year housing contract prior to their freshman year. This allows the school to keep students on campus for four years. In order to room off campus, students must put in a bid for off-campus housing. Without a medical reason, it's rare for anyone younger than a junior to room off-campus.

Slippery Rock University student Hillary Shearer commented, "There is no formal Housing Contract [at SRU]; however, most students live on campus due to the cheaper prices."

"SRU also has apartment buildings, which are used as dormitories," Shearer said. "It makes life convenient; it's like the best of both worlds."

Washington & Jefferson (located in Washington, PA) has a housing contract similar to Westminster's. W&J students also have to bid for off-campus housing.

SRU offers low room and board rates, which naturally makes living on-campus a wise choice.

However, some private schools have to charge higher rates for rooms, and they have to fill as many rooms as possible for the school to be profitable.

Duquesne has a slightly different scenario. Since the school is significantly larger than both Westminster and W&J, they only have to obligate freshman to live on campus.

Westminster senior Tyson Hilovsky commented, "I can understand why this takes place, but it sucks that we get the short end of the stick."

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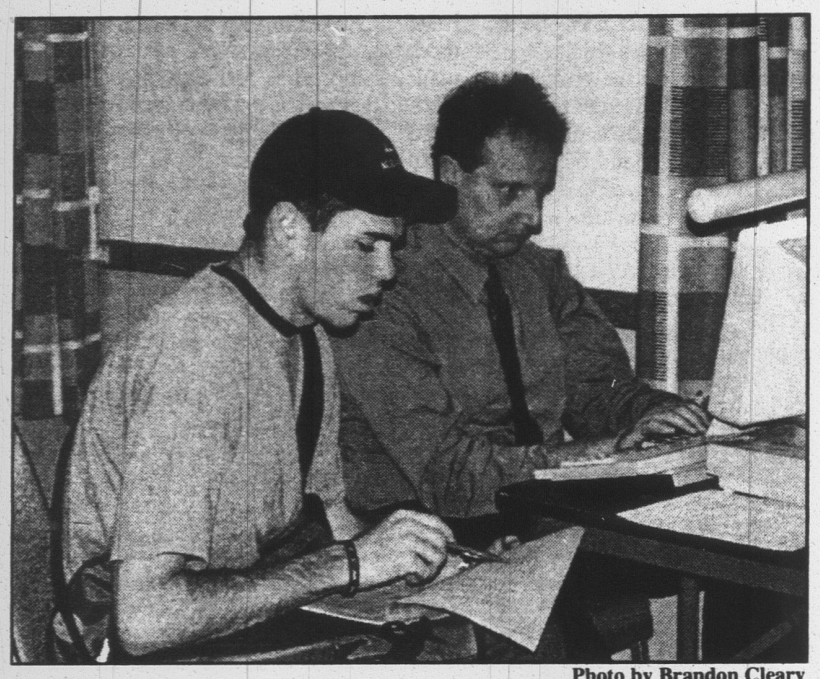

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Dean Mann helps sophomore Matt Nichols schedule his fall courses.

Registration process satisfies some students, frustrates others

By Nicholas Hillebrand
STAFF WRITER

It is that time of the year again, when the blue books, advisor registration cards, and the threat of closed classes come into play. Registration time is here.

The same question is raised every year. Is the way we register stupid, or is it the best possible solution for this campus? There are two sides to the argument.

The student who does not get into the class of his or her choice is upset. The actual number of students that are shut out of classes is unknown. However, all students have ample opportunity to enroll in classes that they need to graduate. Students may have to wait a few years for some classes, but they will eventually get all the classes they need to complete their majors.

"I think that the system is fair because I know when I am a junior I will be able to get into the class of my choice, in the meantime I am going to take the classes that I need to take to graduate", said freshman Scott Fabry.

Elizabeth Hines of the registrar's office made the other side of the argument clear. "You can't economically offer every class. No college or university can do so."

Hines added that the interactive nature is also a positive aspect of the system. In the old system, students signed up at a table and then had to run around and stand in line to sign up for the next class. There was no one there to help if they got shut out of a class.

"I have always been happy with registration," said junior Brian Miller.

There is no way to make everyone happy, but the registrar's office is working hard to ensure that the whole process goes smoothly.

Tibet continues struggle for independence from occupation

By Carrie Willman
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"The prize reaffirms our conviction that with truth, courage, and determination as our weapons, Tibet will be liberated." the encouraging words of the exiled Dalai Lama, during his acceptance speech of the Nobel Peace Prize. This religious icon could not describe any more suitably how Tibetans have been fighting a non-violent battle against the Chinese government to save their unique cultural past and their lives. Many people are unaware to the severity of the situation in Tibet. If only by informing others, Tibet needs help from those who are free to do so.

The Peoples Republic of China has been illegally occupying Tibet for 40 years. There are minimal natural resources left to be exploited, less ratio of Tibetans to cause resistance, and negligible amount of room to dump more nuclear waste, yet China won't stop bullying Tibet. Tibetans have been stripped of most freedoms: forced to give up their language, forced to denounce their leader, and not permitted to hang the flag of their own country. If disobeyed you will be punished with out a trial; punishment involves torture, imprisonment, or exile.

The most infuriating reality is the Chinese are stripping Tibet of their cultural past. China created half of historical Tibet. Tibet's current leader, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, has been exiled to India. Who has been chosen to reign next in Tibet, His Holiness the Panchen Lama, has been kidnapped and replaced by a Chinese boy. Young Tibetans are being re-educated about their cultural past. The Chinese are reprogramming young Tibetans, so there will be no knowledge of an independent Tibet for the next generation to learn about.

Some facts you should keep in mind. 1.2 million have died as a direct result of China occupying Tibet. There are 4,000 Tibetan political prisoners. Approximately 200,000 Tibetan political prisoners, including the youngest at the age of 9, the Panchen Lama. One fourth of China's nuclear missiles are stationed in Tibet. Tibet is China's nuclear waste dumping ground. The International Commission of Jurists found that Genocide had been committed in Tibet.

This is only a brief look into the inquiry of Tibet's future. A weakened culture needs our help. There is little time left to help; this is one problem that won't wait for the next generation to deal with it. Tibet will strive for the same indistinguishable idea that the former United States Chief of Staff, G.C. Marshall once strived for: "We are determined that before the sun sets on this struggle our flag will be recognized throughout the world as a symbol of freedom on the one hand, of overwhelming power on the other."

Alumni appreciate contributions of the active Westminster Student Alumni Association

Swapping stories with alumni about life at college is just one of many activities enjoyed by the two-year-old Student Alumni Association.

Throughout the year, SAA students help host events and meetings. They might be driving a campus shuttle greeting alumni or joining alumni for dinner to share news of current campus life.

During recent road show events in Harrisburg, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington D.C., students played a key part of the program. Ann Wilson '00, a junior accounting major, and Melissa Wiley '00, a junior public relations major, shared the news of their campus life and involvement with former students.

"SAA has really opened my eyes to the importance of staying in contact with Westminster's alumni and to see what life after college can be," said Wiley.

"It's great fun to hear what Westminster was like twenty, thirty, forty, or even fifty years ago, and they just love to hear about it now."

The SAA also hosts a bonfire by the lake at the beginning of the fall semester, welcoming freshmen to campus.

In February, eight members of the Student Alumni Association attended the SAA/SF District Conference at IUP sponsored by CASE. Westminster delegates presented a session on how to start a Student Alumni Association that received good reviews.

"I obtained so many ideas about how to improve our SAA, and I enjoyed sharing my own ideas with students from other colleges," said Brooke Tokar, junior elementary education major.

"The purpose of the Student Alumni Association is to increase student awareness of the value a life-long association with the College, and to increase interaction between current students and alumni," said Mary C. James, director of alumni relations.

"The organization also provides students with the opportunity to increase their leadership skills and practice their interpersonal skills."

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Students and alumni interact on the Student Alumni Association.

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Board of Trustees names two faculty members for Emeritus honors

By Kim Bartley
STAFF WRITER

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Robert L. Van Dale, retired professor of religion, and Mr. J. Miller Peck, retired mathematics instructor, were honored with emeritus status.

Emeritus status is similar to an honorable discharge in the military. It means one is retired from active service, but still holds his or her title or rank. Emeritus honors are a way for the college to show their appreciation for retired faculty members' outstanding contributions to the academic and social communities.

"I've always understood it to mean that after retirement, a person with the designation of 'emeritus' continues to hold his or her position in an honorary way," Van Dale said.

A member of the faculty may be eligible for emeritus status upon retirement if he or she has given commendable service to the college for an extended period of time. The faculty member's department makes the initial recommendation for such an honor. The chair of the department then sends the recommendation to Dean of Academic Affairs John Deegan, who decides whether or not to confer with the recommendation. It is then forwarded to the President of the college, and finally to the Board of Trustees.

Van Dale, who taught at the college for 26 years, will continue in a volunteer position for the college, as director of the peace center.

Peck, a 40-year member of the faculty, resides in New Wilmington.

Psychology professor discusses Attention Deficit Disorder

Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Mark J. Sciutto shared the history, symptoms, misconceptions, and treatments of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder during an April 7 lecture at Jameson Hospital in New Castle.

ADHD is a syndrome characterized by three constellations of symptoms - inattention, impulsivity, and hyperactivity. Sciutto emphasized that all children can exhibit these behaviors, but children with ADHD experience more severe levels of these symptoms to the point that they interfere with normal functioning. Early in the 20th century, ADHD was considered a moral deficit. By the 1950s, the explanations for ADHD symptoms focused on specific brain dysfunction or damage. A current model of the disorder places the deficit not on attention, but rather on behavioral inhibition.

This model explains the behavior problems that ADHD children exhibit are the result of their inability to inhibit their responses to specific types of situations. Both medication and behavior modification therapies are effective for many children with ADHD.

Biologically, ADHD is associated with lower responsiveness in the brain to certain biochemical substances that promote self-regulation of one's emotions and actions. The stimulants used to treat ADHD directly work on the brain to enhance the chemical reactions.

Sciutto stressed that for most children a combination of drug therapy and behavior modification are most effective. The most effective therapy involves committed, cooperative care by physicians, psychologists, teachers and families, according to Sciutto.

Student runs in Pittsburgh marathon for Leukemia Society

Senior Katie Derr is running for the Leukemia Society team in the Pittsburgh Marathon, May 2.

"It's always been a goal of mine to run in a marathon, and this was the perfect opportunity to complete my goal and help someone else," Derr said. "The response to my requests for support has been overwhelming."

Derr is running in honor of her patient hero, six-year-old Zachary Churilla from Pittsburgh, who has Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia.

"[He] has no fear at all, even though the past two years have been very difficult," Derr said.

Derr has also been getting ready for life after graduation with a degree in accounting. She has landed a job as staff auditor at Deloitte and Touche LLP in Pittsburgh.

To sponsor Derr, send check or money and your name to Box 286.

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At the same time, the prospective students met in a panel session to discuss many aspects of life at Westminster. They had the opportunity to ask questions about everything from sports to the faculty to admission requirements.

Following these sessions, Westminster students led the families on tours of the campus.

These included trips to Old Main, Patterson Hall, and the residence halls. There was a tour of WWNW (the campus radio/TV station) available, and the bookstore was open for browsing. The next activity was the "faculty fair" in the TUB. Representatives from 18 departments and the career center were on hand to answer questions and discuss their programs.

Finally, the families could eat lunch in either Duff Dining Hall or Galbreath Hall.

"My visit to the campus really made Westminster look pretty good," Schuller said.

Another West Middlesex student, Matt Adams, agreed.

"I think the technology here is great. I'll consider going here," Adams said.

The next Campus Visitation Day is April 24.

Weekly Announcements

Tumbleweeds Gymnastics, New Brighton, has openings for gymnastics instructors. In addition to a summer camp instructor they are looking for teachers for the academic year, September-May. The salary for the summer position, which begins June 14, is negotiable, and the 20-hour-per-week fall position offers $15 per hour. Both positions require previous teaching and spotting experience. Send resume to B.J. Vucelich, Tumbleweeds Gymnastics, 550 Edgewood Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

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High Hill Lawn Service has summer positions available in lawn mowing and maintenance, landscaping, and mulching. These positions offer $6 per hour. Candidates for these positions must be available Monday-Saturday, 10-12 hours per day, 40 hours per week. For more information, contact Wes Osborn, High Hill Road, RR 1 Box 1830, Pulaski PA 16143 or call (724) 652-7884 from 6-9 p.m.

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Penn Valley Athletic Club is looking for lifeguards, pool manager, and tennis instructor for the summer. Interested persons should send their resume to Penn Valley Athletic Club, PO Box 425, Butler PA 16003.

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The Pittsburgh Technology Council, through the University Summer Jobs Program, offers students quality summer job experience in their chosen fields at some of the premier high-technology and professional service companies based in the Pittsburgh region. This program enables its 1,600 plus member companies to promote their summer employment opportunities. The council works with local colleges and universities to promote these job openings to students. To participate in this program, students must post their resumes to: www.techcenter-pgh.com. Affiliated companies will search the website for qualifications matching their needs and contact the appropriate student.

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Glacier Park, Montana will hire 900 college students for summer jobs in all segments of hotel and hospitality areas. Jobs include hotel front desk clerks, room attendants, cooks, wait persons and tour guides. Students may also participate in guest entertainment, such as the American Cabaret Theatre, a Glacier Park tradition. Work begins early June through late September. Majors of particular interesting to the company include: accounting, music and theatre. For more details, call Glacier Park, Inc. at (602) 207-2620 or visit their website at www.gpihr.com.

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Camp Cedar, a boys' summer camp in Maine, has counselor openings this summer. Counselors work with boys between the ages of 9 and 15. The camp offers a full range of activities including team and individual athletic and creative activities in an outstanding facility. Season begins the third week of June, which includes one week of orientation and is followed by an eight-week camp session. (CC)

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A New Castle family is looking for a nanny for two children, ages 4 1/2 and 11. (CC).

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Ellwood Group Inc. corporate office is offering a paid accounting internship to a student with junior or senior status, strong computer skills, and knowledge of Excel and Word. Starting around May 21 and paying $9.17 per hour, there will be 30 to 40 hours per week through the summer. Call Jackie Meade (CC) at ext. 7343 for more information.

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Yellowstone National Park has opportunities for work in their service stations for students who have completed their first year of college. First-year employees can earn up to $6 per hour. (CC)

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The Badlands National Park is looking for interns to fill various positions during the summer. The internships are on a volunteer basis, and require junior status. The Badlands position requires skills in public speaking and a background in natural sciences. (CC)

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The Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, Inc. is looking for interns. This child-focused, facility-based program provides representatives to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases. (CC)

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Pennsylvania State Government is looking for accounting interns. Interns earn $9.07 per hour in a 37.5-hour work week, and could lead to a full-time position after graduation. (CC)

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The Pennsylvania State Archives and The State Museum of Pennsylvania has internships available. Positions may be tailored to suit student's needs and may be paid. (CC)

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The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, New Castle, is seeking a college student to compile a business directory. Work will involve calling businesses, gathering data, entering data, and completing the directory. (CC)

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The Lawrence County Planning Commission, New Castle, is offering a college student the opportunity to take on a research project to identify the need for additional public transportation in the Lawrence County area. The ideal candidate is a mature student who is interested in statistical research, and could design the survey, implement it, compile the information, and produce the report. (CC)

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State Farm Insurance is taking applications for its 1999 Western PA Summer Internship Program for students who have completed their junior year. The internship, which pays $10.50 per hour and offers a limited benefit plan, provides work experience in the insurance industry. (CC)

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The Family First Sports Park, Erie, promotes a sports atmosphere where athletes and their families come to cultivate character values. Internships are available to college students in the are of sports management (soccer & basketball), marketing, sales, hotel/motel and fitness club management. (CC)

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Rainforest Action Network, San Francisco, has environmental internships available in the fields of media operations, database coordination, campaign administration, and information assistance. Requirements: computer skills, environmental knowledge, and an interest in conservation. (CC)

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The Carnegie Science Center is seeking Westminster interns or volunteers for the summer. Work is available in a variety of areas including exhibits, children's tours, etc. (CC)

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Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade (CC).

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Jafra, a leader in the direct-sales cosmetic industry since 1956, is offering a unique summer opportunity for college students. Students can earn while learning, work part-time or full-time hours, make great money, and get their own top-quality cosmetics at wholesale prices. Jafra offers flexsibility. The company will work around your classes, mid-terms, and finals. Also students can work at home during breaks. Conact Darlene Van Horn at (724)946-2142 or Chris Brain (724)735-2829.

Jafra will also be on campus, in the TUB, on Monday, April 26 from 10 - 12.

SPORTS

Baseball team drops two games to Eagles

The baseball team dropped a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference doubleheader in New Wilmington Wednesday, as the Titans were swept by the Ashland University Eagles. The Eagles posted wins of 4-0 and 12-5 to drop Westminster to 1-24 overall, 0-18 in the GLIAC.

Ashland held a narrow 1-0 lead through six innings of the opener before adding three insurance runs in the top of the seventh. The Titans were limited to four hits in the shutout loss, with the lone extra-base hit being a double by senior DH Jason. Senior hurler Brian Zima took the loss on the hill for Westminster, dropping to 1-6 on the season. Zima allowed just six hits and four runs (only two earned) while striking out four Eagle batters.

The nightcap was over early, as Ashland pounded out five runs in the first inning and four more in the second for a 9-0 lead they would not relinquish. Smith led the Titan offense by belting a three-run home run in the sixth inning, his first homer of the season. Sophomore shortstop Tom Nulph went 3-for-4 in the loss with a run scored and an RBI. Taking the pitching loss for Westminster was sophomore Tim Voelp, who fell to 0-6. Titan junior hurler Vic Kaplack pitched a strong final four innings in the loss, allowing just one run on four hits while striking out four.

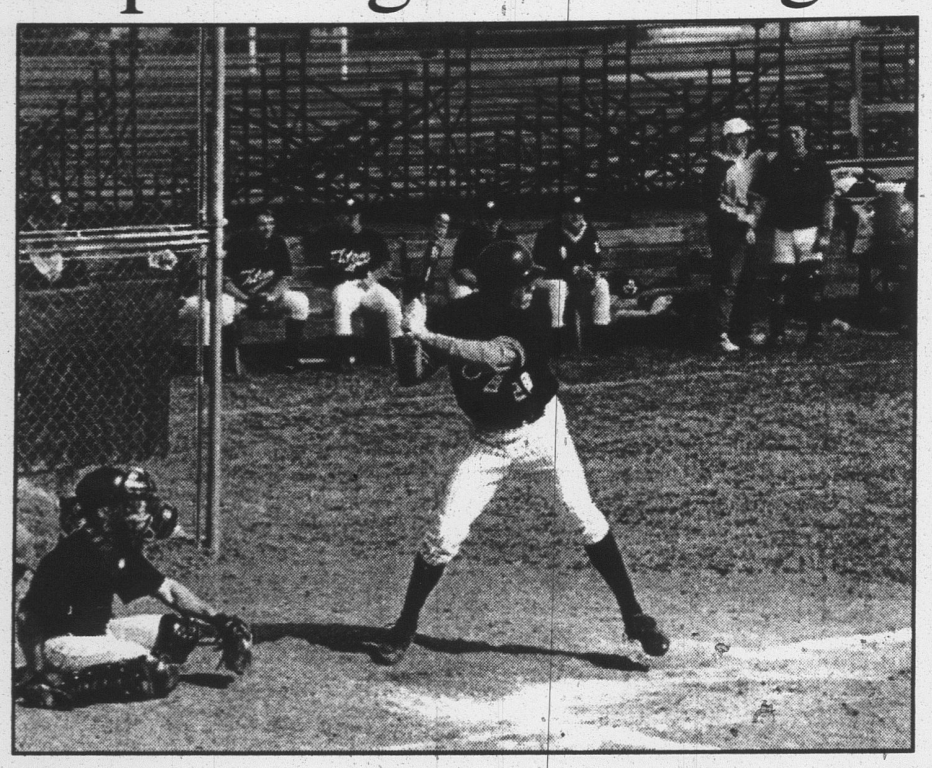


Photo by Brandon Cleary

The baseball team falls to 0-18 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference.

Fabry leads team in track and field competition

The track & field squad competed last weekend at the Slippery Rock Open in Slippery Rock, Pa. No team score was kept at the event.

Freshman Scott Fabry led the Titans at the meet, posting a first-place finish in the 10,000 meter run in 36:54.

"I'm proud of my accomplishments, but also of my teammates," Fabry said. "They cheered me on and have worked hard with me in practice."

Also posting Top 10 finishes were freshman Jacob Gleason, who finished third in the 3,000 meter steeplechase in 10:10.5; junior John Sherman, who placed sixth in the javelin with a toss of 156' 0"; sophomore Mark Scott, who finished sixth in the 400 meter run in:52.82; junior Keith, who was seventh in the 3,000 meter steeplechase in 10:32.8; junior Andy Parshall, who placed 10th in the shot put with a mark of 42' 0.25"; and freshman Ron Brown, who was 10th in the 3,000 meter steeplechase in 13:36.7.

The Titan track team looks forward to a good finish to the season.

"We want to continue working hard and do our best," Fabry said.

Golf team ends season with invitational

By Amber Brkich
STAFF WRITER

The golf team finished ninth out of 15 teams at the Ashland invitational this past weekend.

Due to uncooperative April showers the team wraps up this year's season a little early.

The weekend's weather struck hard on Sunday in Erie when players only had the opportunity to golf one hole on Sunday at Mercyhurst. On Monday the team finished fifth out on 9 at Gannon. There were sixteen teams participating in the tournament.

"It was upsetting that we drove all the way up to Erie and only getting to golf one hole," said junior Ryan Grisset. "I hope that we are able to play more in the fall next semester." Grisset will finish out the season with an 80 average.

"The weather hasn't been to our advantage this year. It is upsetting when we have to cancel or cut short the tournaments, especially the home tournaments," said golf team coach, Joe Fusco.

"Chad Rittle is our star player this year," coach Fusco said. Rittle is the only senior on this year's team. He is finishing out the season with an average of 77.

"I am really happy with my performance this year," Rittle said. "I'll miss the team next year, but I'll definitely make sure I continue to get out on the course whenever I can in the fall." Rittle is a four-year letterman.

Ohio and Michigan area teams are usually the main competitors at most tournaments. Next year's division change will bring in some new competitors.

"I am really happy with the team's performance this year. Even with the bad weather, they still managed to play well," Fusco said.

Coach Fusco is planning to schedule more tournaments in the fall next season in hopes of fewer cancellations.

Tennis teams head to GLIAC championships

By Derrick Bash
STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis team lost to Gannon on Saturday by a score of 7-2. The #1 doubles team featuring Scott Pfahler, and Chuck Correll; and Jay Barkley in a #2 singles match secured the Titan's only two victories.

Played in-doors due to rain, the match was eagerly anticipated by the team, according to senior Jay Barkley.

"Although the year has been tough, we were excited, and pumped for the match," said Barkley. "We've always had a rivalry with Gannon."

Saturday's match was the team's first without junior Jeff McLaughlin, who cannot complete the season due to a broken hand, the result of a match earlier in the week.

While coach Gene Nicholson felt his team gave a good effort, he acknowledged the loss of McLaughlin as detrimental to the team.

"We've been playing hard, but the loss of Jeff McLaughlin hurt us. We still put up a good effort, though," Nicholson said.

The tennis teams will compete in the GLIAC Championships this weekend in Midland, Michigan.

View from the sidelines: Hats off to Gretzky

By Jenny Grundy
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Not too shabby...61 records in 20 years, including 50 hat tricks, plus holding records for the most goals, assists, points, and just about every other single-game feat possible in the books. That's right, folks, I'm talking about hockey's greatest player of all time: Wayne Gretzky.

The left-handed, New York Ranger center's retirement after 20 years on the ice, left hockey fans as well as sports fans everywhere speechless.

He cried more than all of us, because he loved the game even more than we even loved him. The NHL retiring his number was a gesture of utmost respect, even though no one would have ever wanted to see the famous "99" on any other player, but the Great One himself.

Hockey fans, as well as sports fans everywhere, need to realize what this man did for the game and for athletics of all levels everywhere. He set a precedent for play, for team spirit, for community support. It was obvious, he was the best of the best that there ever was in the game.

Gretzky's love for his team, his community, and the game didn't end when his career did, as he gave all of his teammates a souvenir stick with No. 99 branded on the blade. Even on his last circle around the ice, he stopped at any opportunity to give a youngster a handshake and a picture, all the while playing to the fans as he wore a blue Yankees hat, then changing to a Rangers baret.

He was the epitome of class, of sportsmanship, and leadership. He did this through the non-spoken word. He played the game because he loved it, plain and simple. He didn't need recognition, he didn't need money. All he wanted was to do the very best at capitalizing on the gift God gave to him, because he could, and because he wanted to.

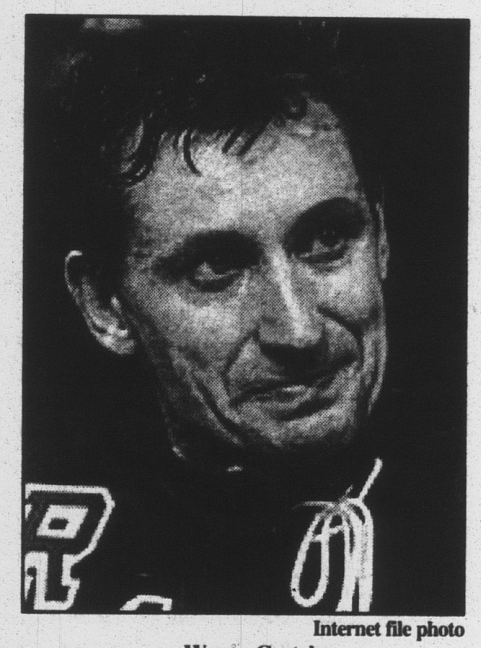
The Rangers saluted his departure by giving Gretzky a Mercedes-Benz. His teammates gave him a large-screen TV, and wore baseball caps with the number "99" as soon as the game concluded. Two small gestures in attempt to give back to the man what he gave to the entire world through his actions and play. He even shook Jaromir Jagr's hand after the game in congratulations for his game-winning goal saying, "Maybe it's only fitting that the best young player in the game scored the winning goal."

What a player. What a father, to give up his truest passion in the world for his children. How many fathers do you know do that? What a guy.

The NHL as well as the world will miss t seeing his stick fly into the air in joy after assisting or scoring a great shot. We're going to miss "Gretzky's Office," in the net. But most of all, we're going to miss his signature maneuver of is shirt tucked into his right side as we watched him skate to the sideboards.

We all need to stand and take a knee for the Great One, Wayne Gretzky for making hockey what it is today. Bend over and take your hat off to the hat trick king...because that is the very least we can do for our hero.

Gretzky leaves hockey with tears of joy



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Wayne Gretzky

By Joe LaPointe

THE NEW YORK TIMES

After most hockey games, Wayne Gretzky is a quick-change artist, out of uniform and out of the locker room before anyone else on the team. But Sunday was different, for so many reasons, and Gretzky still wore his Ranger jersey and pants more than an hour after the conclusion of the final game of his brilliant career.

His blue jersey was dark and wet with sweat and spilled water and maybe a tear or two. When asked why he had not changed it, Gretzky first said a few proper things about getting to the news conference on time without making reporters wait in a back hall at Madison Square Garden. Then he leveled.

"Probably, subconsciously, I don't want to take it off," Gretzky, the player known as the Great One, said. "I'm not going to pull it on ever again. It's hard. It's hard to take it off right now. I have to be honest with you. I don't want to take it off.

"I was a boy that happened to love a game and got lucky and the good Lord gave me a passion for it."

When asked about the times he cried between smiles during the day's festivities, Gretzky said: "Tears of joy. Tears of joy. No question."

The afternoon was filled with sincerely sentimental moments like those. Following the game, a 2-1 Pittsburgh Penguins victory in overtime, Gretzky skated a few slow laps around the ice before a cheering capacity crowd, which included many of the greatest players of his era, including Mark Messier and Mario Lemieux. The trip was like the tours teams take when they are awarded the Stanley Cup, but teams like the Rangers, who do not qualify for the playoffs, have no trophies to hold aloft. So Gretzky waved with his bare hands, blew kisses to his wife, Janet, gave a thumbs-up here and there and picked up a few hats thrown by fans and put them on his head, one a Yankees cap, another a red beret. On one of his laps, his teammates fell in behind him in formation, clapping their hands along with the crowd.

"I wanted it to be a celebration," Gretzky said, referring to the ceremonies before, during and after the game. "I didn't want everybody crying and all that stuff. The Rangers did a nice job at keeping it short, sweet and classy."

Gretzky scored no goals Sunday. Jaromir Jagr's goal 1 minute 22 seconds into overtime ended the game, but Gretzky added one assist to his unmatched totals in regulation. Every time he touched the puck, the fans rose to their feet, gasped and cheered. In 20 seasons in the National Hockey League, he had 2,857 points — 894 goals and 1,963 assists — in regular-season play. No other player is even close in any scoring category. He also played one season in the World Hockey Association, and his statistics there provide an odd historical footnote.

Combining N.H.L. and W.H.A. games, in both the regular season and playoffs, he finished his 21 seasons as a professional with 1,072 goals. Gordie Howe, who also played in both leagues, finished with 1,071.

The afternoon's festivities included videotaped messages on the scoreboard screen from Michael Jordan, the retired basketball star, and Howe, one of the two other hockey players mentioned with Gretzky as the best in N.H.L. history. The other member of the trinity is Bobby Orr.

Before the opening face-off, the Rangers gave Gretzky a black Mercedes S500.

During timeouts, the scoreboard screen showed highlights of his great moments on ice as well as some silly ones from television appearances when he was younger and had longer hair. Before periods and after the game, the house lights were dimmed and images of Gretzky doing marvelous things with the Edmonton Oilers, the Los Angeles Kings, the St. Louis Blues, the Rangers and Team Canada were projected on the smooth white ice. It created a ghostly effect, appropriate for a wispy player with silky moves whose exploits are now all in the past tense.

"Not only am I mentally ready to retire, I'm physically ready to retire," Gretzky said.

"It's hard. This is a great game, but it's a hard game. I'm ready."

Messier, who won four Stanley Cups over nine seasons with Gretzky in Edmonton and later played with him for one year in New York, said he supported Gretzky's decision. "Hockey's a tough game and a dangerous game," said Messier, now the captain of the Vancouver Canucks. "And you need to be prepared and you need to be mentally and physically ready to play. And if you're not, it can get dangerous."

Lemieux, who retired two years ago after being treated for Hodgkin's disease and battling back problems, said: "There just comes a time when you step back and realize that maybe you're not the player that you were years ago. I'm sure it had an effect in Wayne's decision."

Gretzky called Messier the greatest player he ever played with and Lemieux the best he ever played against.

Gretzky spent only the last three seasons of his career in New York, and his effectiveness declined noticeably in that span. But the fans in the Garden yesterday, many from out of town, were there to cheer the whole career, and the presentation was tasteful. During the pre-game warm-up, fans by the Ranger bench, many wearing his jersey, stood and bowed with their extended arms in an exaggerated sign of worship. He threw pucks to them. A fan held up a sign that said, "No Regretzkys." Instead of the rock anthems that usually accompany hockey shows in the 1990's, the public-address system was programmed thematically, and lyrics like "nobody does it better" and "the trick, you said, was never play the game too long" were heard.

In person, Bryan Adams sang "O Canada" even though two teams from the United States were playing, and he changed a line near the end of the anthem to "We're going to miss you, Wayne Gretzky." The commissioner of the N.H.L., Gary Bettman, announced that Gretzky's uniform number, 99, would never be worn again by an N.H.L. player.

Gretzky, whose mother, father, wife and three children were at the Garden, said he might someday consider owning an N.H.L. team but that he just wanted to get away from the game for a little while and spend time with his family and maybe play some golf. Still an athlete, he already had plans for Sunday. "I'm going bowling," he said.

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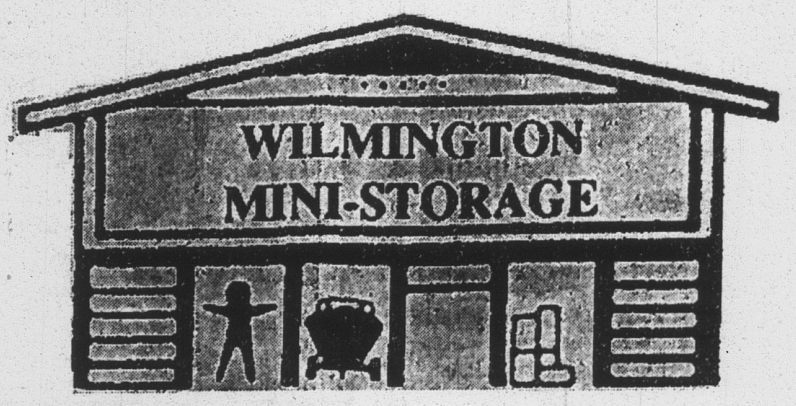

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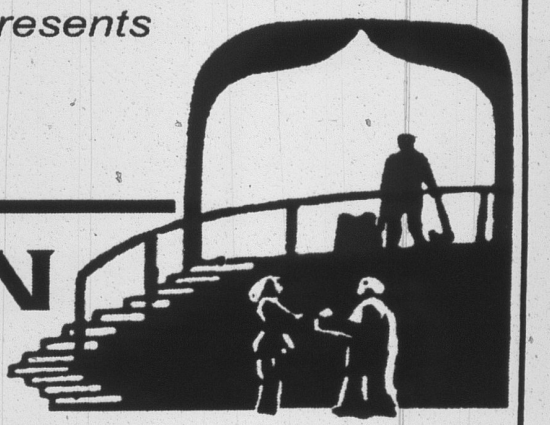

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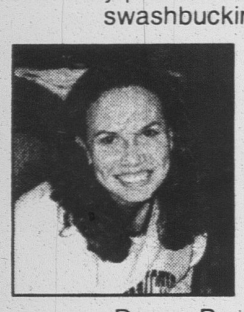
OPINION

Question of the week

What are your plans for the summer?

Ed Sciulli, senior
"After a three-week tour on the Amateur Bowling Circuit, I am leaving for Morocco to complete my training in my pursuance of a career in swashbucking piracy."



Jen Nolan senior "I plan to live on the edge between reality and utter bliss...at the beach."

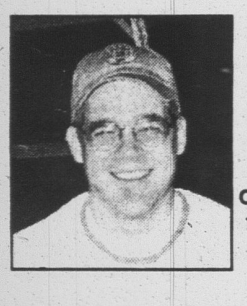
Danae Brentzel, senior
"I will be working at my sexual harassment-laden job, and preparing for my more professional, yet equally sexual harassment-laden job, where I will make less money."

Heidi Langdon freshman "I'll be taking a summer class here - biology. I'll probably also go to California to visit my family."

Lindsey Braem, freshman
"I will be working as a teller at PNC Bank. Hopefully, I'll find time to tan on the weekends."

Mankilo Nekata sophomore "I'm going home to Japan. It's going to be a fourteen hour flight, so it should be very interesting."

Ann Morris, freshman
"I plan on going to Connecticut to visit my Grandparents, and trying to find a summer job to make money."



John Scott sophomore "I will be working at a local hardware store, helping out on my family farm, and working on race cars."

Kim Geisler, sophomore and Connie Petrocelli junior
"We're going to Daytona Beach! *High Five* We're driving, another great feat, not flying. We're staying at Grandma's. That's it...beach, boys, vacation...and working too of course."

Photos by Brad Dell

Our View: Have a nice summer

Summer is a time of endless opportunities. Too often, many college students do nothing but work at meaningless jobs, making only enough money to live on in the following school year. This is perhaps a practical approach to spending summertime. However, to have a truly great and all around rewarding summer, students should focus on relaxing and exploring new realms of themselves and the world around them.

While at college, students are demanded by professors to read certain books, articles, and textbooks focused on particular subject material. This greatly benefits them in their academic studies. However, it almost certainly forbids them from reading purely for pleasure. Clearly, summer - that time free from the professor driven world - presents the perfect opportunity to privately explore the literary world. Whether it's a classic, a romance, a beach book, or a biography, the books of summer are meant to be fun.

Similarly, without the strains of academic studying, summer is a great time for students to do independent studies on whatever topic interests them at the time. This research could be in preparation for some future project, or merely information attained for personal sake. Whatever the case, it is information worthy of being gained.

In the summer, it is also a wonderful idea to explore new hobbies and gain new experiences. Instead of vegging in front of the television, why not grab a pen and some paper and write a story...or get up early and paint or sketch a sunrise? It is not important whether these artistic expressions are critically acclaimed, or even criticized at all. The important thing is for students to go and expand their minds-in whatever directing they please.

These things are all great of course, but what summer is really all about RELAXATION! So, here are some glorious ways to just have a good and stress-free time.

One of the greatest things about the months of May, June, July, and August is the beautiful weather. Taking advantage of this luxury means taking part in any number of exciting activities.

Walking through the woods is an absolutely exhilarating pastime for any summer's day. The smells of soil and bark, the sounds of wind and birds, the sights of deer and streams can provide people with a much-needed escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday, civilized life. A good hike will exercise both the body and the mind.

Nothing says summer like a trip to a baseball game. Whether it's the Pirates, the Indians, or the local little league, a day at the ballpark is like living a little slice of the American Dream. At baseball games, smiles are brought to the faces of young and old, as each relishes hot dogs and the pleasantries of the simple game.

But, what would summer be without the people with whom it is spent? The commitment-free days of summer can be passed away in the pleasant company of friends - new and old. Nights around campfires and days playing Frisbee and golf are memories in the making. Summer is also a great chance to call up a forgotten friend to reminisce about old times and hear about life since then.

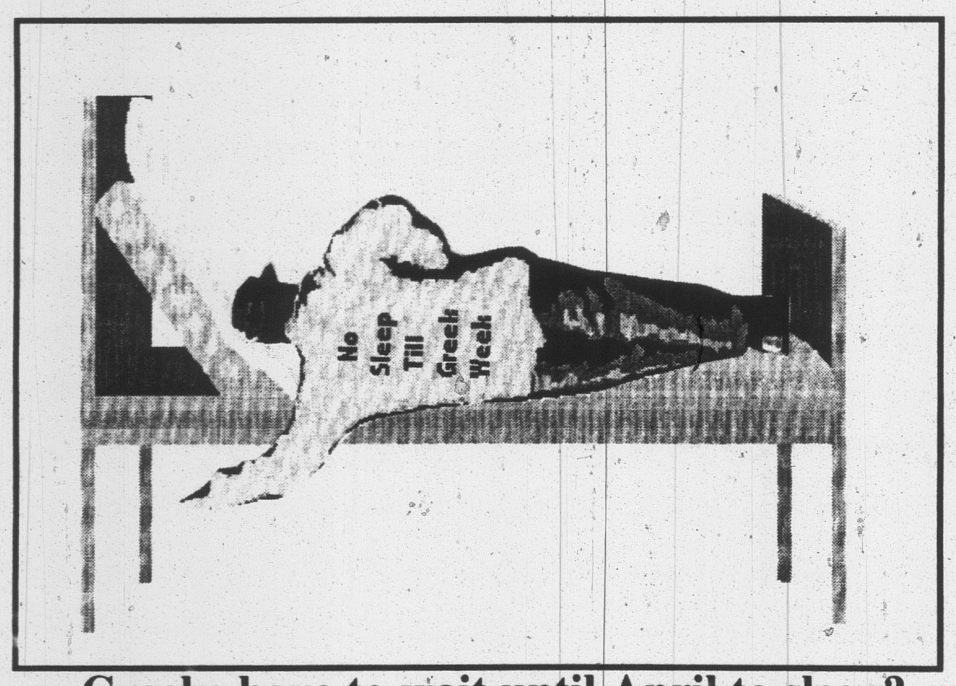
And summer romances can be the stuff that dreams (and many movies) are made of.

Of course, summer is also the time for leisurely travel to far off, exotic destinations. Beaches and amusement parks are popular (and yes, quite entertaining) destinations. But, it can be just as fun to hop in a car with a few pals and let the wind and the road be the guide. Yes, random road trips are almost vital for summer fabulousness.

Making summer truly rewarding is as easy as pausing to appreciate and actually experience the little things like ice cream cones, evenings on the back porch, iced tea, the smell of a freshly cut lawn, clouds in the shape of animals, flower blossoms, corn on the cob, swimming pools, flying kites, and riding bikes. Turning off the automatic pilot may be difficult. But once it happens, goodness, the roses do smell amazing.

The adventures of summer are very different from the adventures of college. But both can offer equally rewarding life experiences. So, it is important for students to take advantage of the thrills and pleasant energy of summer before it is once again time to submit to the demands of college or perhaps even the world beyond.

Westminster World



Greeks have to wait until April to sleep? And aren't there supposed to be games. . .?

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Letters to the Editor

To all my friends at Westminster College:

Thank you for the visits, the telephone calls, the cards, and the letters. The days here are long and tedious. I'm rereading James Joyce's *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* again (thank you, Bradon), but that's about all the reading material I have, so the letters and cards make my day brighter.

I miss all my student friends, especially the *South Park* gang. And Jamey Mentzer, who is not a *South Park* fan. I miss my friends on the faculty and staff, too.

And I **really** miss my dog, Zack. I miss our daily walks around the lake.

I don't know how long I'll be here at Western Psyche, but I'm already **more** than eager to get out. It's a tedious, boring place to spend my days and nights.

There is no adequate explanation as to why I'm in this place, or at least no adequate, sensible explanation as to why I tried to end my life, which is what put me here.

Maybe I'm simply lonely.

Again, thanks to all of you for your thoughts and, I'm sure, your prayers.

I look forward to the time I'm back on campus. I miss you all.

Love,
Doc McTaggart

Editors Note: Dr. McTaggart has returned from Western Psychiatric and may be reached at his regular home address in New Wilmington.

Dear Editor,

I am a current Westminster employee who happens to work in TCF. It has come to my attention that during specific evenings, the men's restroom near the television station is occupied by curling irons and the like. Now, I am as much a narcissist as the next man but honestly guys, do you need a curling iron to go on TV? If it is not the television fellows primping beside the urinals a slightly larger problem arises.

Assume for a moment that my TUB-dog, or a recently read mass e-mailing from the administration has made me violently ill. Working in TCF, my first instinct is to bolt upstairs to the men's room. However, if Sally, or any other arbitrary female, is indisposed, my options are limited. I either expel the exhibition bar on the floor or Dr. Barner's office. Neither would be very appreciated by any party involved.

I realize that TCF is scheduled for renovation in the near future and I hope that included is a women's facility nearer to the Cable 9 station for your convenience, complete with golden stars on the dressing room doors (no satirical banter here, I whole-heartedly respect and appreciate the hard work, experience, and accomplishments of the entire communications department). But until that well-deserved day arrives, please allow us men with emergencies access to the potty, if not for me then for the janitors.

Thank you,
Ted Haynes

Dear Editor,

I have served as the gallery assistant for almost four years now, and in that amount of time I've witnessed few accounts of stolen artwork from our gallery. I am completely aware that this is a great possibility with its open structure and unlocked doors. I am merely writing to express my disgust and to inform the campus that this disrespectful theft once again occurred in just the past week.

Two paintings that were hanging on the tall pedestals at the back of the gallery were stolen from the exhibit. One painting is entitled "Objects that Defy Gravity," approximately 24"x36", of gears and machine parts done in charcoal, and the other is "Under the Bridge," approximately 12"x12", of a colorful city scene with a bridge and leaves done in oil.

I met with the artist on Saturday morning to help her pack up her paintings and explain to her why she would be leaving the campus short two paintings. She was pretty emotional and, like I, could not understand why someone would take something that did not belong to them. She also commented on all the time and effort that had gone into the two works.

I felt terrible to give her that news and understand that someone on this campus might be guilty of this crime. I'm going to be hopeful on this request and ask that if anyone knows the whereabouts of these paintings or possesses these paintings at the very moment, to please notify Kathy Koop at extension 7267 or return them to the art gallery...no questions asked.

Sincerely,
Heather Toy

Dear Editor,

This past Friday, as I traveled the seemingly identical miles along Route 80, my trip was disturbed by factors other than the construction zones: the *Holcad* editorial. I do not teach Inquiry nor do I have any personal investment in the course. However, I was disturbed by the nature of the editorial and the inherent flaws in its argument. The author(s) claim that the course material is irrelevant. Yet, right next to the editorial we see comments reflecting the relative ignorance about the crisis in Kosovo. What is the nature of humankind? What is the good and how can we attain it? Maybe it's just me, but I see just a hint of relevance here. What about racism and homophobia on Westminster's campus? The readings chosen for Inquiry were chosen because of their enduring relevance to a wide variety of issues. The connections are there, but in order to see them, students must be willing to go beyond the classroom. In many cases, finding the relevance is a challenge; one that only the individual can conquer. The editorial welcomes a greater challenge for students. Why not encourage students to embrace the challenge of connecting the Inquiry materials to the issues that concern them? Instead, the editorial presents an extremely limited perspective based on a seemingly limited source of data. Did they survey a representative sample of students or did they uncritically accept the opinions of a select group of students? Did they obtain faculty or administration input? It seems that the editorial violates the very principles (i.e., multiple perspectives) that it claims to advocate. In one respect, Inquiry is no different than any course I teach. It is flawed. Only through years of constructive feedback from students and colleagues can I hope to improve the course. But, no matter how much effort I put into developing a course, the success of that course still rests with the student.

Sincerely,
Mark J. Sciutto
Assistant Professor of Psychology

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VIEW POINTS

Bombs, booby traps slow investigation

Two students identified as gunmen in deadly Colorado shooting Tuesday

Eric Harris

Dylan Klebold

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) - Worried about bombs and booby traps, specially trained officers painstakingly checked thousands of lockers and castoff backpacks Wednesday in a suburban high school where 15 people were killed in the deadliest U.S. school rampage on record. Close to 30 explosive devices were found.

Victims' bodies were left in the school overnight as agonized parents braced for the worst. Students streamed into Clement Park next to the school early Wednesday to leave flowers and share their feelings about the shootings.

"It helps to talk about it," said Brandon Reisbeck, a 19-year-old senior who bolted from his choir class to safety after he heard gunshots Tuesday.

The investigation was delayed by the thorough police sweep of the school, which was prompted by the discovery of bombs in the parking lot and on the bodies of the gunmen.

At midmorning Wednesday, sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said close to 30 explosive devices were found at the school, in the suspects' vehicles and possibly at their homes. Late Tuesday, more than 11 hours after the shootings, a bomb on a timer blew up, but no one was injured.

After hours of confusion on the precise death toll, Davis put it at 15, including the two shooters. Four of the dead were women or girls, and at least one was believed to be a school staff member, he said. At one point, authorities had said up to 25 had died.

Some of the victims were found underneath desks, in cubicles or in boxes, slain while apparently trying to hide, Davis said. Witnesses said that during the rampage, the two teenagers in black trench coats laughed and hooted as they opened fire.

Wednesday, students struggled to understand the tragedy.

Crystal Woodman, a junior who was in the library when the gunmen burst in, said this morning she can't get their voices out of her head.

"They were just, like, they thought it was funny," Woodman told Good Morning America. "They were just, like 'Who's next? Who's ready to die?"

Most of the bodies were found in the library. The attackers marched in with guns and pipe bombs, demanding that "all jocks stand up. We're going to kill every one of you," student Aaron Cohn said.

Cohn said one killer put a pistol to his head but did not shoot him. Instead, he said, the shooter turned his attention to a black student, saying, "I hate niggers." Cohn heard three shots but couldn't see what happened.

Meantime, frantic parents awaited word of their children, watching as busloads of tearful students were reunited with their families.

Twenty-three people were treated at hospitals, most of them with gunshot wounds. Sixteen teens remained hospitalized this morning, including five in critical condition and five others in serious condition. One teen suffered at least nine shrapnel and bullet wounds; she was in fair condition Wednesday.

Students and Denver media identified the gunmen as Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. The two exchanged shots with police and were later found dead in the library with self-inflicted gunshot wounds and bombs around their bodies, Davis said.

In Washington, President Clinton said: "Perhaps now America will wake up to the dimensions of this challenge, if it could happen in a place like Littleton."

Students, teachers wonder where violence will end

In the aftermath of the tragedy at Columbine High School, educators and couselors are trying to offer help to those who are left to cope with a life-changing, horrendous experience.

Across the nation, people watched images that have become eerily familiar: panicked groups running for cover, sobbing teens telling how they dodged the bullets, distraught parents clutching at each other for comfort.

Underneath was a question as chilling as the scenes of televised misery: Why are America's schools turning into killing fields?

The Littleton, Colo. Shooting was a violent reminder that no small town in America is immune from schoolhouse violence.

Experts don't have one answer for what is behind the shootings; they have a lot of them. Lack of supervision, accessible guns, permissive or absent parents, school officials who fail to act on warning signs, a culture redolent with violence - all are cited as contributing factors.

CBS This Morning Health Contributor Dr. Dave Hnida of KCNC-TV in Denver served as a team doctor for some of the athletes at Columbine.

"This is the type of school and the type of community [where] this kind of thing doesn't happen... It happens someplace else," he said.

This is . . . a community like thousands of other communities across the country," he continued. "It is the type of community where people are going to be struggling with this for years to come, and you don't know if . . . we'll ever get over this."

As a medical professional, does Hnida have any insight as to how such young people would come to feel so alienated?

"It is a large school," he said. "And in any school and any populations, there are small pockets of people, students who just don't fit into the norm. The question is, when do you need to be concerned? And that's the answer none of us have."

Jane Hammond, superintendent of the Jefferson County Public Schools, which include Combine High School, says her district was security-conscious.

"We've spent quite a bit of time talking about the security of children in schools," she said. "We have a district-wide crisis plan, as well as work being done at individual schools. We have formed new relationships and partnerships with police departments and the sheriff's office. We had a full-time police officer at the school during office hours."

In Littleton, Hammond's plans for Wednesday included a community meeting for students, faculty and staff. Scott Poland, director of psychological services for Cypress-Fairbanks Schools in Houston, led President Clinton's national crisis prevention team in West Paducah, Ky., and Jonesboro, Ark..

"Sadly, there is going to be overwhelming emotionality," Poland said. "It is important that each and every student has the opportunity to tell their story, to express their emotions, through talking, writing, artwork, music, ceremonies and rituals."

Adults should be aware that students who have been traumatized may suffer such symptoms as: fear of the future, nightmares and night terrors, academic regression, and behavioral regression.

"It is going to take a long time, and there will be many ups and downs," added Poland. "And it saddened me to tell them that their community and the path for the future has changed."

Poland recommended a program to prevent future mayhem in schools:

Photo by Ed Andrieski/ AP

An unidentified Colorado student cries as she talks to a friend after the deadly shooting spree at Columbine High School on Tuesday. Fifteen students died in the violence.

Make prevention and mental health services for children in schools a national priority.

Set aside at least 30 minutes a day in every classroom to work on problem-solving, anger-management, violence-prevention, and learning to get along with everyone, regardless of their race.

Reduce children's access to guns.

Prosecute adults who do not safeguard their guns from their children.

One person who would heartily agree with the last two recommendations is Suzann Wilson, whose daughter Brittheny was killed in the Jonesboro shooting. Since then, she has become and advocate of gun control.

"It's just hard to say or put into words how you feel when you hear there's been another shooting, and that there have been lives lost again senselessly," she said. "I remember the day after... being kind of numb and in shock. And I kept thinking, you know, 'At some point, I'm going to wake up and realize that this is not happening, because bad things don't happen to me.'"

In explaining her stance in supporting gun control, Wilson said, "School violence has a lot of issues that come into play here. But one of the things that concerns me the most is that in all these cases, the one thing that was constant is that these children had access to guns, and that bothers me."

Gun owners, she adds, must learn to lock their weapons up.

"Don't assume your child's not going to touch it," she said.

She also favors stronger legislation for gun control because, she said, "We want to see people responsible for how they store their weapons...To me, it is just common sense. But people don't normally do the right thing unless they have a law."

An Explosion of Violence

In just the past 16 months, there have been a string of violent incidents in U.S. schools.

June 15, 1998 - A male teacher and a female guidance counselor were shot in a hallway at a Richmond, Va., high school. The man suffered an injury to the abdomen, that wasn't life threatening; the woman was reportedly grazed.

May 21, 1998 - A 15-year-old student in Springfield, Ore., expelled the day before for bringing a gun to school, allegedly opens fire in the school cafeteria. Two students are killed.

May 21, 1998 - Three sixth-grade boys had a "hit list" and were plotting to kill fellow classmates on the last day of school in a sniper attack during a false fire alarm, police in St. Charles, Mo., said.

May 21, 1998 - A fifteen-year-old boy died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head in Onalaska, Wa.. Earlier in the day, the boy boarded a high school bus with a gun in hand, ordered his girlfriend off the bus and took her to his home, where he shot himself.

May 21, 1998 - A fifteen-year-old girl was shot and wounded at a suburban Houston high school when a gun in the backpack of a 17-year-old classmate went off in a biology class. The boy was charged with a third degree felony for taking a gun to school.

May 19, 1998 - Two boys were suspended from school in Johnston, R.I., after being accused of writing and handing out threatening notes to classmates. The notes said things such as, "All your friends are dead." The boys will remain out of school until they have been evaluated to determine whether they are dangerous.

May 19, 1998 - Three days before his graduation, an 18-year-old honor student allegedly opens fire in parking lot at Lincoln County High School in Fayetteville, Tenn., killing a classmate who was dating his ex-girlfriend.

April 28, 1998 - Two teenage boys are shot to death and a third is wounded as they played basketball at a Pomona, Calif., elementary school hours after classes had ended. A 14-year-old boy is charged; the shooting is blamed on rivalry between two groups of youths.

April 24, 1998 - A 48-year-old science teacher is shot to death in front of students at graduation dance in Edinboro, Pa. A 14-year-old student at James W. Parker Middle School is charged.

March 24, 1998 - Four girls and a teacher are shot to death and 10 others wounded during a false fire alarm at Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Ark. Two boys, ages 11 and 13, are accused of setting the alarm and then opening fire from a nearby woods.

Dec. 1, 1997 - Three students are killed and five others wounded while they take part in a prayer circle in a hallway at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky. A 14-year-old student, described as emotionally immature, is arrested. One of the wounded girls is left paralyzed.

Oct. 1, 1997 - A 16-year-old outcast in Pearl, Miss., is accused of killing his mother, then going to Pearl High School and shooting nine students. Two of them die, including the suspect's ex-girlfriend. Authorities later accuse six friends of conspiracy, saying the suspects were part of a group that dabbled in satanism.

Feb. 19, 1997 - A 16-year-old student opens fire with a shotgun in a common area at the Bethel, Alaska, high school, killing the principal and a student. Two other students are wounded. Authorities later accuse two other students of knowing the shootings would take place. Evan Ramsey was sentenced to two 99-year terms.

Feb. 2, 1996 - A 14-year-old boy walks into algebra class in a trenchcoat with a hunting rifle and allegedly opens fire, killing the teacher and two students. A third student is injured during the shooting at a junior high school in Moses Lake, Wash.

Violence infects classrooms across the U.S.

By W. Thomas Nichols

The Littlelton Colorado massacre, horrible as it is, comes as just the latest example of violent murders in our schools. It tells the world that violence is a virus that is infecting America's schools. What can be done?

Westminster College has a new curriculum course of study for freshmen called Inquiry. One segment of that course is the study of violence. All high schools would do well to include a similar course in violence, examining causes, studying anger management, and stressing consequences of actions taken in hatred.

The date of the Columbine School massacre was Hitler's birthday, apparently chosen on purpose. "The Trench Coat Mafia" seems to have been a fringe group with deep grudges against the target students they murdered in cold blood. Apparently that group saw Hitler as a hero to be admired and imitated.

At the same time as our television sets brought us news of the tragedy of that violence in Denver, other television images showed the violence from American bombs which fell on the high rise building containing the headquarters of the Socialist party of Milosovec in Serbia. America is raining death from the skies in Yugoslavia in order to try to stop Milosovec from killing the thousands of ethnic Albanians he is driving from their homes in his country. Violence is everywhere.

Movies sell better with violent scenes, buildings exploding, people being shot, gore splattered all over. Violent video games are also extremely popular.

Intolerance seems to be on the rise, nationally. A black man was dragged to his death behind the truck of a white supremacist in Texas. A slight young gay man was pistol whipped and tied to a fence post and left to die a terrible death in the cold rain. The nation has not recovered from the Oklahoma City bombing of the Federal Building there. Violence against abortion clinics and their doctors is often in the news.

And several years ago the nation was immersed in the case of the brutal murder of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. The blood splattered details of that case are still in the minds of millions of people.

Reports of spousal abuse at home and instances of abuse of children by their parents seem to be on the rise. The lyrics of the music of some of the more radical groups sometimes glorify violence and hatred of authority.

The Internet has many sites that can be surfed to gain information about how to build pipe bombs using easily available ingredients.

Guns are available to young people. Even if stricter laws were put on the books making parents responsible for the violence of their children who take guns from their homes to inflict violence at school, such laws would not eliminate the availability of guns to distraught young people. Locks can be smashed, and guns taken regardless of any laws to the contrary.

Since we cannot stop the violence that swarms around our young people in video games, in movies, in our homes, and in our international policies, what can we do?

During the Cold War, many schools carried courses concerning the problems of democracies facing totalitarian communism. (Some of these courses were rather empty propaganda, but with good teachers, some of these courses did in fact help young minds grapple with the international problems of the time.)

What is needed now is a cold war against violence.

Schools need to study more deeply Martin Luther King's philosophy of non-violence as a way to bring change to America. Martin Luther King studied the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. Today our students would do well to study Gandhi and King for their basic philosophy of non-violence, of negotiation, of change through the study and application of moral issues. Religions of the world need to be looked at for what they teach about loving others, tolerance, turning the other cheek, harmony.

We cannot shelter our young people from the violence within our own society and within the global community. However, every school in the country could institute a course to study violence and its alternatives.

Police at school gateways, and metal detectors in the school entrances may lessen the possibility of another school massacre, but education about violence if well done might be much more effective than guards or metal detectors. Each school could devote a part of its curriculum to a study of the causes of violence in the perceived hurt or rejection of those who feel themselves in the out crowd. These courses should be practical education about the application of the King-Gandhi philosophy to everyday problems inside and outside the school.

We need to study seriously the ideas of Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, Jesus Christ, Confucius, and all the philosophers of the world who taught about right not might as a way to solve conflicts. Such study would encourage our students to use these ideas to live more humanely in today's world.

There really is no other choice if we do not want to see more and more of these massacres in our schools. School violence can not be totally eliminated. However it might be lessened if our students study non-violence, toleration, and develop concern for those who do not quite fit in with everybody else.

We need a new national cold war program to educate our youth about violence.

Killers quickly gain Internet cult status: AOL to blame?

By Susan Greene
DENVER POST STAFF WRITER

Internet users identifying themselves as members of Columbine High School's "Trench Coat Mafia" suggested that Tuesday's rampage had been trumpeted online before the carnage began.

On America Online, a member identifying himself as "Trench Coat Mafia in da House" listed one of his hobbies as "preparin' for the big April 20!!"

"You'll all be sorry that day!" he wrote.

The so-called "mafia" is a group of closely knit students who schoolmates suspect are tied to the massacre.

It was unknown Tuesday whether the Internet users actually are part of the clique, whether their claims were real or whether their online profiles were created before or after the shootings.

AOL spokeswoman Tricia Primrose said: "We have no knowledge at this point that the people involved in the shootings actually posted any advance warning on AOL. It's something we'll continue to monitor."

Still, the alleged perpetrators have become instant online cult figures. By last night, "The Trenchcoat" Web site was ablaze with an electronic war of words - self-described "jocks" were threatening swift revenge, apparent allies were explaining their motives and confused teens were asking, "Why?"

On an Internet relay chat channel called TCM - presumably for Trench Coat Mafia - people purporting to be members of the group claimed there had been 12 "mafia" members but "2 died."

In the same online discussion Tuesday night, Internet users referred to another "sacrifice," supposedly scheduled for July 4 in Baltimore. "DEATH AWAITS!" wrote user TCMJEFF ... "stage is set."

On AOL, member "Asriel Abiss" from Littleton listed among his hobbies: "Listening to Marilyn Manson, killing high school students, carrying guns and bombs around, hurting anyone who has hurt me." His personal quote: "Kill the high schoolers!"

Azrael Abyss is the name of a *Saturday Night Live* character who appears on a regular skit called "Goth Talk."

A user named "Dark Crusader" touted himself as a "proud member of the trench coat mafia," listing his hobby as the drug "extassy" and his occupation as a Columbine student.

Though most online chatters urged calm and begged answers, some suggested a possible motive for the spree: revenge against mainstream "jocks."

"Maybe it was a message or a wake-up call to all the people who these terrorists aimed their attacks," wrote someone with the online name REALiTY.

"The 'white hats' and the frat-boys and the ******* jocks who think they rule anyone who isn't like them, maybe you should think of backing off . . ..

Instant - and often gruesome - Internet responses are not unusual after violent news stories, Web experts say. Such messages give some teenagers a way to express themselves and canonize teens they see as celebrities.

Kipland Kinkel, the teen accused in the 1998 Springfield, Ore., high school shootings, became something of a cult hero on the Internet.

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Internet file photo

Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles in *10 Things I Hate About You.*

10 Things I Hate About You delights audiences

By Nancy Ayala
STAFF WRITER

10 Things I Hate About You is an updated Hollywood version of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. It is an enjoyable, light comedy aimed at the teen audience.

Kat, the shrew, played by Julia Stiles, is intelligent, good-looking, ruthlessly flip, and sharp-tongued. She wages war with stinging wit and a take-no-prisoners attitude toward any male, including her father.

The father (played by Larry Miller) forbids his two daughters to date until they are out of high school. He runs into conflict when Joey Donner (Andrew Keegan) courts his younger daughter Bianca (Larisa Oleynik). Knowing that no one in his right mind would date Kat, the father confronts the opposition by making a rule that Bianca cannot go out with any boy until her sister does.

Soon enters the tamer of the shrew, Patrick (Heath Ledger). In hopes of dating

Bianca, Donner offers Patrick money to take Kat out on a date. Oddly enough, he ends up falling in love with her, and proceeds to shower her with kindness.

Hollywood takes an amusing look at the teen culture and its status games. Throughout the movie there are spoofs on many stereotypically teen phenomena including consumerism, clicks, make-out sessions, and the nerd with the "I'm buying a Toyoto Tercel" pick-up line.

In Kristen's Corner: *Smokey Joe's Cafe rocks Orr*

By Kristen Kress
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It was a time of first kisses and last dances, hot summer nights and cool midnight struts, diners and red-hot rock'n'roll. Chicks spun hula hoops and twirled their poodle skirts at the hop. Caddies with tail fins were cool, Elvis ruled, and rock-'n'roll was here to stay.

The granddaddies of it all were Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, two guys who loved boogie woogie music and wrote songs that made people want to get up and dance.

That's what *Smokey Joe's Cafe: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller* is all about. This musical is a celebration of more than 40 Leiber & Stoller songs made popular by artists such as Elvis, The Coasters, The Drifters, Ben E. King and Peggy Lee. Smokey Joe's Cafe takes you back to the 1950s with song and dance.

After playing on Broadway for some time, *Smokey Joe's Cafe* is on the road. Last Wednesday night, the touring company burst into Orr auditorium bringing life to the stage with dazzling lights, electrifying dancing, and some great music.

Three tractor trailers and tons of equipment was brought into Orr for the musical extravaganza. And the show wouldn't be the smash success that it is without the tireless efforts of the people behind the scenes.

Choreographer Joey McKneeley said, "The music was the main inspiration for each number...the energy of the song has to be carried through to the choreography."

"I have specific motivations for every move I do and that is given to the performers. If an audience understands what's going on, then I've done my job," he added.

I enjoyed the show very much; it had so much energy and life. The cast was so friendly; they welcomed me and were anxious to be interviewed and to talk about their experiences with the show.

I interviewed cast member Joey Matta after the show. Matta, 27, is from Harrisburg, PA and says his favorite part of being on the road is "definitely not fast food or the bus rides." He enjoys the benefits that come with being on the road, such as the opportunity to save up some money and tour all over the country.

I also got the chance to talk with some audience members who were enthusiastic about the performance.

Greenville resident Barbara Bowen, a Celebrity Series season ticket holder, said, "I missed this whole generation of music while I raised my kids and worked so I really enjoy this show."

"I liked it so much when I saw it in Pittsburgh that I bought the CD! The best show of the season is always on my birthday so I like that too," she added.

For the most part the show was marvelous, except Orr cannot really host shows of this caliber. More students should attend the Celebrity Series, because the two I have been to this season have been absolutely wonderful. So next year, when you get the e-mail about the season, get tickets early and enjoy the shows!

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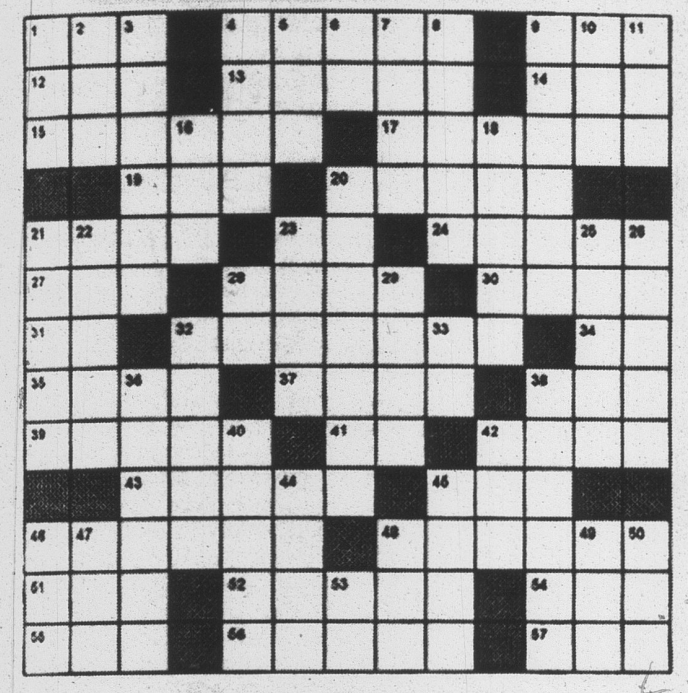

Last week's answers

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ACROSS

1 Rock on hilltop
4 View
9 Piece
12 16th president (abbr.)
13 Hue
14 High card
15 place incorrectly
17 Declared holy
19 Over (poetic)
20 Redo
21 Sharp taste
23 Exist
24 Accumulation of body fluids
27 Scrap of food
28 Veal
30 Gr. God of War
31 Morning (abbr.)
32 Wilderness
34 Seventh musical note
35 Cries
37 Slope downward
38 Irate
39 Entertain
41 Direction (abbr.)
42 Very strong wind
43 Growing older
45 Stop
46 N. Amer. Indian tribe
48 Sell
51 Hawaiian food
52 German (slang)
54 Put
55 Saturated hydrocarbon (suf.)
56 Glide along
57 Before (poetic)

DOWN

1 Scottish cap
2 Wide Japanese sash
3 Place for relaxation
4 Blemish
5 Sly
6 Elevated railroad
7 Part of face
8 Rub out
9 Sell
10 Frozen water
11 Spread grass for drying
16 Lease
18 Aromic, reddish wood
20 Perusing
21 Warm thoroughly
22 Protective body covering
23 Wagers
25 Iron
26 To one side
28 12th Greek letter
29 Distant pitch
32 Sioux tribe
33 All right
36 Small brimless cap
38 Sleeveless coat
40 Clock clickings
42 Fish
44 Informer (Brit. Slang)
45 Take away; subtract
46 Mineral spring
47 Age; eternity
48 Conjunction
49 Hearing organ
50 Cereal glass
53 Community college degree (abbr.)

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director has been beneficial, as well. "Dr. Guthrie is a director/designer; he knows exactly what he wants to see," said Thomas. "Father Bob is a director/actor, so he gives us [the technical crew] the benefit of the doubt and lets us explore options."

A guest director is selected every year from numerous applicants by theatre and communications faculty. Cast and crewmembers of "A Man For All Seasons" agreed that guest directors are an important part of their education.

"It gives us a chance to gage our abilities in another environment," said Sciulli. "In the future we'll be moving from director to director; you have to have this experience or you'll be in for a shock."

Father Bob said guest directing was a rewarding experience for him, too. He has acted and directed in high school, summer theatre, and church camp productions since 1975. Now, he also serves as college chaplain to Catholic students. Father Bob, 45, said he was glad to have this experience not only because he loves theatre, but also because it allowed him to get more involved on campus.

The cast includes: DeCaprio, Hegelson, Sciulli, Scheid, Thomas, Kristy Bronder, Laura Butchy, Brad Dell, Ted Haynes, Kristen Kress, Victor Lomax, Sam McKissick, Matt Nichols and Bill Weniger.

The crew includes Father Bob, Thomas, Melissa Cooper, Shannon Driscoll, Janis Sylves, Ben Tate, Greta Tommarello and Mollie Wallace.

Father Bob laughed often at last Thursday's rehearsal, especially when he said he would be "shameless" in promoting the play to his parishioners at St. Camillus in New Castle.

And why not? As Sciulli summed up, "everything [about this play] just has a magic about it."

The "magical" display runs April 28 through May 1 at 8 p.m. in Beeghly Theater. Tickets, free to students and faculty, are available through the box office, Ext. 7241.

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Reading Day
Starting at 6 pm

Humor-scopes

April 23-30

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Beware of Doug, and celery.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Good week to make sure you are prepared for a big earthquake, or Y2K. Get bottled water, a first-aid kit, canned food, flashlights, transistor radio, sturdy hiking boots, and a feather boa. This boa is crucial- you will understand later.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Your perfume or cologne has too much patchoulli. Only an idiot wears patchoulli. Or a witch. Hmm. Er, never mind. Wear whatever you like.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
You will come up with a sure fire method of fooling all of the people, all of the time. It will have something to do with cottage cheese. This method will leave you in need of a stiff drink- very stiff. One that doesn't even need a glass.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
This week you'll start a new rock group, named "SPAM Catapult", and kick things off with a really smokin' number combining the best aspects of reggae, rap, and polka. Remember to plug the Spam Merchandise hotline- that's 1-800-LUV-SPAM!

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
Good week to be callously indifferent to the plight of the masses. You have larger things on your mind than whether the peasants are happy.

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
Good time to go on a voyage of self-discovery. Try to be back in time for dinner, though.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
Thrombosis. Beware. Also, your best friend will rush up and indicate by nonverbal means that Timmy is trapped under a log again. In a surprising twist, the failure of another large London-based bank will be blamed on you this week.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
You are having a serious problem. Your only hope at this point is to consult a reputable florist. You will find them in the Yellow Pages, under "Florists, Reputable".

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
You will be followed by people who look suspiciously like shoe salesmen. Try to remain calm - they can sense fear.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
Yogurt week. Did you know that some "natural remedies" books recommend squishing yogurt (the kind with active cultures) in your hair, to relieve dandruff? You should give it a try. Remember to leave it in for at least two days.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
Today you will be seized with the urgent desire to buy a harmonica, which you will take everywhere with you, on one of those coat-hanger thingies around your neck. You will annoyingly act as if you are Bruce Springsteen and play away on the harp, pausing only to demand another beer.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Poet laureate receives over 10,000 replies to request

BOSTON (AP) - What is your favorite poem?

Robert Pinsky, poet laureate of the United States, begged that question of a nation supposedly brain-drained by information overload and received an astonishing 10,000 and more replies.

By postcard, letter, email, even audio- or videocassette, the rhymes - and the reasons for tucking them away in memory or pasting them to the refrigerator - flowed in from town and country.

In meters merry and sad the unleashed bard sang from truck stops and hip-hop bars, from trailer parks and prison cells, from seniors' centers, library reading rooms and gin mills staging the subculture craze of poetic "slams," and from a park ranger deep in the forests primeval of Oregon sighing beneath the brim of his Smoky the Bear Stetson: "I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree."

Actually Joyce Kilmer, so long put down by academia, ended up among the top 10 poets chosen by Pinsky's respondents. These include, Pinsky joyously reports, "a bank courier, a welder, an antiques dealer, a supermarket checkout clerk, a TV sitcom writer, a ballpark hot dog vendor, the real Dr. Patch Adams of recent movie fame, a dancer in a Broadway musical, several commercial pilots, a mail carrier, a retired parole officer, lots of actors, farmers, students, priests and rabbis - just an amazing spread of professions and educational backgrounds."

Pinsky conceived the Favorite Poem Project as a 200th birthday gift to the Library of Congress, where the poet laureate has an office high in the rafters.

His idea was to have a broad cross section of Americans choose their favorite poems and explain briefly why. From these, now flowing at the rate of a dozen a day into computers staffed by graduate students at Boston University, 1,000 will be asked to read their favorites aloud on audio tape and another 200 on video tape.

The tapes will reside in the Library of Congress archives as a sort of metrical time capsule recording a nation's poetic consciousness. "If in a thousand years from now anyone should ask who Americans were, this archive might help give an answer," Pinsky muses.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, supposedly the most moribund member of the dead poets society, was the eighth most memorized poet in a field led by Robert Frost. Poetry lovers by the score quoth The Raven evermore, putting Edgar Allan Poe near the top, along with Shakespeare, William Butler Yeats and Emily Dickinson.

Like Walt Whitman, in 12th place, the poet laureate heard America singing in voices as varied as Shelley and Shel Silverstein, Keats and Ogden Nash, Langston Hughes, e.e. Cummings, Dr. Seuss, Alexander Pope and Pope John Paul II.

Rudyard Kipling, frowned on by the Establishment, beat out Lords Byron and Tennyson, and Elizabeth Barrett Browning was voted more memorable than her more prolific husband Robert, and Edgar A. Guest, the newspaper rhymester laughed at in faculty lounges, reminded all that "It takes a heap o' livin' in a house t' make it home."

The mixture of the sublime and the scorned pleases the poet laureate, who set out to prove that poetry is alive and well beyond ivy-clad college walls, off-campus coffee bars and graduate seminars like the one he teaches in poetry writing at Boston University.

The author of five books of poetry and three collections of essays, Pinsky put Dante on the best-seller list after 700 years with his gloriously readable translation of the Inferno. He helped Polish Nobel Laureate Czeslaw Milosz translate his poems into English.

With his love of languages, Pinsky is delighted that poems in many tongues were nominated. "It would not be American to limit the choices to English," he explained in the book-lined den of his suburban Boston home. "We have on our Web site poems in Yiddish, Persian, Spanish, Italian and many other tongues. There is a Japanese haiku and a poem in American sign language. We do ask that a translation be provided. Original poems, however, are not acceptable."

Entries close at midnight April 30, and an anthology of the favorites will be published by W.W. Norton.

Launched in April a year ago, the Favored Poem Project, or FPP, as it came to be called, was encouraged at more than 100 poetry events in libraries, schools and town halls across the land. The White House played host to a poetry reading that heard President Clinton recite Emerson's Concord Hymn, commemorating "the shot heard round the world." Hillary Rodham Clinton read The Makers by former poet laureate Howard Nemerov. The President was so impressed he adopted the FPP as part of the nation's millennium celebration.

Shortly before his turn at the White House, Pinsky found himself in a Chicago saloon judging a poetic "slam." In this latest cultural phenomenon, ordinary citizens unburdened by textbook gravitas compete for prizes in delivering poems with passion and personality.

All this exposure has convinced many Americans that this nation indeed does have a poet laureate, and the title is not reserved for British blokes in velvet knee britches bent on rhyming their way into the monarch's good graces and ultimately the Poets' Corner at Westminster Abbey.

Pinsky is the 9th U.S. Poet Laureate since Robert Penn Warren was so designated by the Librarian of Congress in 1986. Until then the Library had poetry consultants but no laureate. Democratic differences separate the American from the British.

In England, the laureate is the official court poet, a member of the royal household. Appointed by the monarch, he traditionally composes something for auspicious state occasions - a royal birthday, wedding or funeral, or a famous victory.

Pinsky deems "the American post nobler and more dignified. I do not serve a family or any branch of government, and I don't write poems for anniversaries. I am appointed by the Librarian of Congress as poetry consultant to the people."

In two years as laureate, Pinsky has written another book of poems, "but not a stanza for any official occasion, nor do I intend to."

When not teaching, Pinsky frequently appears on PBS' *The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer*, musing on the headlines in verse. He is poetry editor of *SLATE*, an on-line magazine.

There is a touch of the poet in most of us, the poet laureate avows, whether computer nerd, professional wrestler, brain surgeon or taxi driver.

Pass me my *Palgrave's Golden Treasury*, I'm beginning to feel verse.

Nominations for the Favored Poem Project can be emailed to favpoem@bu.edu or mailed to Favorite Poem Project, Boston University, 236 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02215. Deadline April 30, the end of National Poetry Month.

Supreme Court rules e-mail censorship does not violate free speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal law aimed at keeping some smut out of e-mails does not violate anyone's free-speech rights, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The decision, issued without an opinion, rejected a computer technology company's argument that one part of the Communications Decency Act of 1996 threatens its free-speech rights.

At issue was a provision in the law making it a crime to transmit a "communication which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy or indecent with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass another person." The provision applies to all e-mail, even messages sent from one friend or acquaintance to another.

That provision was attacked by ApolloMedia Corp., a San Francisco-based firm that developed the "annoy.com" Web site to let people anonymously communicate their opinions to public officials by using language some might consider indecent.

While the company's 1997 lawsuit was pending, the Supreme Court invalidated another provision of the Communications Decency Act. The justices in 1997 struck down Congress' effort to protect children from sexually explicit — but not legally obscene — material.

The invalidated provision had made it a crime to send any "obscene or indecent" material on the Internet knowing that it could be seen by someone under 18.

In ApolloMedia's case, a three-judge federal court in California upheld the challenged provision by interpreting it to apply only to obscene material, which gets no protection from the Constitution's First Amendment.

When that court announced its decision last September, ApolloMedia President Clinton Fein told The Associated Press he was pleased that "it is constitutionally protected to send indecent communications with an intent to annoy."

But his lawyer, William Bennett Turner, worried aloud that the judges failed to make clear "you can't outlaw indecent speech online."

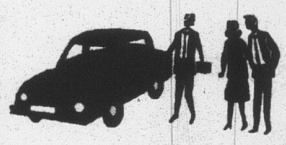
ApolloMedia's Supreme Court appeal was filed in December. The 1996 law requires that challenges to any of its provisions be heard by three-judge trial courts and that appeals be taken directly to the Supreme Court.

But Clinton administration lawyers urged the justices to reject the appeal.

"Whatever fear of prosecution (ApolloMedia) might have had at the outset of the case became entirely remote, speculative and conjectural after the district court's ruling," they said.

Today's Supreme Court decision upheld, without explanation, the appeals court's ruling. The case is ApolloMedia Corp. vs. Reno, 98-933.

Pottery Sale
in the
Art Gallery
Saturday, April 24
from Noon until 8:00 P.M.
All works created by student artists.



Do you have a dirty car?

Kappa Delta Pi will be holding a car wash
Sunday, April 25
Time: 1-4 PM
Location: New Castle Giant Eagle (Rt. 18)

Donations will be accepted.

International Monetary Fund reports global recession is ending

WASHINGTON (AP) - The International Monetary Fund reported Tuesday that "significant positive developments" in the world economy this year raise hopes that the worst may be over for a financial crisis that pushed one-third of the globe into recession.

Issuing its latest "World Economic Outlook," the IMF insisted there are still plenty of threats around. But for the first time since the crisis erupted, the 182-nation international lending organization was able to revise its previous growth forecast slightly upward instead of being forced to admit it had been overly optimistic.

The IMF said it believes the global economy will expand by 2.3% this year, just 0.1 of a percentage point higher than a forecast it made four months ago. That would still make this year the weakest since the last global recession in 1991.

But looking further into the future, the agency saw a solid rebound in 2000 with the economy returning to growth of 3.4%.

"Global economic growth should pick up again in 2000 as adjustments in the emerging market economies run their course," the IMF economists wrote.

But for that to occur, the IMF said, the world's largest economy, the United States, must achieve a "soft landing" with growth slowing to a more sustainable pace to keep inflation pressures at bay. Japan, the second-largest economy, will have to finally exhibit signs of emerging from its worst recession in a half-century, the IMF concluded.

If weaknesses in Japan are prolonged further, if recent weakness in continental Europe intensifies or if the United States suffers a sharper slowdown than expected, risks to the global economy will rise markedly, the IMF said.

IMF forecasts also saw threats coming from the current NATO bombing campaign in Yugoslavia, warning of severe disruptions to neighboring countries in the region.

For the United States, the IMF predicted growth will slow from last year's sizzling 3.9% rate to 3.3%, with an even further slowdown to 2.2% in 2000.

Japan's economy was projected to shrink again this year, with output falling 1.4% - double last year's plunge. However, the IMF said there are hopeful signs that Japan's economy finally may be emerging from its decade-long period of weakness. It predicted an end to the Japanese recession and slight growth of 0.3% in 2000.

The IMF was even more optimistic about other Asian countries, where plunging currencies and stock markets, triggered steep downturns, beginning first in Thailand in July 1997 and then spreading to other nations in the region.

"Activity has recently turned around in Korea and seems to have bottomed out in Malaysia and Thailand," the IMF said. "Investor sentiment toward many emerging market economies has rallied."

This assessment echoed a forecast released Monday by the AsianDevelopment Bank, which reported "distinct signs that this sharp contraction may be bottoming out."

This view is a far cry from concerns last fall after Russia defaulted on billions of dollars in debt, throwing stock markets from New York to Buenos Aires into a tailspin. The Federal Reserve responded with a series of U.S. interest rate cuts that restored confidence and helped cushion the shocks when Brazil was forced to devalue its own currency in January.

The IMF's new economic forecast was released in advance of the agency's annual spring meetings. Those sessions are expected to be devoted to discussions about what still must be done to overhaul the global financial architecture to prevent future Asian-style currency crises.

China's preparations for Y2K hampered by financial problems, inexperience, fighting

BEIJING (AP) - Bureaucratic infighting, inexperience and a lack of money are hampering China's progress in preparing for the year 2000 computer glitch, the government's top computer troubleshooter said Monday.

Banking, telecommunications, civil aviation and 15 other sectors "crucial to the national economy and the people's daily life" have largely completed modifying their systems to purge them of the bug, said Zhang Qi of the Ministry of Information Industry.

However, not all agencies are cooperating with each other, new millennium problems are being uncovered as old ones are solved and there is a "huge gap" in funds, Zhang said. She said foreign experts estimate China will need as much as $600 billion to fix its millennium bug problems.

Zhang, who is coordinating government efforts to deal with the computer glitch, spoke at a news conference called by the State Council, or Cabinet, to assess China's readiness for the millennium and any emergencies that might ensue.

Experts worry that computers, software and microchips that use only the last two digits to mark the year will mistake 2000 for 1900 and malfunction, causing vital systems to stop working.

Six weeks ago, a senior CIA official told the U.S. Congress that China was slow in dealing with the problem and would likely experience disruptions in telecommunications, power and banking.

Zhang said that two-thirds of the national power network has been modified and 60% of the telecommunications systems are ruled Y2K-safe.

The banking sector has made the most progress, having spent $605 million to upgrade all hardware and software and finish all contingency planning.

China Telecom, the country's leading telecommunications operator, has updated about 90% of its equipment and expects to overhaul the rest by July 1 and focus on emergency plans during the second half of the year.

The State Council has ordered that the power, telecommunications and water supply sectors give priority to correcting the computer bug, Zhang said. "No failure should occur in these areas," she said.

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U-WIRE NEWS

U. Texas researchers develop way to reattach nerves

By Chris Oliver
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — A group of University of Texas scientists have discovered a new technique to fuse severed nerve cells in the central nervous systems of mammals.

George Bittner, UT professor of zoology, and a group of colleagues said they have repaired the nerves of laboratory rats and are working on ways to apply the method to human patients.

"I would estimate the procedure could be used on humans in about two years," Bittner said.

Once a distal — the part of the nerve severed from the cell body — in the central nervous system has been detached from a cell, it doesn't grow back. Bittner's method involves welding the two parts of the nerve cell back together so that it doesn't have to grow again.

"It is very much like reattaching an arm that has been removed and restoring the lost functions," Bittner said.

The technique is fairly simple, he said, and can be mastered by undergraduates within several months.

He added that the procedure is difficult because it must be applied quickly or it will not work. The distal dies in three to 12 hours, becoming useless.

The researchers remedied this by developing a way to keep the distal alive for five to 10 days.

Bittner added that the technique won't help people that are currently afflicted with paralysis from nerve damage.

The severed nerve is sealed with polyethylene glycol hydrogel, a solution developed by Jeffery Hubbell, a former UT professor, who now works at the Swiss Federal Institute at Zurich, Switzerland.

"This work should have a high clinical impact on patients with spinal injuries," Hubbell said.

Polyethylene glycol hydrogel is non-toxic, so it can be used on humans without the approval of the Federal Drug Association.

Bittner and Hubbell began collaborating 10 years ago when they began repairing the nervous systems of invertebrates such as worms.

"Our collaboration addressed the difficulty of jumping from worms to mammals," Hubbell said.

Bittner said that the technique can repair about 10 to 20 percent of the distals that have been severed from a nerve cell.

"Hopefully in the future we will be able to increase that number," Bittner said.

The next step, Bittner said, is to develop procedures for surgical use on humans.

"We are trying to combine this with different approaches developed by other scientists," Bittner said.

The findings were published in the April issue of the *Journal of Neuroscience*.

Feds arrest graduate student for allegedly making 'Ecstasy'

By Joseph Altman Jr.
Arizona Daily Wildcat (U. Arizona)

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — University of Arizona graduate student Chad A. Gettel spent his weekends in a laboratory trying to create a chemical reagent for testing metals. Federal agents say he also had a side job - making the drug "Ecstasy."

Drug Enforcement Administration agents Thursday arrested Gettel, 23, on suspicion of distribution and production of a controlled substance.

A subsequent search of Gettel's personal workspace in the University of Arizona's Marvel Building, 1213 E. South Campus Drive, uncovered "useable quantities" of Methylendioxymethylamphetamine, or MDMA, said Special Agent Jim Molesa, a Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman.

DEA agents investigating a drug case in Atlanta obtained information that implicated Gettel, a non-degree seeking graduate student, Molesa said.

The compounds Gettel was legitimately researching could be transformed into MDMA - a stimulant and mild hallucinogenic commonly known as "Ecstasy" or "X" - with two basic reactions, chemistry professor Robert Bates said yesterday.

Bates' fifth-floor lab was where Gettel worked with several other students.

"We all knew the compounds are close to amphetamine, and it's a really easy group of drugs to make," Bates said. "You have to have the know-how, and he had the know-how. Apparently, he couldn't resist the temptation."

Agents went to Bates' lab Thursday and found chemicals and tools used to make MDMA, Molesa said. They returned with a search warrant Friday and searched Gettel's personal lab space and locked cabinet, he said.

"Agents found additional precursor chemicals and a little bit of the finished product MDMA," Molesa said.

The exact amount of the substance seized was unknown, he said.

Gettel, who was released after posting a $20,000 bond, could not be reached for comment yesterday. He may face additional charges following a complete investigation, Molesa said.

If convicted, Gettel could face up to life imprisonment, depending on the amount of MDMA involved and any prior convictions.

Federal law also allows the sentence to be doubled if someone is convicted of manufacturing or distributing such drugs on or within 1,000 feet of a school or university campus.

Bates said he has never had problems with Gettel, who mostly worked on the weekends while Bates was not present.

"I was shocked. Everybody was shocked. It's like a bad dream, except it wasn't a dream," Bates said.

"He had a legitimate project that got him into the lab," he said. "He was making good progress on that project, but on the side, he may have been making this drug."

Bates and Seth Ruskin, a laboratory manager for the Chemistry Department, both said the nature of chemical research makes it difficult to prevent abuse.

"It's basically an honor system," Bates said. "You can't take the starting substance off the market because they're legitimate compounds used for many other projects. I don't know how to keep people from doing things on the side."

Although several other students who work for Bates use the same lab, there is no reason to believe they are involved, Molesa said.

University police Sgt. Michael Smith said UAPD was not involved in the investigation but assisted agents by securing the area during their search.

In a memo to deans, directors and department heads Friday, university spokeswoman Sharon Kha said the University of Arizona is not involved in the investigation.

Neither Kha nor university attorney Thomas Thompson, who had been contacted by DEA agents, could be reached for comment.

Bates said UA students have been caught making drugs in campus chemistry labs about once every 10 years.

"In one, about 20 years ago, an undergraduate made PCP and took some himself," Bates said. "He freaked out it took four people to hold him down. He had the recipe and chemicals and apparatus all there and freely admitted it."

The DEA recently has discovered other MDMA manufacturing operations in Tucson, but they are rare because the necessary chemicals are not commonly available, Molesa said.

"In the Tucson area, we've come across it a few times in the past two years," he said. "They have extraordinary difficulty because of getting the chemicals and such. Most people can't get their hands on benzene, so usually it's not something we see."

MDMA is popular with young people because it is a "lightweight LSD" with no dramatic psychological effect, Molesa said.

"Unlike meth (crystal methamphetamine), which you see being manufactured in houses, MDMA is a little more complicated to make," he said. "The availability of a lab like a (chemistry) laboratory would provide is helpful."

Students, U. Michigan officials work to make Naked Mile safe

By Kelly O'connor
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — What do you get when you take an innocent jog through town, add drunk euphoria and hundreds of University seniors on the verge of graduation and subtract their clothing?

The answer - the Naked Mile, a time-honored University tradition celebrating the end of the semester and the end of college for many students. But in recent years, the size and safety of the famous run have come into question, prompting some students to take actions they hope will make the run safer for everyone involved.

Michigan Student Assembly Nursing Rep. Jen Seamon said because the Naked Mile now attracts national attention, the crowds of spectators are more unruly than ever. This behavior, she said, can jeopardize runners' safety.

Seamon has recruited more than 200 volunteers who will line the runners' path to lookout for broken glass and other objects that could be safety hazards and communicate with other organizers by walkie-talkie in case someone is injured and needs medical attention.

But the ultimate responsibility for safety lies with Naked Mile participants, Seamon said.

"If you're going to run, run smart," she said, listing a few tips for runners to keep in mind. "Carry your clothes with you; don't get completely smashed beforehand - just use common sense."

Seamon said that despite the often-heated debate surrounding the Naked Mile and questions about its future, MSA is not taking sides on the issue.

"The position we're taking is that we're not taking a position," she said.

"The volunteers comprise people of many different backgrounds and opinions.

We are concerned with the safety of the runners and not the future or morality of the Mile."

Department of Public Safety Police Lt. Joe Piersante said DPS and the Ann Arbor Police Department will position extra officers in the vicinity of the Naked Mile. Piersante said major safety concerns include traffic and crowd control and the possibility of unwanted touching, physical or sexual assaults.

"If we have a warm night with no rain we can expect at least 10,000 people," he said, adding that officers will be on the look-out for injured runners.

Piersante said alcohol often escalates the risks associated with mass numbers of people taking their clothes off and running wild.

"Alcohol is a factor. Some of the runners, to get the nerve to run, have a few drinks," he said. "Some have more than a few drinks. It is a definite risk factor and a hazard."

AAPD Sgt. Andrew Zazula said officers will be present to help control the crowd, but added that he has never known of any arrests being made during the Naked Mile.

LSA senior Reggie Dixon said alcohol may play a factor in his decision to streak down South University Avenue on Tuesday night.

"I don't like to be naked in public," Dixon said. "But you never know. After a little drinking tomorrow, we'll see what happens."

The Naked Mile also attracts people with not-so-innocent intentions, Piersante said - including people who want to videotape runners and exploit them for financial gain.

LSA senior Alissa Ziemer said she's seen first-hand how chaotic the run can be.

"Last year we knew a girl who was picked up and thrown on the ground," Ziemer said. "That's the reason I'm not running. As a girl, you're pretty vulnerable to anything."

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Some frats continue brother branding tradition

By Dana Snider
Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The smell of burning flesh and the idea of scorching skin might sound frightening to a majority of the Greek system.

But for most of the members of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, it is a part of life. They are following a long tradition, mostly of African-American fraternities — getting branded. For the Phi Beta Sigma brothers, branding a "sigma" into their arms is a symbol of their brotherhood.

"It is traditional, but not mandatory," Phi Beta Sigma member Ramone Demming, a senior, said.

Demming received his first brand in 1994 on his left arm with his line, a kind of pledge class. Since then he has received four more brands — two on his chest, one on the shoulder and one he did himself on his ankle. The one on his shoulder was a celebration for a new member.

"(I got a brand) at first out of pride, then, sort of like tattoos, they got a tad addictive," Demming said.

Demming's fraternity brother, junior Damien Piatt, also chose to get a brand. He was branded at a celebration after their initiation ceremony with 11 other Phi Beta Sigma brothers. He numbed his arm by icing it and then having his brothers smack it, which he thought was the most painful part of the process. Then, a hot piece of metal shaped as a sigma struck his skin.

"It was significant because we all got them together," Piatt said. "It was a hell of a bonding experience."

Branding of the skin is done by heating a piece of metal and either striking or dragging it across the skin. Professional branding artist Kent Fazekas, who works at Artistic Skin Design in Indianapolis, said the heat and drag method works more effectively than the heat and strike method.

In the heat and drag method, the brand is drawn on the skin using a 316L stainless steel branding bit shaped like a pencil. The branding bit is heated up to temperatures reaching between 2,600 and 5,200 degrees Fahrenheit. The bit has to be reheated after one to three inches on the skin.

In the heat and strike method, the iron, shaped as the brand's design, is pressed one time on the skin.

Sophomore Latasha Jordan was branded June 26, her initiation night into Zeta Beta Sigma.

"(I got the brand) as a permanent symbol of a very precious time period in my life," Jordan said.

Three other Zeta Beta Sigma sisters also have brands. Jordan numbed her leg before the brand by slapping and putting ice on it.

"A hanger was shaped as a Z, which had been on a hot stove all night," Jordan said. "Then the hanger was placed on my thigh for a split second. The actual brand isn't felt."

Fazekas said he worries that people who do their own brands at home might not use the necessary safety measures he practices. He said coat hangers are a weaker iron so the skin sticks to the hanger because it cools off so quickly. This tears the skin more and can cause more scarring.

"It is all technique and functionality," Fazekas said. "The scars are constantly healing and rejuvenating."

Also, some might not know how hard to push the iron against the skin, causing the fat tissue to be burnt and possibly some of the muscle as well. This can lead to severe problems. He also warns that alcohol does not sterilize the iron and sharing branding metals can spread disease.

"I wear a mask and use lavender incense (to avoid the smell)," Fazekas said. "I slowly exhale while drawing and breathe while heating the bit."

After receiving a brand, the scabs will heal in two to three weeks. Dry tissue takes about a month to clear up and the final product will not be done for three to four months. At that time, the brand will stay in that condition for several years, depending on the skin type. Bloomington does not offer branding, but a few tattoo parlors in Indianapolis have branding artists.

One thing Demming, Piatt, Jordan and Fazekas agree on is their brands were not as painful as they look.

"By far it is not the most painful thing that I have ever done," Jordan said.

Police charge Mississippi student with murder

By Callie Godshaw
MISSISSIPPI STATE U.

(U-WIRE) MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss. - A Mississippi State University sophomore has been charged with capital murder in connection with the death of her newborn son after police found the infant's body in a garbage bag. Lindsay Kathryn Welch, an 18-year-old architecture major from Columbus, was scheduled to be arraigned Thursday in Starkville Municipal Court. The results of the arraignment were not available at press time.

Welch was arrested Tuesday by the Starkville Police Department. Police Chief Larry Sisk said she was officially served with papers and charged at the police department.

Welch was released Wednesday on $75,000 bond. "The baby was found in a garbage bag on the corner of Gillespie Street and Washington Street at about 1:30 p.m. Monday," Oktibbeha County Coroner Michael Hunt said. "It was in moderate stages of decomposition." Sisk said the infant's body was found while investigating information received by the police department.

"We received a report that there was a possibility of the situation," Sisk said. "We investigated it and discovered the body." The newborn's body was sent to Jackson for the autopsy. Hunt would not release the official cause of death other than to say the infant did not die of natural causes.

"The specific cause of death will be released when all pathological microscopic studies and toxicology studies are done," Hunt said.

Dean of Students Mike White said the University is very saddened by the event. "It is a tragedy for everyone involved," White said. "Our prayers are with the family."

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Calendar of Events

Friday, April 23
Greek Week
7:15 a.m., Geology Field Trip - West Virginia
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Bookstore Spring Sale - TUB Lounge
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Flutes for Lunch - Orr Lower Lobby
11:40 a.m., Chapel
3:30 p.m., Greek Week Olympics
Swim Relay - Natatorium
Tug of War - Intramural Fields by the Tennis Courts
Anything that Floats - Brittain Lake
Mattress Race - Baseball Field
Relay Races - Baseball Field
6:30 p.m. Greek Week Block Party - Alpha Sigma Phi
10-10 p.m., JT's Cafe - Down Under

Saturday, April 24
Campus Visitation Day
KD Parents' Luncheon
Greek Week
7:15 a.m., Geology Field Trip - West Virginia
7:30 p.m., Greek Week Sing and Swing - Orr
10 a.m., Track and Field at Baldwin-Wallace Invitational
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Library
11:30 a.m., CVD Faculty Fair - TUB Main Lounge
1 p.m., Baseball vs. Northwood
3 p.m., Phi Mu Luncheon - Down Under
6 p.m., Mass - Chapel
7:30 p.m., Sing-N-Swing

Sunday, April 25
7:15 a.m., Geology Field Trip - West Virginia
noon, Piano Guild Recital - Orr
1 p.m., Baseball vs. Northwood
3 p.m., Westminster Concert and Chamber Choirs, "Music from Broadway" - Chapel
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Senior Vespers - Chapel
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
8:15-10 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

Monday, April 26
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Rev. Wayne Nickerson, Communion
3 p.m., Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band Dress Rehearsals - Orr
5 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi meeting - Alpha Sigma Phi House
5:30 p.m., Panhel meeting - TUB A/B
5:30-8 p.m., ZTA meeting - TCF 116
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6 p.m., Phi Mu meeting - PH 112/113
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6:30 p.m., Kappa Delta meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
7 p.m., BSU meeting - PH 231
8 p.m., Faculty Trio Music Recital - Orr
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230

Tuesday, April 27
File your FAFSA
10:15 a.m., Alpha Phi Omega story hour - McGill
noon, Red Cross Blood Drive - TUB Main Lounge
3 p.m. Softball at Grove City
5:30 p.m., Mortar Board Faculty Appreciation Banquet - DU
7:30 p.m., Gospel Choir Exec. Committee - TUB A/B
9 p.m., Campus Crusade for Christ - OM 210

Wednesday, April 28
Annual Fund Board meeting Student Recognition
ZTA Sister Social
SAVE meeting - TCF 111
11:40 a.m., Faculty Forum, Ken Long and Ann Throckmorton, "Islands in a Far Sea" — PH 131
1 p.m., Baseball vs. Mercyhurst
3 p.m., Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band Dress Rehearsals - Orr
3 p.m., Men's Tennis vs. Mount Union
4:15-5:30 p.m., Phi Sigma Tau meeting - PH 116
4:45 p.m., Phi Mu Informal Rush Party - Amphitheater
5 p.m., Student Alumni Association Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m., Recertification Adult & Professional Rescuer CPR and Lifeguarding Classes - FH & Natatorium
7 p.m., SGA meeting - TCF 116
8 p.m., Theatre Westminster, A Man for All Seasons - Beeghly
8 p.m., CPC meeting - TUB A/B

Thursday, April 29
7 p.m., IFC meeting - TUB A/B
8 p.m., Theatre Westminster, A Man for All Seasons - Beeghly
Friday, April 30
11:30 a.m., MBA at Clarion U. Presentation - TUB A/B
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Douglas Forsberg
8 p.m., Theatre Westminster, A Man for All Seasons - Beeghly
8 p.m., Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band Concert - Orr
8-10 p.m., Beth Wood - Down Under

Finals Week Computer Lab Schedules

	Econ/Business	Math/C.S.	McElree	McGill	Patterson
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Mon (5/3)	8:00 AM - 1:00 AM	2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM	3:30 PM - 6:30 PM	8:00 AM - 6:15 PM, 9:30 PM - 10:45 PM	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM; 9:00 PM - 3:00 AM
Tues (5/4)	8:00 AM - 1:00 AM	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM	2:00 PM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 1:45 AM	7:00 AM - 7:00 AM
Wed reading day	8:00 AM - 1:00 AM	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 1:45 AM	7:00 AM - 7:00 AM
Thurs (5/6)	8:00 AM - 1:00 AM	4:00 PM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 1:45 AM	7:00 AM - 7:00 AM
Fri (5/7)	8:00 AM - 4:30cPM	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 1:45 AM	7:00 AM - 7:00 AM
Sat (5/8)	Closed all day	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Closed all day	9:00 AM - 4:45 PM	1:30 PM - 9:00 AM
Sun (5/9)	1:30 PM - 9:00 PM	1:30 PM - 9:00 PM	1:30 PM - 9:00 PM	1:00 AM - 4:45 AM	1:30 PM - 3:00 AM
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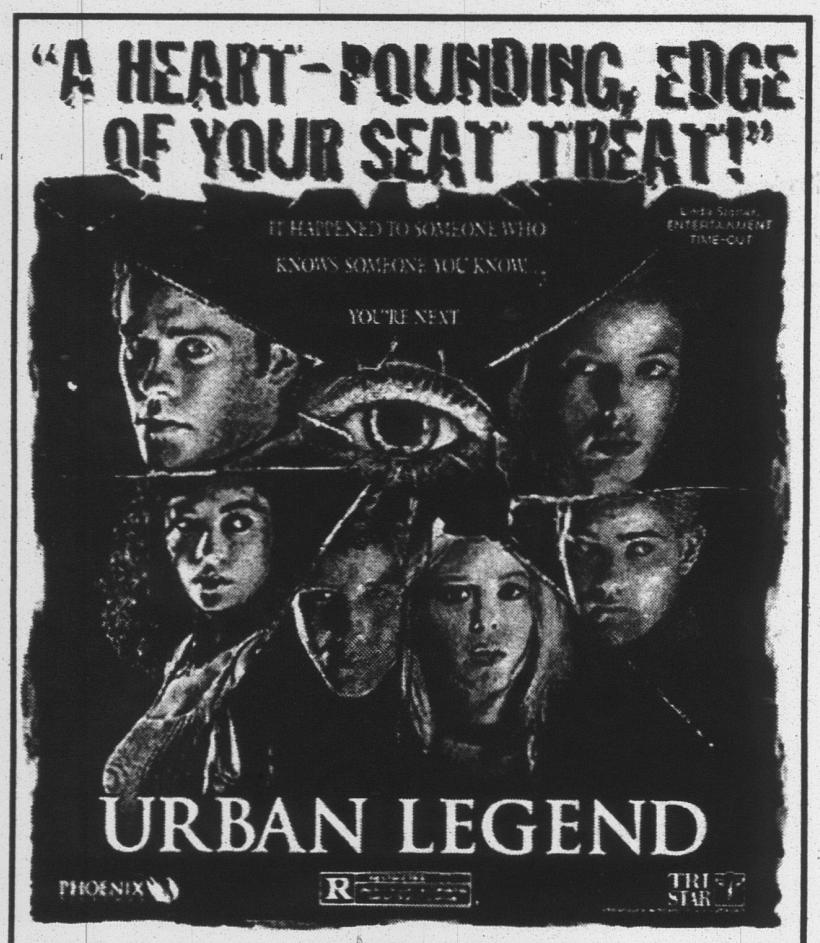

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Greek week shows spirit

By Emily Thomas
STAFF WRITER

It was a week filled with competition, camaraderie, and cheering. Now that Greek Week is over, Greeks across campus will be able to sleep a little bit better and a little bit longer.

The week was a whirlwind of activities, ranging from football to food relays to mattress races.

Despite the wet weather, the men and women of the college's fraternities and sororities joined together and proved that 'no matter the letter, we're all Greek together.'

This year, several new games and relays were added to the list of traditional events. The new games included a pie-eating contest, water balloon toss, and food relay.

Miss Titan, the annual male beauty contest was held on Wednesday night in Orr auditorium. This year, the philanthropic event sponsored by Sigma Kappa sorority was a little different than past years. It was the first year that the sisters hosted the evening. Members of several fraternities assisted them.

Freshman Eric Harvey was crowned "Miss Titan" at the close of the evening.

"I think the whole thing went well," Junior Sig Kap Missy Sutmire said.

The next night, a presentation was held for the members of the Greek Community. A mock rape trial was staged.

Students were given the opportunity to participate in the trial as members of the jury, the plaintiff, and the defendant.

"It gave us a chance to see what would happen in the situation in real life," said sophomore Sig Ep, John Picciano. "We were able to talk about it with people we normally wouldn't."

The final and most anticipated event of the week was Sing and Swing, a combination of awards and dance routines.

This year the theme was "Soundtracks." Sororities and fraternities chose soundtracks from movies ranging from "American Graffiti" to "Boogie Nights."

In between the performances awards were presented to the deserving organizations and their members.

An annual award given to two members of the Greek Community are the Greek God and Goddess Awards. This year's recipients were Sig Ep, Mark McKenzie, and Zeta, Sarah Pavlick.

Photo by Brandon Cleary

Greek week events included a tough tug-o-war between fraternities and sororities.

The Zeta "Big Man on Campus" for 1999 was also named. This year the winner was Sig Ep, Brad Russo.

However, the most anticipated awards of the evening were the men's pick-up day awards Sing and Swing Awards.

The men's pick-up day awards were the source of much anticipation for the men. Coach Scott Renninger presented the awards

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Photo by Amy Cross

Geology students, led by Dr. Ken Long, climb to the opening of Hamilton Cave in West Virigina. Hamilton was the second of three caves the class explored.

Geology underlies it all

By Amy Cross
LAYOUT EDITOR

This past weekend, geology students spent three days hiking, rock climbing, caving, and making observations of the wilderness in the scenic mountains of West Virginia and Virginia. The expedition began early Friday morning as the group departed from the TUB.

The trip was narrated by Dr. Ken Long, who kept in touch with the second van load of students via CB radio. Several stops were made to observe road guts and other geologic formations on the way to the first hike at the Sinks of Gandy Creek. There students received their caving equipment and had there first glimpse at the mouth of a cave.

Also on Friday, students stopped at Spruce Knob, the highest point in West Virginia. Students admired the beautiful scene from the viewing tower.

However, the saw a lighting storm approaching in the distance. Long decided that a metal tower at the highest point in the state was not the best place for students to be during a lightning storm. So the group descended the tower. However, when they reached the bottom they discovered that a student left her coat back at the last observation point. So several students braved the storm under a small shelter while the coat was retrieved.

The expedition included a few more stops until the group reached its final resting point for the evening - a hotel in Franklin, West Virginia. Students relaxed and had dinner at local establishments.

Some even found the locals friendly. Phil Simington describes "Jacky, the West Virginia fisherman" as the most memorable part of the trip.

Day two found the students refreshed and ready to head into the countryside once again. The first part of the day included observation stops and a fossil dig where several students unearthed fossilized remains of Stromatoporoids, an organism that is now thought to be related to modern sponges.

The caravan then departed for Monterey, Virginia for a picnic lunch and discussion about river drainage and a stop at the Hightown Quarry.

Upon returning to West Virginia, students dawned their caving gear and prepared to

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Weekend Weather

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CAMPUS LIFE

Chapel drama presents *Children of Eden* on Sunday

By Kendra McClymonds
STAFF WRITER

This year's chapel drama once again celebrate God's love through theatrical performance. *Children of Eden* by Stephen Schwartz will be presented in the chapel this Sunday, May 2nd at 2 and 7 p.m..

Whether it is experienced while singing, dancing, acting, directing, or simply watching, the chapel drama is an annual student-produced event that provides an opportunity for the campus community to come together.

From the creators of *Godspell*, and *Pippin*, *Children of Eden* is "an inspirational new musical" based on the first nine chapters of the book of Genesis. Critics have called it "a joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children, and faith...not to mention centuries of unresolved family business." Characters such as Father, Adam, Eve, the Snake (made up of 5 people actors), Noah, Mama Noah, and all the rest "light up the stage in glorious song."

Music Director Shaun Cloonan, a junior music education major, said he is very excited about the upcoming performance and all it will have to offer.

"Our driving force is not just to do a big show, but to get a message out - to minister through singing and dancing and acting."

The show promises a lot of singing and dancing, which required a great deal of devotion and determination from everyone involved. Director Leigh Forejt, a junior religion major, said she thinks directing the show was a lot of work, but very rewarding.

"I see a lot of dedication in the cast, and it's amazing to see how far they've come from the first day to now. I'm very proud of them," she said.

The cast and crew urge all faculty and students to attend one of the two musical performances this Sunday. The show is free, but an offering will be taken during intermission.

"If even one person comes and walks away feeling spiritually uplifted then we've done our job," Cloonan said.

Senior week offers variety of entertainment prior to graduation

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, many students are stressing about finals and last minute projects, while the seniors are getting ready to graduate and move on to the real world.

After the finals are over, and all the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have left for the summer, Senior Week begins.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Camille Hawthorne, has organized Senior Week '99. The week begins on Monday, May 10, with a picnic at President Williamson's house. The picnic is supposed to remind the seniors of the Fresh Start picnic at the President's house and of their first days at Westminster. Later that night, the seniors can enjoy an all-expense paid trip to the Hot Rod. The SGA has given the senior class enough money to cover this event. Buses will leave from Old 77 every 45 minutes, beginning at 8 p.m. until 12 a.m.

Tuesday, May 11 is the trip to Cedar Point. Tickets are normally $23, but seniors only have to pay $16. The buses leave at 8:30 a.m. and will be leaving the amusement park at 7 p.m.

The Gateway Clipper dinner cruise is on Wednesday, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Seniors will leave Westminster at 3 p.m. and board the ship at 4:30 p.m. The cruise is scheduled earlier than last year, so that the seniors can enjoy the cruise during the daylight and dusk hours. Tickets are $21 each.

Thursday, May 13 is the Habitat for Humanity Work Trip. The site is undetermined as of right now, but it will be wherever a project is needed that particular day. One year, the project was at Butler, and another year, the seniors traveled to Pittsburgh. The bus leaves campus at 8 a.m., lunch is provided and seniors will return by 4:30 p.m.

Friday is the last day before graduation, and with the exception of a morning graduation rehearsal, the day is free for the seniors. It is day to pack, say goodbye, spend time with family, or use it however they choose.

"There is a definite balance to the week. Tuesday is a fun day at Cedar Point, and the cruise Wednesday is a time to unwind and relax," Hawthorne said.

Senior Cindie Cordes is looking forward to the week.

"I'm excited to be able to hang out with my friends all week without having to worry about schoolwork, "Cordes said.

Valorie Hohmann, another senior, agreed with Cordes.

"It's really a nice way to spend our last week before we head out into the real world," Hohmann said.

Last year, the Hot Rod was the most popular event during Senior Week, with 79% of the class attending. 59% of the class went to Cedar Point, and 36% went on the cruise.

Dining hall evaluated; college considers changing services

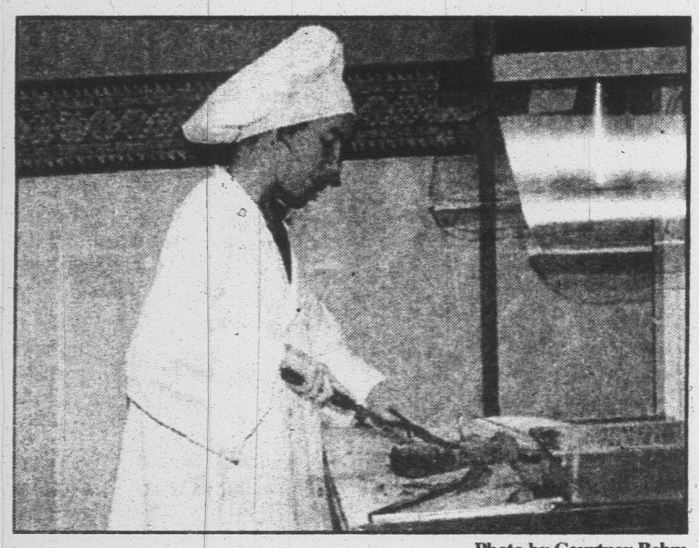


Photo by Courtney Behm
The college is taking bids from several food services for next year.

By Kim Bartley
STAFF WRITER

A change in the dining hall food service provider is being considered for the 1999-2000 school year. The change is prompted by the construction of the new campus center. The college is looking for business partners who can offer some of the capital needed to finance the project. In fact, a crucial part of the college's bid request calls for the new food service provider to fund a portion of the project.

A 12-year contract will be go to the selected bidder. The current food service agreements lasted only 3 years.

"It is important for everyone to understand that there is no great dissatisfaction with Sodexho-Marriott," said Don Shelenberger, business manager. "They are certainly an active participant in this bidding process."

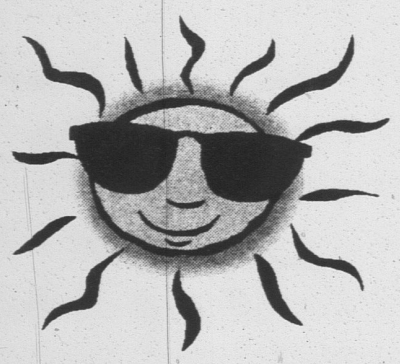
In addition to Sodexho-Marriott, five other companies: Chartwell's, Bon Appetit, Parkhurst, Aramark, and the Wood Company are bidding on the contract. Each company was mailed a request for a proposal. Responses were due last Thursday.

The vendors spent a day on campus and spoke with as many students as possible about the likes and dislikes of the current program. Shelenberger will review the responses with the college's food service consultant in an effort to reduce the six down to two or three.

Shelenberger has enlisted the Student Government Association to aid in his search. Three of its members, Shelenberger, and the college's consultant will visit local colleges where the top bidders currently run food service programs. The Dining Service Advisory Committee was also asked for their input. Shelenberger hopes that the successful bidder will be contracted by mid-May, with service beginning June 1.

"I think that it's a good idea to interview a number of food services, and also to ask for student input," Freshman Jason Gabany said. "After all, we're the people who eat there."

No matter what the outcome, the current food service hourly employees will remain the same. But if Sodexho-Marriott is not chosen, a change in management is on the way.



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Edman featured in weekend choir charity concert

By Ashley Law
STAFF WRITER

Dean of Student Affairs, Neal Edman, joined the Concert and Chamber Choirs last Sunday for an "Afternoon on Broadway." Under the direction of Dr. Angela Broeker, the choirs presented 18 numbers from American and British Broadway classics such as *The Music Man*, *The Sound of Music*, *Les Miserables* and *Phantom of the Opera*. Tickets were $2 and all proceeds benefited the American Cancer Society.

"It was such a thrill to be able to sing with the talented choirs and Angie Broeker," Dean Edman said. "I've been singing since I was very young. My parents started a community theatre 43 years ago, so I kind of grew up in that atmosphere. Now that I have a full time career, I just haven't had time to practice my hobby. I was honored when Angie asked me to perform in the concert."

An Afternoon on Broadway, was not Edman's Westminster singing debut. Seven years ago, he played a role in *Man of La Mancha* during January term.

Not only was Edman excited about returning to the stage, he was also thrilled that the program proceeds went to charity.

"I think it is wonderful that the students decided to make the concert a philanthropic event. I only wish that it could happen more often," Edman said.

Audience members were more than willing to donate to the American Cancer Society. The event raised nearly $500 that will be entirely donated to the charity.

The number of people in attendance impressed Freshman Concert and Chamber Choir member Sarah Schmidl.

"The program was good for all ages, musical theatre is something that everyone can relate to and sing along with." Schmidl said. "I think the people here really enjoyed it, not to mention all of the performers. We had so much fun."

Dr. Angela Broeker agreed.

"I thought both choirs sang extremely well. And as I listened to all the solos and small groups, I was amazed at the depth of talent within our choirs." Broeker said. "Not only did the choirs sing well, they contributed to a great cause. We were thrilled at the number in attendance. Basically our goal was to raise money for the Cancer Society. We feel that we did a great job at doing that."

Remick hall dedication kicks off summer activities at college

By Amy Shuluga
STAFF WRITER

Many students leave for the summer and do not think about college again until its time to return in August, but the campus does not close down for the summer.

Of course, there are summer classes in session, and computer labs are open. However, there is much more than that going on here this summer.

Starting off the events this summer is the dedication and open house for the new admissions building. The event will take place on May 14. Former president Oscar Remick and his wife will be at the festivities.

In June, the college will hold many camps and conferences. Some of the events include: Youngstown Garden Club (3-6), Square Dancers' Convention (4-5), Lawrence County Fire School (11-13), Boys' Basketball Camp and Swim Camp I (13-17), RYLA (13-18), Northfield Conference (20-26), Girls Basketball Camp and Swim Camp II (20-24), Boys' Team Basketball Camp (25-27), Swim Camp III (27-July1), Christian Dance Fellowship (29-July 3).

July also brings many scheduled events. The month starts out with Soccer Camp (4-9). The next camp is the Volleyball Camp (5-9). The Presbyterian Association of Musicians is holding a conference on campus this summer as well (11-17). Another boys Basketball Camp is scheduled in July (11-15). Girls' Team Basketball camp is the next camp on the list (16-18). A Mini-Basketball Camp, which is co-ed, falls in this month (19-21). Finally, the New Wilmington Missionary Conference will be held the 22 through the 31.

Things slow down in August with the Soccer Camp (9-12) being the only event.

Though the campus will be busy with that schedule, the grounds crew will be busy with several projects.

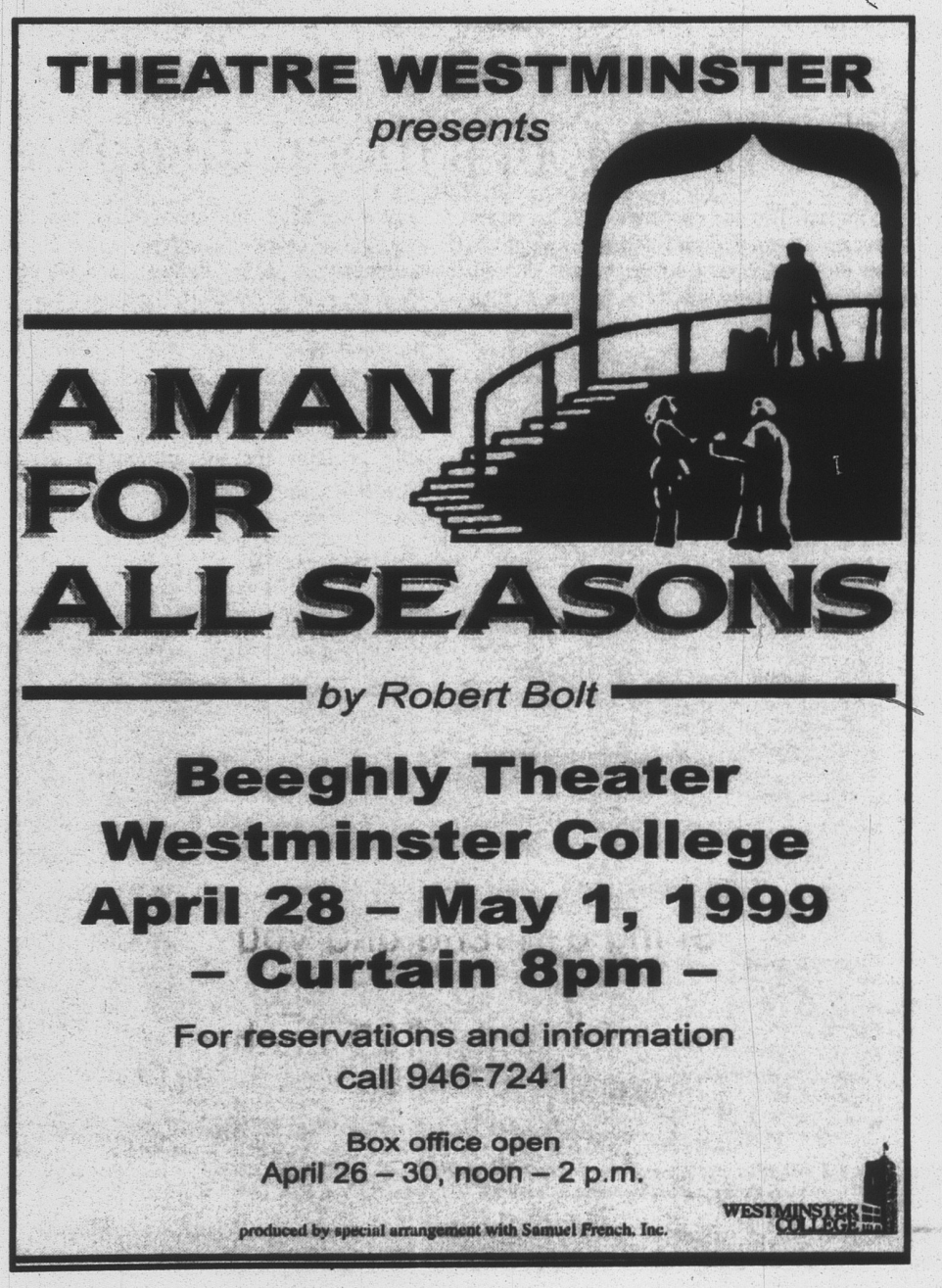
Of course, all of the grass and landscaping is tended throughout the summer, but they have their sights on much bigger tasks.

First on the list is putting trailers into place for the English department on the former grounds of West Hall.

"That is going to be a huge job for us this summer," said Steve Connell, the man in charge of the grounds crew.

They will also be working on the campus signs this summer.

Another huge project is the construction of a new soccer field. The future field will be located behind the lake. Connell was unsure of the expected completion date. But it will probably not be finished by the time the students return in the fall.



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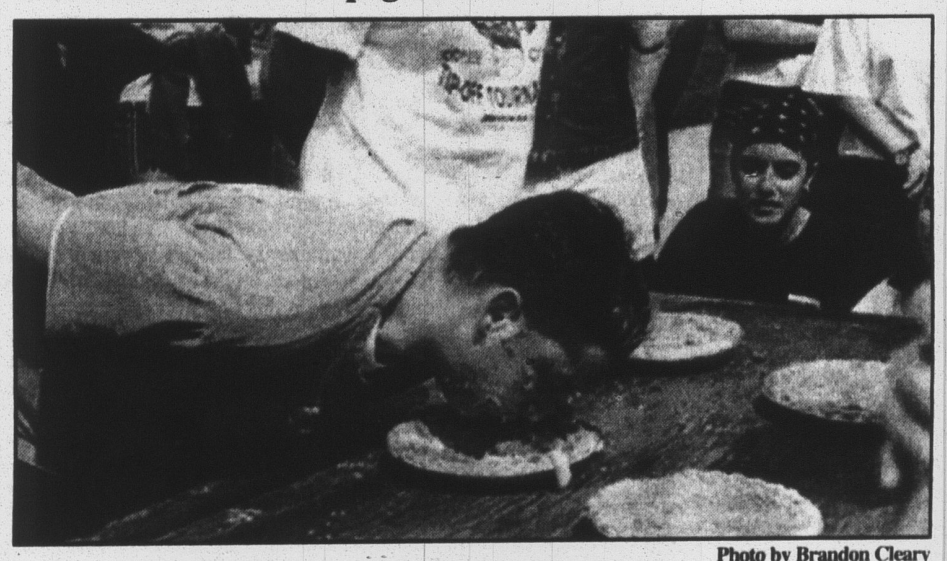

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Onlookers watch in horror while Greeks in the pie eating contest get down and dirty.

for best breakfast, dinner, activity, ceremony, and over-all winner.

Something different was done with the awards this year. Runners-up were announced because of the really small margin between the first and second places, said Renninger.

The brothers of Sigma Nu won the award for best breakfast, and Alpha Sigma Phi was the runner up. Alpha Sigma Phi won dinner and the brothers Sigma Phi Epsilon were the runners-up.

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon won both pick-up day ceremony and activity. Phi Kappa Tau and Alpha Sigma Phi were the respective runners-up.

The overall winners of pick-up day were the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"I couldn't believe we actually won it," said Picciano. "That day was such a great day, this makes it even better."

Sing and Swing numbers were closer to production numbers this year than ever before.

"Every year the routines get more elaborate," said senior Alpha Gam, Cindie Cordes.

Phi Mu, the women's winners, gave a 'supernatural' performance to "Men in Black."

"I couldn't believe we won," said junior Kristin Sostaric. "It's so exciting."

"Phi Mu did a really great job tonight. I'm glad they won. The flashlights were such a good idea," said sophomore Sig Kap, Kelly Smith.

The men's winners got "Footloose" up on stage, clinching the Sing and Swing title for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"The guys did a great job this year," said Picciano. "We really practiced a lot."

"This week was so much fun," said Sutmire. "It gave us a chance to hang out with our friends."

Davis agreed, "I have so much fun during Greek Week. You really get to see people's competitive sides."

NEWS

SGA plans arcade, longer library hours, color printers

By Amber Brkich
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association has many new and exciting goals in mind for the 1999-2000 academic year.

"Our list of goals is really long, but they are totally different from any other year's goals," said SGA President Marc Harkins. Some of the goals set for next year are having color printers available in every computer lab, turning the former Westmini-Mart into an arcade, and extending the library hours.

Another goal the organization is considering is increasing students' awareness of the Health Center.

"We want to make it known what is available at the Health Center, besides that the doctor is in for one hour every morning," said SGA Treasurer Beth Alexander. "It would be nice to find out from the students what improvements they have in mind for the Health Center to better accommodate them."

Other plans include SGA taking over the Celebrity Series events, bringing in bigger and better bands to the down-under, and having raffles and prizes given away at sports events.

"We really want the students to become more aware of what SGA does and to get them involved in more activities," said Secretary Danyelle Muscarella.

This year SGA has sponsored Pirate games, trips to Canada to see *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserables*, and of course, one of the biggest events, VolleyRock will be taking place on May 1st on the soccer field by the down-under. The events cost only $3 per person and that includes a volley rock T-shirt, all you can eat wings from The Lube, snow cones, prizes, and much more. In order to play, a team must have 6 members and 2 must be women.

"This is the biggest task all year for the vice president. I have people to help me, but I am mainly in charge of it," said Vice President Matt McMurray. "I really think that this year's VolleyRock will be just as successful as last year, if not better."

SGA consists of 36 senators, 12 from each class, 9 executive board members, and also Camille Hawthorne, Neal Edman, and advisor Robert Klamut. Fourteen of the current senators were new members this year.

For more information about SGA contact the SGA office or Marc Harkins. The office in located on the third floor of the TUB.

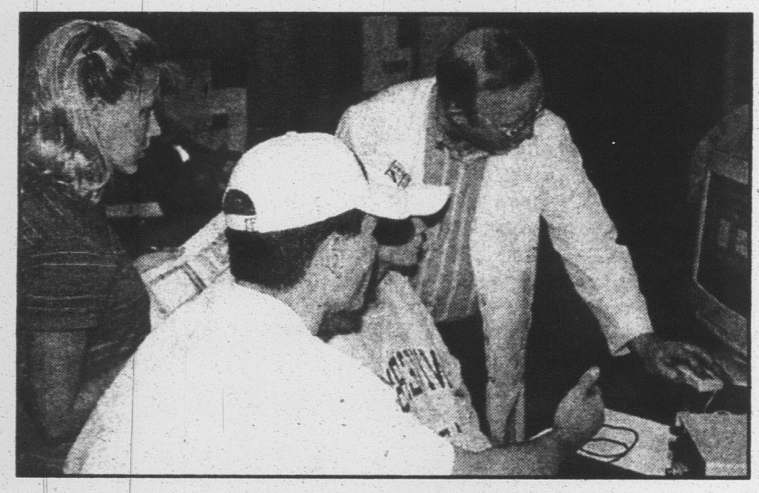

Photo courtesy Communications Office
Dr. Fawley shows students the state-of-the-art physiology lab.

Professor earns national science grant, creates computerized lab

Biology professor Dr. J. Philip Fawley earned a $26,565 National Science Foundation Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement Award, and the college provided nearly $50,000 in additional funding to create the state-of-the-art physiology lab.

Fawley said the equipment allows for a variety of new experimental options in the laboratory, but more importantly it allows the student to more effectively participate in experimental design; interact with the data; reevaluate their research design; and develop new experimental approaches.

"We learn science by doing science," Fawley said. "The computerized lab enables the students to place the emphasis on higher level skills such as critical thinking, decision making and problem solving, rather than the routine activities of traditional measurement techniques."

Students will use the computerized lab equipment to design experiments; collect data directly into a computer system; use the computer to analyze the data; and present the data using a variety of software applications.

Students can perform experiments such as: electrocardiography - electrical activity of heart, heart sounds, blood pressure, breathing (respiration) rate, muscle contractile force, electromyography - electrical activity of contracting muscle, intracellular recordings of electrical activity, electroencephalography - brain waves, blood flow through a vessel, temperature, pH (acidity), and exercise studies.

Local priest directs play about Sir Thomas More's moral dilemma

Father Robert Miller, pastor at St. Camillus Church in New Castle, is directing *A Man For All Seasons,* a play about the moral dilemma of a divorce and religion.

"Theatre has been an instrument of God in my life since I was 14," said Miller, who earned his undergraduate degree from Seton Hill College in theatre and his master's from St. Mary's in theology. "Theatre has given me a better view of myself and God. It was a natural transition from theatre to the church."

This play tells the story of Sir Thomas More, Chancellor of England, friend and favorite of King Henry VIII. It explores the struggle of his conscience and faith with the King's demand for More's approval of the King's divorce. Caught in the web of moral dilemma and political intrigue, More and his family face grave peril due to his convictions. A man of truth, honor, and integrity, he faces the plots and betrayals of those with an elastic conscience.

"I'm not really teaching moral standards, but you can't work with these words and not be impacted by the characters and the moral choices they made," said Miller. "You can't be part of this play and not give some thought about what you would do in the same situation."

A Man for All Seasons, the last theatre production of the year, will run Wednesday-Saturday, April 28-May 1 at 8 p.m. in Beeghly Theater. Twenty students are involved in the production, as well as four college employees.

Robert Bolt, the author of this play and one of the most internationally distinguished writers for the stage and screen of our time, has won two Academy Awards — one for his screenplay of *Doctor Zhivago*, and the other for *A Man for All Seasons*. Bolt has also won a Tony Award for Best Play of 1961-62 and the New York Drama Critics' Circle award for *A Man for All Seasons*. In addition, he won an Academy Award nomination for his screenplay *Lawrence of Arabia* and considerable acclaim for his screenplay *Ryan's Daughter.*

Small incoming freshman class excels, competes for scholarships

By Nikki Quimby
STAFF WRITER

As of Friday, April 23, 1999, the college's incoming fall freshman class has a total of 233 students. Over 900 people applied, including 31 transfer students, and 13 international students.

Doug Swartz, dean of admissions, says that though next year's class is very small they excel in other ways.

"This is a group of very intelligent individuals," Swartz said.

Twelve of the top science and math applicants competed for the Bayer scholarship, which rewards the winners with an internship and $4000 year toward tuition. Two applicants were selected for the scholarship. However, the college is trying to recruit the other ten students.

The present incoming freshman consist of 83 males and 150 females. Shwartz explains why the percentage of females is so much greater than that of males.

"Small private schools attract females because they tend to be in safer places," he said.

The ratio of girls to guys in smaller schools is usually 60 to 40. According to these statistics, Westminster is right on track. However, most larger schools are 50/50 girls and guys.

In the past, the college has exhibited an increase in accepted students. But the numbers differ from year to year. Next year's freshman flock might seem small, but future classes will probably make up the difference.

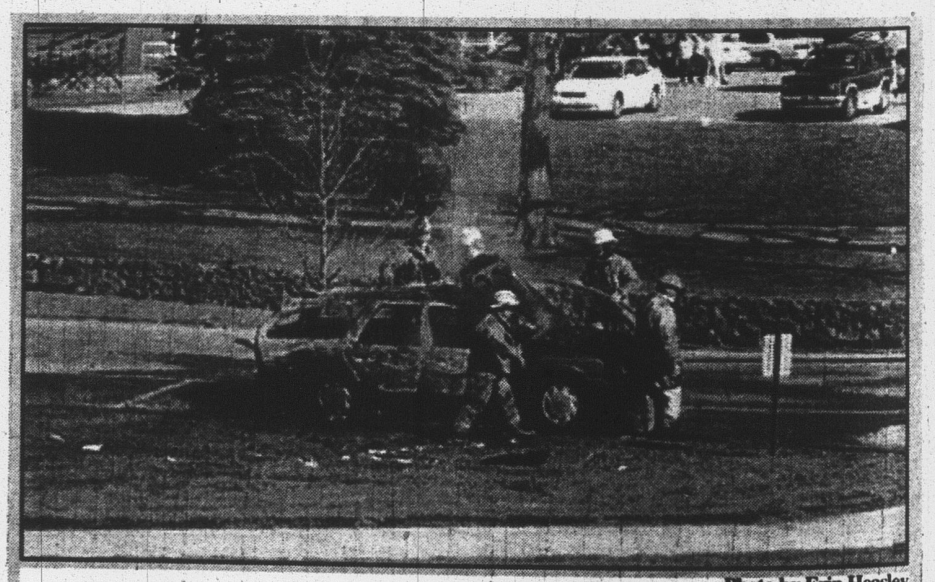

Photo by Erin Heasley
Firefighters put out a car fire Sunday afternoon. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. Diana Peters, senior, said several students volunteered to lend their cars to the Peters family.

New faculty hired, visiting professors hired full-time

By Kristin Nejak
STAFF WRITER

Several new instructors will join the faculty next year. Five have been hired from a national search, and another two, who were visiting faculty this year, have been hired full-time.

The department of communication studies and theatre has hired a new broadcast communications instructor. Raymond A. Niekamp earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts at Penn State University. He is also a Ph.D. candidate at PSU. He has had fifteen years of experience as a reporter, news director, producer, and editor. He has had seven years of teaching experienced (combined) at Duquesne University, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and the University of Minnesota.

The department of chemistry has hired Timothy A. Sherwood, who is currently serving as the head of the department of physical sciences at Arkansas Technical University, where he has taught full-time since 1993. Sherwood earned his B.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Delaware.

Leigh C. Monhardt has been hired by the education department to teach science education. Monhardt is currently an elementary and middle school science education teacher in Idaho and has twelve years of classroom learning experience. He earned his B.A, M.S., and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

Suzanne G. Prestien, a visiting faculty member, has been hired by the department of English to teach public relations next year. Prestien earned her B.A. and M.A. at Case Western University. She has had ten years of teaching experience (combined) at Cleveland State University, Case Western Reserve University, and the University of Toledo. Prestein is also a Ph.D. candidate at Case Western.

The department of mathematics and computer science has hired Terri Lenox to teach computer science. Lenox has ten years of part-time teaching experience at the University of Pittsburgh, Robert Morris College, Carlow College, and Point Park College. She received her B.S. and M.S. from the University of Pittsburgh, where she is a Ph.D. candidate. Lenox has also worked for ten years in the industry in several computer-related positions.

A French and Spanish professor has been hired by the department of modern languages. Ann L. Murphy has served as a visiting faculty member at Westminster since 1995. She previously taught for seven years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The final new faculty member is Ann Coble. She has been hired by the department of religion, history, philosophy and classics to teach religion and Christian education. Coble earned her B.A., Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, and is a Ph.D. candidate at Saint Louis University. She has had several years experience as the Christian education director at Presbyterian churches in Alabama and Pennsylvania. Coble has also taught part-time at Fontbonne College and Saint Louis University.

The college performs a nation-wide search when hiring new faculty members. Advertisements are placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education or in specialized outlets, such as chemistry or communication journals.

Usually, after a search committee from the department hiring has been formed, anywhere from 12 to 150 applications are reviewed. Approximately three or four are selected to come to Westminster for an interview. The candidates meet the faculty members, talk about their research, and teach a class or lecture.

After all of the candidates have been met, a recommendation is sent from the faculty to the Dean. Dean Deegan said, "We are not just looking at their research and past work, but how they interact with the students."

The seven new faculty members will begin teaching during the fall 1999 semester.

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On May 4, students can take advantage of the following:

Free Massages, Snacks, and Relaxation Activities at Health Center

* The Health Center will offer free massages, snacks, and relaxation activities from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Robert Oldenski, a massage therapist from the Healing Arts Foundation in Pittsburgh, will be doing brief neck, shoulder, and back massages. Counselor Babs Quincy will be offering 30-minute appointments for students interested in experiencing guided imagery for relaxation. As always, the Relaxation Room, equipped with a lava lamp, soothing New Age music and an easy chair that radiates heat and vibrates, will be open for students.

Dance Stress Away with Music by House of Soul

* House of Soul, a Pittsburgh-based band featuring the funky sounds of the '70s and '80s, will perform from 7 to 11 p.m. in the TUB. House of Soul earned WAMO radio's "Best Rhythm and Blues Band" award for 1998.

President, Faculty, and Staff Serve Up Late-Night "Cram Jam"

* President Williamson will man the grill along with faculty, administrators, and staff members to serve up a late evening free breakfast from 9 to 11 p.m. in Duff Dining Room. Students will enjoy waffles, home fries, scrambled eggs, coffee cakes, and beverages courtesy of President Williamson and Sodexho Marriott Dining Services. The "Cram Jam" will include prizes, giveaways, and music.

TUB extras:

Sodexho Marriott will provide coffee, tea and cookies in the TUB Grille for late night study session Wednesday though Sunday.

The TUB will be open 24-hours from May 5 through May 10.

Weekly Announcements

The Mock Convention is coming! One of the college's oldest thriving traditions, the Mock Convention gives students the opportunity to see politics first hand. Be a state delegate or representative, design or create a float, cheer on your favorite candidate or just go for the experience. The Convention is Feb. 11-12, 1999. Watch for signs and campus mail for ways to be involved, or contact Julie Waszczak, executive chair.

Tumbleweeds Gymnastics, New Brighton, has openings for gymnastics instructors. In addition to a summer camp instructor they are looking for teachers for the academic year, September-May. The salary for the summer position, which begins June 14, is negotiable, and the 20-hour-per-week fall position offers $15 per hour. Both positions require previous teaching and spotting experience. Send resume to B.J. Vucelich, Tumbleweeds Gymnastics, 550 Edgewood Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

High Hill Lawn Service has summer positions available in lawn mowing and maintenance, landscaping, and mulching. These positions offer $6 per hour. Candidates for these positions must be available Monday-Saturday, 10-12 hours per day, 40 hours per week. For more information, contact Wes Osborn, High Hill Road, RR 1 Box 1830, Pulaski PA 16143 or call (724) 652-7884 from 6-9 p.m.

Penn Valley Athletic Club is looking for lifeguards, pool manager, and tennis instructor for the summer. Interested persons should send their resume to Penn Valley Athletic Club, PO Box 425, Butler PA 16003.

The Pittsburgh Technology Council, through the University Summer Jobs Program, offers students quality summer job experience in their chosen fields at some of the premier high-technology and professional service companies based in the Pittsburgh region. This program enables its 1,600 plus member companies to promote their summer employment opportunities. The council works with local colleges and universities to promote these job openings to students. To participate in this program, students must post their resumes to: www.techcenter-pgh.com. Affiliated companies will search the website for qualifications matching their needs and contact the appropriate student.

Glacier Park, Montana will hire 900 college students for summer jobs in all segments of hotel and hospitality areas. Jobs include hotel front desk clerks, room attendants, cooks, wait persons and tour guides. Students may also participate in guest entertainment, such as the American Cabaret Theatre, a Glacier Park tradition. Work begins early June through late September. Majors of particular interesting to the company include: accounting, music and theatre. For more details, call Glacier Park, Inc. at (602) 207-2620 or visit their website at www.gpihr.com.

Camp Cedar, a boys' summer camp in Maine, has counselor openings this summer. Counselors work with boys between the ages of 9 and 15. The camp offers a full range of activities including team and individual athletic and creative activities in an outstanding facility. Season begins the third week of June, which includes one week of orientation and is followed by an eight-week camp session. (CC)

A New Castle family is looking for a nanny for two children, ages 4 1/2 and 11. (CC).

Ellwood Group Inc. corporate office is offering a paid accounting internship to a student with junior or senior status, strong computer skills, and knowledge of Excel and Word. Starting around May 21 and paying $9.17 per hour, there will be 30 to 40 hours per week through the summer. Call Jackie Meade (CC) at ext. 7343 for more information.

Yellowstone National Park has opportunities for work in their service stations for students who have completed their first year of college. First-year employees can earn up to $6 per hour. (CC)

The Badlands National Park is looking for interns to fill various positions during the summer. The internships are on a volunteer basis, and require junior status. The Badlands position requires skills in public speaking and a background in natural sciences. (CC)

The Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, Inc. is looking for interns. This child-focused, facility-based program provides representatives to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases. (CC)

Pennsylvania State Government is looking for accounting interns. Interns earn $9.07 per hour in a 37.5-hour work week, and could lead to a full-time position after graduation. (CC)

The Pennsylvania State Archives and The State Museum of Pennsylvania has internships available. Positions may be tailored to suit student's needs and may be paid. (CC)

The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, New Castle, is seeking a college student to compile a business directory. Work will involve calling businesses, gathering data, entering data, and completing the directory. (CC)

The Lawrence County Planning Commission, New Castle, is offering a college student the opportunity to take on a research project to identify the need for additional public transportation in the Lawrence County area. The ideal candidate is a mature student who is interested in statistical research, and could design the survey, implement it, compile the information, and produce the report. (CC)

State Farm Insurance is taking applications for its 1999 Western PA Summer Internship Program for students who have completed their junior year. The internship, which pays $10.50 per hour and offers a limited benefit plan, provides work experience in the insurance industry. (CC)

The Family First Sports Park, Erie, promotes a sports atmosphere where athletes and their families come to cultivate character values. Internships are available to college students in the are of sports management (soccer & basketball), marketing, sales, hotel/motel and fitness club management. (CC)

Rainforest Action Network, San Francisco, has environmental internships available in the fields of media operations, database coordination, campaign administration, and information assistance. Requirements: computer skills, environmental knowledge, and an interest in conservation. (CC)

The Carnegie Science Center is seeking Westminster interns or volunteers for the summer. Work is available in a variety of areas including exhibits, children's tours, etc. (CC)

Lawrence County Social Services offers a part-time position at The Learning Tree, a day care center for pre-school children. The hours are flexible and pay is minimum wage with an opportunity for increases with experience. Jackie Meade (CC).

Jafra, a leader in the direct-sales cosmetic industry since 1956, is offering a unique summer opportunity for college students. Students can earn while learning, work part-time or full-time hours, make great money, and get their own top-quality cosmetics at wholesale prices. Jafra offers flesxibility. The company will work around your classes, mid-terms, and finals. Also students can work at home during breaks. Conact Darlene Van Horn at (724)946-2142 or Chris Brain (724)735-2829.

Jafra will also be on campus, in the TUB, on Monday, April 26 from 10 - 12.

Get involved in the tri-annual Mock Convention, which will be held on Feb. 11 and 12! The Field House is the sight of next years convention. If you have any futher questions, contact Julie Waszczak, executive chair, or Dr. Rhoades, the conventions faculty advisor. Be looking out for more information next fall.

SPORTS

Softball team returns to the field with three wins

Photo by Courtney Behm
The Lady Titans beat long time rivals Geneva and Point Park last weekend.

By Meghan Duda
STAFF WRITER

After postponing two weekend conference games due to rain, the Lady Titans returned to action posting three wins against long time KECC rivals, Geneva and Point Park.

The Titans came out strong in the first game against Geneva on Apr 20, posting a 5-2 victory. Leading the offense were Meghan Duda, who went 3-4, Melissa Bajus, Liz Maurhoff, Kristie Perotte and Renee Tappe who added one hit a piece. However, the second game brought a different story.

The Titans struggled defensively with eight errors as opposed to Geneva's two. Offensively, the ladies stayed strong. Tappe went 2-2, Bethany Pinkerton 3-4, and Lynn Zolkowski added two hits to add to the Titans six runs. However, these would not be enough, the Titans falling 6-7.

The ladies came out strong on Thursday to post two victories against Point Park.

In two low scoring games, the ladies played well with a team contribution to the wins. In the first game, Courtney Behm, Duda, and Tappe all earned one hit while Bajus knocked in two runs on one hit to add to the Titans score of 3-2.

The second game was an intense battle that ended in a 2-1 victory. A great relay by short stop, Stephanie Tangora, from left field to second picked off a runner and sparked team enthusiasm that would carry throughout the game.

Offensively, Bajus, Zolkowski and Jacqui Selznick each posted one hit to get the win and improve the Titan's overall record to 15-17.

"Defensively, for the most part, we are doing what we are supposed to be doing which is holding teams to under three runs," coach Jan Reddinger said about the two games. "However, our offense needs to give a stronger support to the defense."

Coach Reddinger explained that the goal for this year is to "finish in the middle of the pack in the GLIAC." However, with five conference games cancelled and dropped off the schedule due to the weather, the chances of a .500 season become increasingly difficult. "We have to play to be able to reach our goal," Reddinger said.

"I think we have been playing well but we need to bring our playing to the next level," sophomore pitcher Bethany Pinkerton said. "We have to be prepared for the tougher GLIAC competition we are going to be facing."

The Titans anticipate a few make-up games and the GLIAC North Cluster to compose the last few weeks of regular season play.

There are two cluster games, the north and the south. These games consist of six Michigan teams (Saginaw Valley St., Northwood, Wayne St., Ferris St., Michigan Tech, and Lake Superior St.) playing the six southern schools (Findlay, Gannon, Mercyhurst, Ashland, Hillsdale and Westminster.) The rainouts from the South Cluster are what caused so many cancelled games.

The Titans will also travel to the GLIAC playoffs May 6-9.

Sherman leads track & field team to victory at invitational

By Autumn Mentzer
STAFF WRITER

The track & field team competed this weekend at the Baldwin - Wallace Outdoor Invitational, hosted by Baldwin - Wallace College in Brea, Ohio. The invitational contained approximately 15 teams. Although no team score was kept, the Titans placed impressively.

"It was a total team effort, but we smoked the competition," Junior John Sherman said.

He placed second out of 30 participants in the javelin toss with an impressive throw of 182 feet.

Other top 20 Titan finishers included freshmen Jacob Gleason who placed 11th in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 10:01:18; freshmen Ryan Oman who placed 12th in the high jump with a mark of 6'0"; junior Keith Shrag who placed 19th in the 3,000 meter steeplechase in a time of 10:26:08; and junior Andrew Parshall who finished 20th in the shot put with a 41'9" throw.

"It was a great experience for our team to compete against so many teams with such talent," Parshall said. "This meet will help prepare us for our conference meet in two weeks."

The Titans' next competition is this Saturday, May 2 at Grove City College.

Tennis team decides to end season with victory over Malone

By Matt Prossen
STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis team's season ended on a high note last Tuesday, April 20 when they won their non-conference match against Malone College with a score of 7-2. The win improves the tennis teams record to 5-10 overall.

Despite the win, during a team meeting the day before, the team decided not to compete in the GLIAC conference championship. The championship games were held on April 23, in Midland, Michigan.

The team cited many reasons for ending the season early.

"Due to academic obligations and untimely injuries, the team feels it is in our best interest to not play in the GLIAC's [championships]," Jeff McLauglin said.

Not only does the season end but so do the college careers of two successful Titan netters, Scott Pfaler and Jay Barkley. These graduating seniors were both winners at the Malone meet.

Next year's squad should improve as at least seven players with match experience will return to the team.

Titan swimmers selected as Academic All-American teams

The men's and women's swimming teams were each selected as Academic All-America swim teams for the Fall 1998 semester by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America today. To qualify for this honor, the grade-point average of the entire swimming team, including all members of the eligibility list, must average at least a 2.8 on a 4.0 scale.

The Lady Titan swim team was one of 10 NCAA Division II teams to earn the award. The women posted a team QPA of 3.124 for the semester, putting them in the "Excellent" category (3.00-3.24) recognized by the CSCAA. The Titan men's squad was one of eight NCAA Division II teams to be selected, as they posted a 2.979 to earn CSCAA "Commendable" laurels (2.80-2.99).

Both swimming teams are coached by Rob Klamut, now in his 14th season at the college.

A view from the sidelines: women's sports

By Jenny Grundy
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Coming from a high school hooper, all I can say is that the WNBA took women's athletics up a golden step. I, like many other girls at this school, struggled with the choice of whether to play a sport in college, mainly basketball, or to just toss in the towel and retire.

I chose to retire, obviously, and like many others, based this on the fact that when I graduated high school, there really was no future past college for women in basketball besides the Olympics or playing professional ball overseas. The creation of the WNBA made a new avenue for women hoopsters to dribble down. The future for high school basketballers looking to play the sport as a career is now an attainable feat.

It all goes down to where a senior in high school chooses to go to college, not so much for the money now, but for the program. These girls are now asking themselves, "Where can I go to be noticed by a scout?" or "What program is going to make me a professional player?" These questions men have been asking themselves for years, and now, women have the same opportunity to capitalize on their talents and use them for their future career benefit.

You may be asking yourself where I'm going with this article. Well, I'll tell you. My wish is for you to be as appreciative of the WNBA as I am. I think it is an incredible creation, and it is my hope that you (fans of all sports) will begin to follow it as you follow hockey, baseball, or football. These women deserve the same respect that all other professional athletes receive.

I encourage you to get out a newspaper, or log on to ESPN.com, and read about this awesome league. Find out where the gifted Chamique Holdsclaw went in Tuesday's draft, or whether or not Utah got an early Christmas present with point-guard Dawn Staley. Did Lisa Leslie get a front court mate named Yolanda Griffith?

You need to find out.

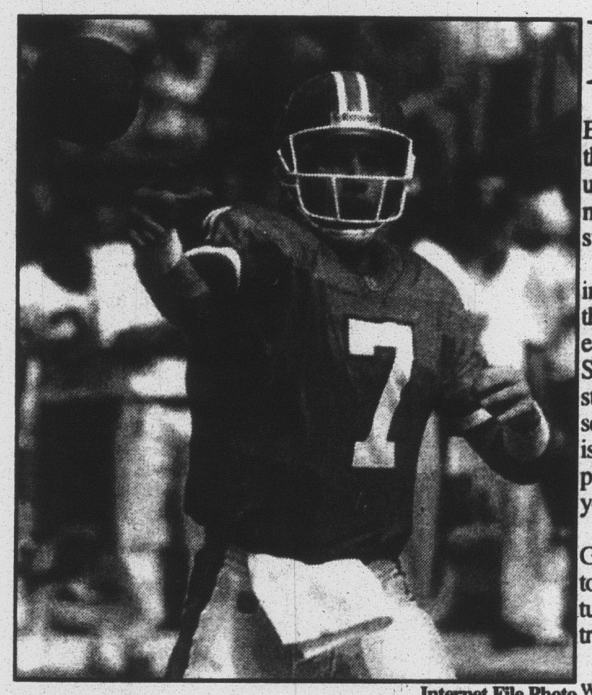
If you don't care to check out this remarkable league, your missing out on some of the best basketball players the world has ever seen. Since the season is right around the corner, get out and do your homework early, get to know the teams, get to know the coaches and most of all, get to know the players. They've worked just as hard as any other professional athlete to get where they are today. Give it up for the women pumpkin pushers! They sure do deserve our support.

WNBA News:

The WNBA has announced that the New York Liberty and Madison Square Garden have been selected to host the inaugural WNBA All-Star Game on July 14, 1999. The game will be televised on ESPN at 7:30 p.m. ET.

For the WNBA, which enters its third season this summer, the WNBA All-Star Game marks a first for the league. Madison Square Garden, often referred to as "The World's Most Famous Arena," has hosted past NBA All-Star games in 1998, 1968, 1955, and 1954.

Knowing when to quit is not easy



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Football great John Elway

By Tom Weir
USA TODAY

The sports world is about to be hit with a three-peat, but it isn't one fans will cherish.

If John Elway, as expected, officially retires Wednesday, it will mark the third time this year that an all-time great athlete has hung up his cleats, sneakers or skates.

Michael Jordan started the parade Jan. 13, depriving the NBA of its greatest player just when the league was reeling from a season shortened by a labor dispute.

Then came Wayne Gretzky, who bid farewell April 18, owning virtually every significant NHL scoring record. And next is Elway, whose MVP performance in the Denver Broncos' second consecutive Super Bowl victory in January now will rank as the NFL's finest swan song.

"If there wasn't the caveat of trying to come back for a three-peat, I think this decision would have been easier for him," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "If John could have started in the fifth or sixth game of the season, coming back wouldn't be an issue. But people don't realize the physical toll this game takes on a 38-year-old body."

But while Elway, Jordan and Gretzky will be missed even in the towns they tormented, their departures also signal a distinctly upbeat trend.

After all, how often has the sports world been subjected to the agonizing sight of an aging great who stumbles into retirement or finally has to be told it's time to leave, too late for a graceful exit?

Any fan with an ounce of sensitivity had to cringe in 1980, when a 38-year-old Muhammad Ali came out of retirement for the sake of getting pummeled by Larry Holmes. In baseball, it was equally gut-wrenching to see Willie Mays misplay fly balls in the 1973 World Series, at the age of 42. And even though they spent most of their final seasons on the sideline, Joe Namath and Johnny Unitas looked horribly out of place wearing respective Los Angeles Rams and San Diego Chargers uniforms at the end of legendary careers that were forged in New York and Baltimore.

Elway, Jordan and Gretzky all have said goodbye with the mountaintop still well within view, even though all had lengthy careers. Elway, 38, played 16 seasons. Jordan, 35 at retirement, had a 13-season career with a mini-retirement wedged into the middle of it. And Gretzky quit at 38, after his 20th season.

In his final season, Jordan won his 10th league scoring title and was the NBA Finals MVP for a sixth time, and third in a row. He made the game-winning shot against Utah in his final contest, after swiping the game-winning steal from Karl Malone.

Gretzky no longer was winning scoring titles, but in January he reached one final peak among the very best in hockey, winning the All-Star Game MVP with a goal and two assists.

While Jordan is generally recognized as the NBA's greatest player ever, and Gretzky's support as hockey's best is nearly unanimous, Elway's legacy is that he was the master of fourth-quarter comebacks.

His record 47th fourth-quarter comeback came Dec. 6, against Kansas City, the same month he joined the 300-touchdown club. The month before, he joined Miami's Dan Marino as the only quarterbacks to pass for 50,000 career yards.

"I'm glad to see him retire as a champion," Marino said. "I'm sure it was a tough decision, knowing how much John enjoys competing on the field, but I know that what he did was best for his family."

Focus on his family

Elway's family concerns heightened at the start of last season, when his wife, Janet, was in critical condition after colon surgery.

"For so many years, everything in my family has revolved around me," Elway told Denver television station KCNC Saturday in an interview that all but conceded retirement. "It's time for that to change. I really accomplished everything I wanted to. There's no real upside to coming back."

Aside from his wife's recovery, Elway also had his share of pain this season. On Nov. 8 he received 10 injections around his ribs to ease pain from a hit the previous Sunday but still couldn't start against San Diego that week.

During the third week of the season, he was asked why he didn't rest a sore hamstring and answered, "I don't have many (games) left." In all, Elway missed four starts last season.

"In the 15 years that I've been a part of the team, people have always associated the Denver Broncos with John Elway," team owner Pat Bowlen said. "That's going to be the biggest adjustment. He's always been there."

Shanahan already has begun bracing for the post-Elway era, agreeing to terms with veteran quarterback Chris Miller to serve as the Broncos' No. 3 signal-caller. Bubby Brister will head into the season as Denver's starting quarterback and will be backed up by Brian Griese, the Broncos' third-round pick last year after leading Michigan to a national title.

"It's hard for me right now, because people want me to talk about taking over for John, but John has yet to make his announcement," Brister said. "I mean, he could wake up (today) and change his mind. But, if it is true that he is not coming back, I certainly will miss him, on the field, in the locker room, in the meeting rooms. Meetings ran so smoothly with him around. It will be something to get used to, at first."

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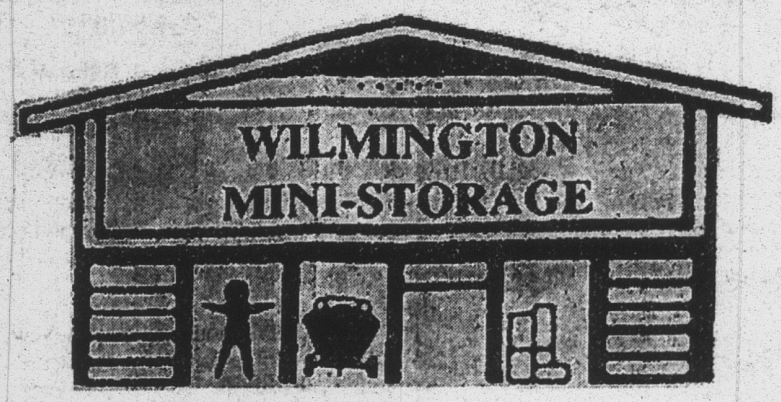

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OPINION

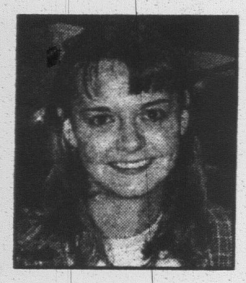
Question of the week

If you could make one improvement to Westminster, what would it be?

Paul Zwiers Junior
"I would like more social activities for non-Greeks."

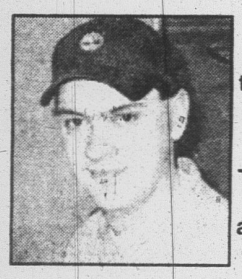
Sam McKissick sophomore "I would want an actual student union building, with actual things to do."

Jennifer Gales Junior
"They should remove the rocks from the softball field. Our field is covered with them."



Dana Thompson Freshman "I would want to have co-ed dorms."

Danae Brentzel
Senior
"Students should be able to make local calls, free of charge, from campus phones. "



Jason Ingersoll Senior They would take those bogus radio commercials that there is lots of parking here. That's a farce. I've accumulated almost $150 worth of parking tickets this semester.

Don Brown Freshman
"We need a new track, because we don't have adequate facilities. We are in college, and we have to practice at the high school."

Sarah Pranno Freshman "I would get rid of fraternities and sororities."

Jason Pero Senior
"I'd want a pub."

Michael O'Donnovan Sophomore
"I would either have no Greek week or make co-ed dorms."

Amy Cross Senior
"I would like it if advisors gave good advice."

Photos by Brad Dell

Our View: Top Ten Countdown

Spring has arrived. Frisbees fly in the quad, finals loom, and students eagerly send their belongings home for the summer. For the final Holcad of the 1998-1999 school year, we offer a retrospective top ten list for students and staff: the top ten ways to improve Westminster.

10. Participate in volunteer activities voluntarily. Students have numerous volunteer options available to them, and they should volunteer not because they have to, but because they care about the world. Faculty, administration, and staff should volunteer and set a good example, not just require students to volunteer.

9. Support student life. Faculty, staff, and administrators should plan to attend student events, such as sporting events and artistic performances. (Yes, some already do.) Students should also take advantage of the variety of social events available.

8. Everyone should show more appreciation for others. Faculty members should appreciate all the hard work and time students invest in non-academic activities. Students should appreciate cafeteria workers, custodians, and other college staff members who make life at college livable. And no matter how much students want to leave class, they should NEVER pack their bookbags ten minutes before class ends as a hint to the professor. Respect and courtesy go hand-in-hand.

7. Adjust required courses to better fit students. Student athletes shouldn't have to take four gym courses. Surely hours of varsity training keeps students physically fit. Also, allow students to use courses for double credit. If the course fits into a major and an IP credit, count it for both.

6. Give in, and offer a co-ed dorm. One co-ed dorm won't radically change the housing situation. If students wanted to live in a co-ed dorm, they could. If they wanted a single-sex dorm, they would live there. Students won't argue with more housing options, and there would be a better chance of the college filling up all the dorms.

5. Drinking isn't going to disappear from college life, so what should we do? Many students are of legal drinking age. Other students are going to drink regardless of security guards and task forces. Administrators need to accept that many students choose to drink, and students need to drink responsibly. Don't walk from party to party with a cup of beer; take the happy bus. Students also need to appreciate the college's generosity. The happy bus provides free transportation around town on party nights, and the college fines for underage drinking are much more lenient than government regulations.

4. Students should take course evaluations seriously. Some students do give their standard-form answers much consideration. But everyone should put a little extra thought and effort into the evaluations. Believe it or not, professors want feedback about how students respond to their courses, positive or negative. Faculty and administration carefully review the evaluations, so students should take advantage of the opportunity to anonymously express their appreciation, love, or hate, for their courses.

3. Offer more attention and care for individual students. Granted, Westminster's student-to-faculty ratio is pretty impressive, and as a small liberal arts school, the college is known for offering personal relationships for students and professors. But every year, seniors end up not graduating because they are just barely shy of the right number of credits.

2. Fix the crazy credit system. The majority of colleges offer regular courses worth three credits and lab courses worth more. What makes our courses so special that they are worth four credits? Aside from that, the credit ceiling is the antithesis of liberal arts. Charging an extra fee if students want to learn more is ludicrous.

1. Pay attention to matters beyond the weekend gossip or the next test. For students, this means watching the news or (gasp) reading a newspaper. For faculty, this means bringing up current events when applicable. People have criticized college students for being out of touch with the world, especially in New Wilmington. Prove these people wrong.

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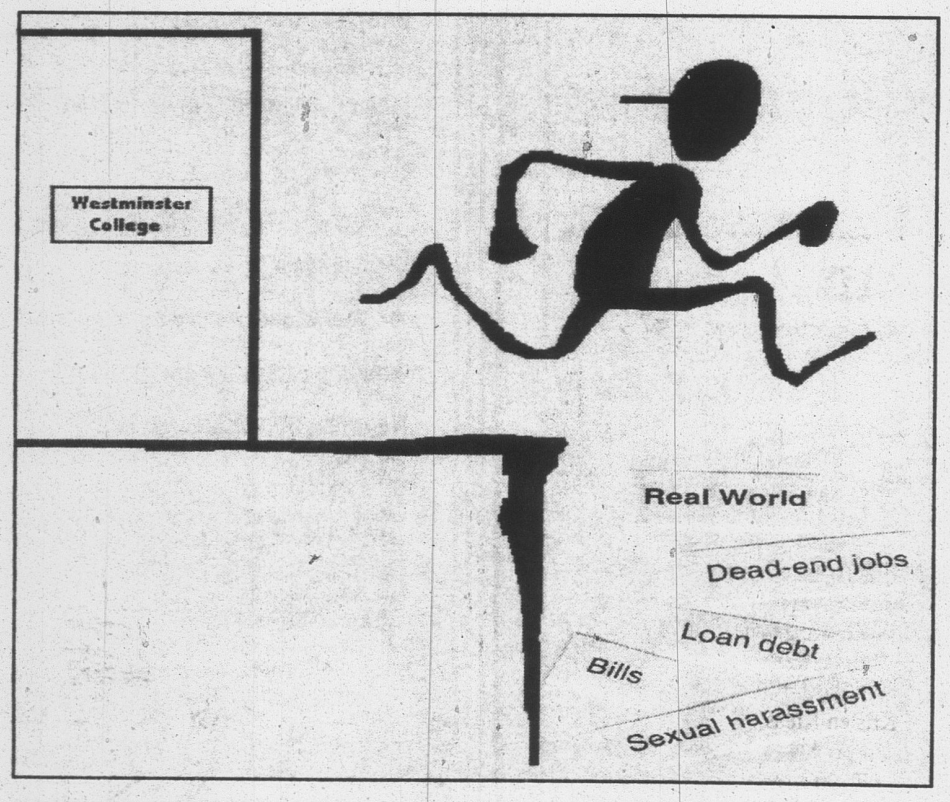

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to congratulate the Woodwind Quintet on their performance on Thursday evening. This semester was a little different for the Quintet. Two of the members are currently student teaching, the others also have intense academic schedules, and they still managed to rehearse on their own to create a full program of both difficult and beautiful music. This is an inspiring example of dedication.

When people really work hard to create something, it is mainly done for enjoyment and self-fulfillment. However, everything involved leads to a final product filled with pride of what has been accomplished. Anyone who has ever done something like this (which I am sure includes MANY of the readers here) feels proud to share this final product.

I am quite aware that life is complicated right now, not everyone enjoys music, and commitments exist. However, I do know that around 1,500 students attend this school and only 7 attended the performance. This sends me a vibe of selfishness and lack of appreciation. Do this many people from the Westminster community really not care to discover what others are doing here? Does no one appreciate music? Maybe some of you have never even heard a Quintet play. Maybe some of you really would not enjoy it. This is a time in our life when we are free to learn and experience almost anything and everything (not just music); shouldn't we try new things? I am upset that such a small number of students were interested in this performance as a cultural event. As a music student, I understand how busy we all are, but I am especially disappointed and embarrassed about the number of music students in attendance.

I guess I just wanted to write this letter to promote self-evaluation. Are we really using all we can to be educated at this school or are we just going through the motions of classes until graduation? Do we complete something with pride and expect others' support but not give support in return? Are we being selfish and close-minded? I observe the latter question too frequently here. I pose these questions for us to sleep on and personally answer someday. Good luck with the last weeks of school.

In peace,
Jaclyn Haubach
Sophomore

Dear Editor,

We are academically serious students, but we feel that a part of our education here at Westminster has not been taken seriously. Many chemistry and biology major students are preparing to enter graduate and/or professional programs after graduation and need the knowledge of organic chemistry as a foundation. However, throughout the past two semesters, NONE of us have obtained as much knowledge as we could have with a professor who knows how to share their knowledge with the rest of the class.

The class was outraged at the low quality of the classroom atmosphere and has complained to the chemistry department both in person and through course evaluations. However, at the start of this semester we all realized that we were in for the same, unchanged, class atmosphere that we all had eagerly complained about. We knew we were in for a professor who loses our tests, our assignments, and does not give us a firm sense of what we should actually be learning in this class.

We all feel that we pay entirely too much money to receive such a low quality of education from an institution that prides itself in academic superiority. As for the organic class of 98-99, many of us have spent extra hours outside of the classroom in tutorial sessions, and some have even voluntarily chose to repeat the course at a later time.

When we look back at this two-semester class, we will not see the foundations that should have been established for the future; we will see nothing but a waste of time and money.

Sincerely,
The Organic Chemistry Class of 1998-1999

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Dear Editor,

Wow, where do I start? As the staff person for the American Cancer Society, I was completely overwhelmed at the response from the administration, faculty, staff, and especially, the student body in support for the second annual Relay for Life held at Burry Stadium on April 10.

Although the final numbers aren't known yet, initial estimates show that this year's Relay raised nearly $23,000 in support of the American Cancer Society's mission. That's nearly $10,000 more than last year and substantially higher that our goal of $15,000.

So much of the credit must go to Mike Zebrine and his fantastic committee comprised of the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi. Their commitment and dedication to this cause is tremendous and shows what can be accomplished when a group of individuals takes up the fight.

In addition, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following individuals for their significant contributions: President Williamson, who has supported this event for its inception two years ago; Nancy Macky kept us all focused on just really what was important in all of this; Camille Hawthorne kept us all organized and coordinated nearly everything from her campus office; Julie Bach of Kappa Delta did a fantastic job in developing the Survivor's Walk, and Kati Augustine of Phi Mu deserves a huge "thank you" for coordinating the sale of luminaries. Special thanks to Ed Galanski of Building Grounds, and Phyllis Wagner who was a dynamo in the community.

A special thank you must go to our sponsors - those businesses that supported the event with their money or products—Giant Eagle, Sodexho Marriott Food Service, Domino's Pizza, Apple Castle, Prima's Pizza, Nucom Communication, Pacific Atlantic Transport, Inc., and especially, Sandy Acquaro, and the Tavern.

Finally, thank you Westminster College, Wilmington High School, and the community of New Wilmington for getting involved and believing that together we can beat this disease. I know that anyone who was lucky enough to view the track and the word HOPE spelled out in candlelight on Saturday night, realized that we accomplished something special!

J.Bruce Bauman, American Cancer Society
Income Development Specialist

Dear Editor,

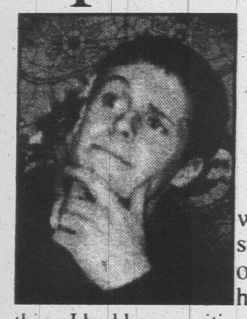
I am writing in criticism of the individuals who were responsible for judging Sing and Swing for the Fraternities. I would like to start out by saying that I feel that Sigma Phi Epsilon did an outstanding job in their performance and I, nor my fraternity in any way find fault in the performance by the brothers. I am a bit confused as to the rationale of the judge's decision. The brothers of Theta Chi's performance, in my opinion, was far above the other contenders in originality and talent. Theta Chi performed their own music via a live Jazz band and had their vocals sung, not lip-synched like the other fraternities.

I am curious on what basis the judges could score another fraternity higher than our completely live performance. This judgement raises serious questions as to the criteria needed to win Sing and Swing. I for the life of me cannot determine what the criteria is and how Theta Chi fell short of meeting these criteria. I do not mean to speak for others on campus, but the reactions, that I have experienced would tend to be critical of the decision on the fraternity winner. I am at a loss as to what my fraternity could have done better in our performance. I and I alone call into question what the criteria for Sing and Swing are and how we failed to meet these criteria.

I have several friends who are members of Sigma Phi Epsilon and I hope that they will not find fault with me for criticizing the outcome of Sing and Swing. I feel that the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon did an outstanding job in their performance, but in all honesty, I feel that Theta Chi deserved to win. I encourage members of the judging committee as well as brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon to respond to my letter and offer either justification of the judges decision or another point of view on this matter which has apparently escaped my capability of understanding.

Sincerely,
Jason E. Ingersoll

Spending quality time with the Donkey Oligopoly



By Mark McKenzie
HUMOR COLUMNIST

The other day, I was tossing some sticks of butter at an old abandoned warehouse when something I had been waiting to have finally dawn on me, finally decided to dawn on me. Here I am, quite possibly the most agile, nimble, and hard working SOB in the Mississippi River Delta, should I choose to live there, and at the end of the school year my scholastic career will come to a close at the always serene and picturesque Westminster College.

Side Note: Actually, I was the runner up in the last Most Agile, Nimble, and Hard Working SOB in the Mississippi River Delta, Should You Choose to Live There, Invitational Tournament, but my bookie says I'm a virtual lock for this year's extravaganza.

Anyway, this graduation jobber got me to pondering. See, sometimes in the heat of battle, when fighting tooth and nail against those conscienceless corporate bigwigs and their price freezing oligopoly of double talkin' jive, it's hard not to lose track of time and your bearings. Evidently, I've been a student at this here institution of higher learning for four years now, during which time I believe I've been able to acquire bulk quantities of wisdom, along with some really delicious pastry recipes, that I can pass on to the next generation of Westminster youngstas.

Sure, some of these nibblets of guidance are lessons learned the hard way, just as many lessons in life are. But be wary young sage, for many of the secrets I choose to now reveal have the distinct capability to ignite a political firestorm that could rock this nation to its very foundations.

Don't bet on professional gymnastics.

This can only lead to trouble and heartache. Sure, I realize the glitz and glamour of professional gymnastics can be mighty tempting, but dammit, sometimes the deadliest poison can at first taste oh so sweet.

Turn in audio versions of all assignments.

I'm almost positive that turning in a paper in audiocassette form accompanied by mood music so that the professor could distinguish the exciting parts of the paper from the somber, scary, or heartwarming sections, is a one way ticket to a spectacular grade. You can even turn in different "remixed" versions of the original paper, featuring stripped down and blatantly stolen versions of everyone's favorite eighties songs.

Always keep pants on in class, no matter how uncomfortable.

This is one of those lessons you can only learn by doing. Unfortunately, a majority of Westminster professors won't allow this liberating action even when one is hoping to achieve the elusive "maximum comfortability" that naturally corresponds with "maximum learningness".

Accompanying tip- If for some reason, the previous advice isn't heeded and pants are indeed removed, do not proceed to tear pants into shreds, toss pant shreds out nearest window, and spin around on the smart classroom desk for the remainder of the period while haphazardly scattering bacon around the classroom.

Occasionally when someone says "hi" to you, viciously barrel roll at them and take out their legs.

Everybody likes to have something exciting happen to him or her once in a while, and what could possibly be more exciting than trying to avoid somebody wildly barrel rolling in one's direction? If you do succeed in taking out your target, never offer any explanation for your actions and try to blame everything on poor footing due to erosion.

Check size of roommate's head before moving in.

You never know how much something like this can affect you until good old Enormo Skull tries to mash his ungodly cranium through the necks of your shirts, or through the door of your room for that matter. Occasionally, I've been under the impression that the moon was finally colliding with Earth, only to realize it was simply my roommate nodding.

With this companion pack of Westminster survival tips, hopefully the underclassmen out there, still unsure of proper college protocol, can bypass any difficulties like so much old, horrible cheese. Yes, Westminster can be quite an intimidating and foreboding place, but so is England, and nobody likes England.

So until ham sandwiches become the primary source of commerce in America or the movie Rad is recognized as the definitive Hollywood production able to expose the rough and tumble world of amateur dirt bike racing, I guess I'll be moseying on out of here. Just keep in mind that engine coolant isn't necessarily as gratifyingly thirst quenching as it looks, and that when used for the purposes of virtue, cheese strategically placed in a jub of mayonnaise can indeed benefit of all mankind.

Student military reservists comtemplate possible call to Kosovo

By Larry Satterfield
The California Aggie

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. — Davis, Calif. is approximately 6,300 miles from Kosovo. For reservists serving in all four branches of the military who attend U. California-Davis, the conflict is real and the possibility of going to war loom over them.

In fact, with President Clinton approving the activation of 33,000 reservists for the Kosovo conflict, within weeks many UCD reservists could be of flying into unknown territory to aid NATO in its efforts to quell the tyranny and ethnic cleansing inflicted at the hands of Yugoslavian president Slobodan Milosovic.

The first to be called upon will be those in the Air Force, in support of the increasing air operations occurring in Kosovo. The Army National Guard and Reserves will also see activations, as the Army begins their own intensive air campaign with newly arrived Apache helicopters.

As the conflict lengthens and the possibility of a ground war grows larger, more reservists are likely to be activated.

"The president fully recognizes this disrupts life," said White House press secretary Joe Lockhart in USA Today. "But this is what reservists train for. This is what their mission is. From time to time, they are called."

Among those on pins and needles right now are UCD Marine reservists who drill at the San Bruno infantry unit. Though no official word has been given, these Marines have been told to be ready.

The situation has been a huge wakeup call to all reservists. After going to boot camp and receiving other training, reservists readjust to "normal" life; they go to school, live like anyone else, and then are reminded for two to three days a month of their military commitment when they drill with their units.

Now, as they continue to go to school or work, and only being a phone call away from Kosovo, they must remind themselves of why they enlisted.

Omar Pena, a grunt at the San Bruno unit, is not only preparing for his next midterm, but also for a possible activation.

"You take being a reservist for granted, sometimes and being a Marine for granted," Pena said. "At times like this you start thinking about what your job (is) really about. Being a grunt, you start thinking, 'My job is to take people out, and the guy whom I am going to face has the same job that I have.'

"You get a little scared," he continued. "Not about what you have to do or your job; just about dying basically. I'm not scared to go, but scared of what could happen when I'm there."

Fellow marine Daniel Ju has been training with Pena. He feels that the thought of being thrown into a hostile environment was at first jolting.

"It's a little bit eye opening," Ju said. "To come to terms with the possibility that I might die, it's tough. But I don't have a choice in the matter. My attitude is just do the best I can."

The last time a situation escalated to this magnitude was during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990-91, where U.S. forces were mobilized to rebel the invading Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

According to UCD Veterans' Affairs coordinator Phil Knox, close to 50 students registered with the office were called up for duty in the Persian Gulf. Many reservists have used up their VA benefits and are not registered with the office, so the total number called up for Desert Storm is conceivably higher.

Major Larry Hillson, the commanding officer of the Motor Transport Maintenance Company in Sacramento, was activated out of Charlotte, N.C., during Desert Storm. He states that the military training comes back after a week of active duty.

"You don't really forget much - it's something you never lose, you're just a little rusty," Hillson said. "Your skills come online really fast. Your basic training and the followup training sticks with you, and once you get back to active duty, and you merge with your active duty counterparts, your military bearing comes back in a week."

Many reservists who were called to action during the Gulf War still feel they could be called to duty. The action is not limited to Kosovo. There are hot spots all over the globe, from Iraq to Korea, where a shaky stalemate could topple.

"Talking to the older guys, the staff (noncommissioned officers), basically everybody was saying the same - if it keeps getting worse, or keeps going the way it's going, we're definitely going to go, especially if ground troops are in place," Pena said. "Especially because of the whole world situation, they're not going to be enough troops to be everywhere at once."

While Milosovic has not claimed that this conflict will evolve into "the mother of all battles," an all-out war could be drastically more bloody than Desert Storm for NATO and the U.S.

Many claim that Iraq was the ideal place to fight a war, with vast expanses of desert leaving the enemy visible and vulnerable.

In Kosovo, with mountainous terrain complemented by urban settings, the enemy definitely maintains a clear advantage.

The San Bruno infantry unit has been preparing for a war fought between buildings and rubble through Military Operations in Urban Terrain training.

During their March drill, the San Bruno Marines participated in the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory Urban Warrior Advanced Warfighting Experiment at Ford Ord, conducted with Royal Marines from England and the 4th Light armored Reconnaissance Battalion from Camp Pendleton.

The Royal Marines, who have had countless clashes with the Irish Republican Army, were blunt about the prospects of urban warfare. No matter how much bombing occurs, a platoon scouring a village or town must contend not only with snipers and booby traps, but also civilians and sympathizers, making the casualty ratio high for NATO forces.

"We're going to have to fight a war in their backyard, where they know how to fight, in a city where you take fire from anywhere, from whatever house," Pena said. "It's very man-intensive and the ratio is not very good for the force going in, so that's scary. That's what scares me the most, to be honest.

"The civilian element makes your job that much more difficult, because you don't know who you're shooting at," Pena continued. "It gives the other guy that much more of an advantage, because he doesn't care, obviously the Serbians don't care. They'll just as soon kill a civilian as a soldier. Basically we're playing by the rules and the other guys aren't."

With war 6,000 miles away, reservists are alone in having to come to terms with the realities of war.

"A lot of people still don't know the situation," Pena said. "I don't think a lot of people understand the severity and what a ground war would entail. If it does come to it, I think the American public will be very surprised. Some of my friends don't realize what's going on and they joke about it, but they don't understand. For them it's not a reality; for us it is."

With reservists from Travis Air Force base almost ensured to go to the Balkan states, the Kosovo conflict draws closer to home. Reservists are trained for this type of situation, and soon the war games may be over; they could be face-to-face with the Serbians before finals. Yet even with the fear of death growing, with each day the conflict lingers. The reservists stand by their principles of joining the military and they know their roles as reservists is a vital one.

"I believe in the future and my future here," Pena said. "To have the liberties and rights that we enjoy as citizens here, someone has to pay a price for it, and I just like to know that I did my part for it. That's what I tell people.

"But when you find yourself in a situation where you might go to war, or you might have to be in harm's way, you don't think about America or red, white and blue," he continued. "Personally, I think about my brother Marines. I'm sure they would do whatever it took to help me out (and) get me out of harm's way, and I would do the same for them - that's just the tradition of the Marine Corps."

Clinton crime bill targets gun sales, youth sales

The Colorado school massacre has generated what amounts to a national conversation about causes and cures, raising issues as simple as school security, as delicate as parental responsibility and as complex as the biological and cultural roots of teen-age violence. This discussion could well lead to a more alert and safer society. But there is one blindingly obvious issue that should be addressed right away - the issue of gun control. Congress, nervous about the gun lobby, is divided on the subject. The public, we suspect, is not divided at all, at least on the matter of keeping guns and explosives out of the hands of young people. The Colorado tragedy has provided the right moment to take the issue of gun control off automatic pilot, where it has been for four years, and move it forward in a dramatic way.

President Clinton seems to have sensed that such a moment may be at hand, that the country may be at one of those rare turning points where the weight of public shock and anger creates the necessary conditions for major legislative change. Yesterday he offered a solid package of gun control measures. The package — a mixture of old measures ignored by Congress and several new initiatives — offers no guarantee against a repetition of the Colorado horror. No law can do that. What these measures would do is reduce the risk by making it harder for disturbed young people to obtain guns and explosives.

Such change will not come easy in this Congress. The Republican leaders, House Speaker Dennis Hastert and the Senate majority leader, Trent Lott, have expressed their wish for a national forum on "youth and culture," a clear indication that they would prefer to talk about anything other than gun control. The Democrats, many of whom attribute their Congressional losses in 1994 to that year's vote to ban assault weapons, seem equally skittish. "I'm not sure that gun control is what we need, " declared their leader in the Senate, Tom Daschle, who preferred to dilate about violence on the Internet and in the media.

Yet Mr. Clinton's package is one around which the public and Congress, if it will only open its eyes and ears, can usefully rally. Its key elements deserve thorough debate and an up-or-down vote in both houses of Congress by mid-summer. We can think of no better legislative gift to the students who will be returning to school next fall.

Several provisions are aimed at closing off the ways that young people now lay their hands on weapons. One would raise the minimum age for possessing handguns to 21. Federal law prohibits Federally licensed gun dealers from selling handguns to anyone under 21, but allows 18- to 20-year-olds to possess handguns and even to buy them from unlicensed sellers, such as an older friend, which may be how the Colorado shooters obtained some of their arsenal. Another proposal would ban juvenile possession of semiautomatic assault rifles, as well as imports of high-capacity ammunition clips.

A third provision would hold parents criminally liable when they "knowingly or recklessly" allow a child access to a weapon that later causes death or injury. Sixteen states already have such laws, and they have helped reduce violence. A fourth provision would require dealers, manufacturers and importers to provide a child safety lock with every gun. Requiring that the locks be pre-installed at the factory could strengthen this proposal.

Congress could go a step further by underwriting "smart gun" technology to prevent the firing of weapons by people other than authorized users.

The President also recommended updating the 1993 Brady law, which requires a background check of handgun buyers and has prevented more than a quarter of a million felons from obtaining handguns. Mr. Clinton would extend the Brady background check to the sale of explosives, and close a big loophole that allows people to evade a check by buying guns at gun shows or flea markets. At the same time, Congress needs to plug another loophole identified by Senator Charles Schumer of New York, by prohibiting gun sales over the Internet.

Mr. Clinton endorsed for the first time the notion of limiting individual gun purchases to one a month — an antidote, already in effect in some states, to illegal traffickers who make bulk purchases in states with weak gun control laws and then sell guns to youngsters in states with strong laws, like New York.

This is a big package. But this is the right time to push it.

The National Rifle Association is at least temporarily on the run, in the states and in the courts. And the public is eager for change.

Computer virus deletes students' hard drives

By Robin M. Wasserman
Harvard Crimson

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - When the computer screen of Andrew G. Eil '02 froze late last Sunday night, he figured the troublesome PC was just acting up the way it always does.

So he tried to reboot it. Then he tried again. And again. The next day, Eil visited the computer help desk in the Science Center basement and learned that his hard drive had been irreparably damaged. And his was not the only one.

Eil's computer, like many others on the Harvard campus, was struck by the Chernobyl virus. Only about 2,000 computers in the U.S. were hit, probably because use of virus protection software is more prevalent here than in other parts of the world, according to Bill Pollak, a spokesperson for Carnegie Mellon's Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). He said computer users could have downloaded a file with the virus in it unknowingly at any point in the last few months.

"It lies dormant in the computer system and then delivers its payload on the 26th of April," he said.

Pollak said that most reports of the virus came from home computer users or college students. He speculated that large corporations might have escaped major damage because they tend to use effective anti-virus programs.

This is the first outbreak of this devastating computer virus. Not all students were struck unaware. Kunj Majmudar '99 said he heard about the virus last Thursday and backed up several of his files, just in case. Unfortunately, he was not worried enough to backup all of them.He came home from class Monday to find that the Chernobyl virus had struck—his thesis was gone.

Majmudar, whose thesis is due today, said he wasted an entire day dealing with the problem and scanning the single hard copy of his thesis into a working computer.

According to the CERT web site, the virus, which only affects computers running Windows 95 or 98, overwrites part of a computer's hard drive with random data. This leads the computer to think that the hard drive is empty, preventing a user from accessing the drive's files.

It is still unclear whether the virus, which is much more destructive than the recent Melissa virus, merely prevents access to the hard drive or irretrievably destroys the information contained on it, Pollak said.

Freshman Robert Dennis, whose computer froze early Monday morning while he was working on a paper, said some of his friends told him there may be a way to save his files.

Meanwhile, the virus' unlucky victims are left hoping for a quick fix and scrambling to reconstruct final papers as end-of-term deadlines near.

"If this were my fault in any way I'd be angry about it, but as it is, there's nothing I can do," Eil said. "I'm trying to stay positive even though it's pretty much a total disaster."

Richard B. Osterberg '96, coordinator of residential computing, could not be reached for comment. No one else could say for sure how many Harvard computers were struck.

Colorado slayer accepted to U. of Arizona

By David J. Cieslak
Arizona Daily Wildcat

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — A University of Arizona attorney said Monday that Dylan Klebold - one of the "Trenchcoat Mafia" members who killed 12 classmates and a teacher last Tuesday at a Littleton, Colo. high school - was accepted into the University of Arizona.

"I can confirm he was admitted," university attorney Michael Proctor said Monday afternoon.

But Proctor would not say whether Klebold, 17, planned on accepting the offer and attending the UA. Citing privacy restrictions, Proctor declined further comment on Klebold's acceptance.

"Our policy on all applicants is to treat it as FERPA," he said, referring to the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, which prohibits educational institutions from disclosing students' personal information.

Klebold and Eric Harris, 18, both Columbine High School students in Littleton, went on a shooting spree last Tuesday before the two reportedly committed suicide.

In their wake, Harris and Klebold left 13 people dead, while 10 remained hospitalized last night.

The New York Times reported Monday that Klebold was also planning to live in a UA residence hall. The newspaper stated that Klebold's mother sent a deposit check to the university's Residence Life department prior to the incident.

"I don't know what's going on," Residence Life Director James Van Arsdel said Monday. He refused further comment.

Proctor said he has not asked Residence Life to perform a search for the Klebold's check, adding that he is not aware "whether or not that has actually occurred."

"They aren't going to go picking through checks just to find the person's check," he said. "If the mom is saying she sent a check, then she probably sent a check."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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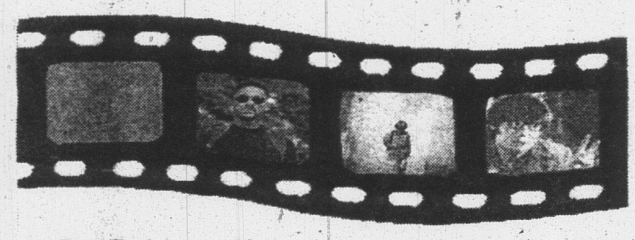

By Derrick Bash
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps the most hyped movie of all time, there is no doubt that the *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* will dominate at the box office this summer.

Already being toted by analysts as a contender for the new highest grossing movie of all time, the opening of *Episode I*, Lucas' first foray into space adventure since '83's *Jedi*, has left competitors a bit nervous. (No other movies open on May 21, the day of *Episode I*'s premiere.)

While the summer of '99 will be remembered as the summer *Star Wars* came back to the big screen, at least a few other movies should be able to take advantage of the summer's movie going public.

Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me should have enough "force" to turn at least a few movie goers from *Episode I. The Spy Who Shagged Me*, still starring Myers as Powers, will see our hero traveling back in time to thwart Dr. Evil. Highlights will include a tour of Austin's bachelor dig, plenty of accessories necessary for shagging, and Heather Graham as Felicity Shagwell, replacing Elizabeth Hurley as Vanessa Kensington.

Will Smith will try to strike box office gold for a third summer with *Wild, Wild West*. The movie, which opens in July, is remake of the late 60's, gadget-heavy television series of the same name. It will undoubtedly be pitted against the success of previous Smith blockbusters *Men In Black* ('97), and *Independence Day* ('96), but considering Smith's drawing power, he should have little to worry about.

July will also bring the release of the last and final film from acclaimed director Stanley Kubrick, *Eye's Wide Shut*. Based on Arthur Schnitzler's obscure novel *Traumnovelle*, the movie stars Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. Described as a "difficult, sexually charged, psychodrama, the movie should do well, if only because it totes Kubrick's name. (Cruise's and Kidman's won't hurt either.)

If you have enough time (or money) after checking out *Episode 1*, *The Spy Who Shagged Me*, and *Eyes*, you may want to check out a few of the following. *Fight Club*, starring Brad Pitt, and Edward Norton, will once again connect Pitt with the creative powers of David Fincher (Seven). *The Love of the Game* brings Kevin Kostner back to the ballpark. Tarzan will swing into theaters in cartoon form in early June. Hugh grant and Julia Roberts star together in the romantic comedy *Notting Hill*, the story of a movie star (Roberts), chasing after a bookseller (Grant). Roberts will also appear in *Runaway Bride*, which will reunite her with *Pretty Woman* costar Richard Gere.

The summer always offers hordes of new movies, all hoping to cash in big. This summer will be no different, so, after slapping down your hard-earned clams for several showings of *Episode 1*, give a few other movies a chance. Then see *Episode 1* again.

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In Kristen's Corner: An Afternoon on Broadway

By Kristen Kress
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This past weekend, I attended spring concert for the Chamber and Concert choirs. It was such a great concert that I was singing all night long.

Titled "An Afternoon on Broadway" the performance featured guest soloist Neal Edman, dean of student affairs. I was totally shocked to hear the man sing! He was awesome! He reminded me of the lead in *Crazy For You*- Bobby Child. I was astounded at his HUGE voice. He was great.

Edman sang the lead solo in "Being Alive," a song from *Company*, with a small groups of concert choir soloists accompanying him. He also sang a duet from *Candide* with Summerlea Hobbs, titled "Make our Garden Grow." This inspiring number ended the first half of the concert with a tremendous a cappella choral finale.

Hobbes has a remarkable soprano voice, which was featured in her solo from the show *Tenderland*, "Laurie's Song." Other featured soloists included senior Heather Meinke, performing "I Dreamed a Dream" from *Les Miserables*. Nora Drake sang the popular soprano solo "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" from *The Sound of Music*.

The male solos were equally amazing and demonstrated the wealth of musical talent in our music department. Ryan Saeler performed "If I Were a Rich Man" from *Fiddler on the Roof*. Ryan was amazing, and his voice had such awesome tone and overall quality that you just wanted to stand up and yell for him. Brad Dell's bellowing bass voice was showcased in "Old Man River" from *Showboat*.

Saeler and Dell, both freshmen, faced tough competition this fall when they auditioned for concert choir. The four choirs here, chorale, women's chorus, concert choir and the highly selective chamber choir, require hearings with Dr. Broeker, the director of choral activities. Two women, Heidi Langdon and Sarah Schmidl, also earned spots in the concert choir. It's exciting that such talent is within these younger classes because it makes the future of the choirs look very promising.

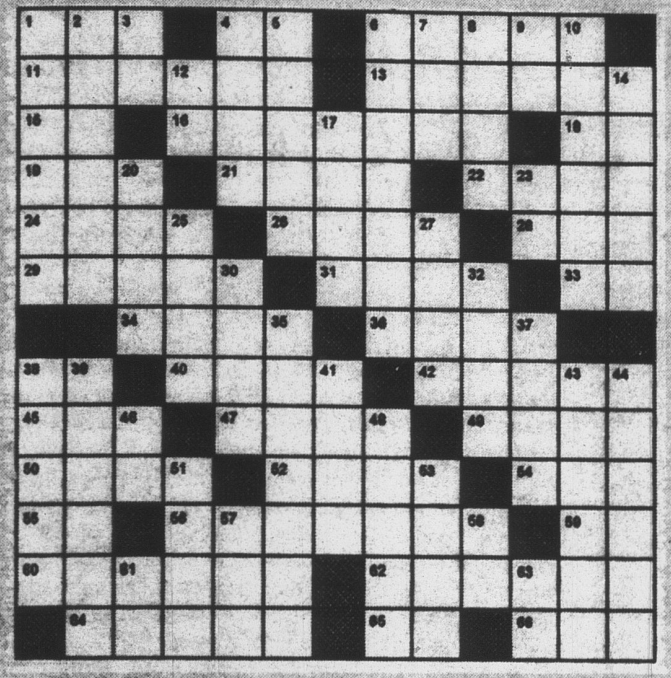
My two favorite songs of the performance were "If I Loved You" from *Carousel* and "No One Has Ever Loved Me" from *Passion*. The trilogy of Sondheim pieces also included "I Remember" and "Our Time," a piece Broeker dedicated to the graduating seniors.

The concert was sandwiched with two medleys, beginning with *The Music Man*, and ending with a dazzling medley from *West Side Story*. The highlight of the *Music Man* medley was Dr. Broeker's daughter, Emily, singing the solo part in "Wells Fargo Wagon."

The hour and 45 minutes literally flew by as the choirs energetically sang through Broadway's best. Freshmen audience member Crytsal Oswalt said, "What a great performance. I really enjoyed it. I didn't realize how much talent we had in the music department!"

It was a delightful performance and a great one to bid farewell to the 9 seniors who participated. If you missed this concert, be sure to catch next year's choir performances early.

Crossword Challenge



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33 The place of the seal (L. abbr.)
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2 Iriquois tribe
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10 Lofty
12 N.W state (abbr.)
14 Angers
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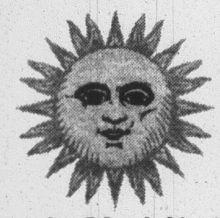
Humor-scopes



April 30 to May 6

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Someone will ask, "How are you?" for the millionth time. You should celebrate the occasion by having a speech prepared - something embarrassingly intimate is usually best. "Glad you asked. I'm having a darned tough time getting rid of these pesky genital warts, for one thing..."

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
This is a good time to invest in collectable things. Susan B. Anthony dollars make a good start (they can only plummet so far, after you invest in them, unlike your normal investments).

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You will discover a horror almost beyond imagining — your home is inhabited by the ghost of an insurance salesman. He will talk incessantly and drive you to drink. More.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Nothing ventured, nothing gained, is the rule for now. In fact, "nothing" will play a very large part in your future.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
You will discover that you've always had the power to go home, simply by tapping the heels of your bunny slippers together. Unfortunately, as you will also soon discover, it's not your home.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
You will find yourself using a very old spreadsheet program, soon. So old, in fact, that the columns have to be either Doric, Ionic, or Corinthian.

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
Good time to compliment your friends. If you can't think of anything else to say, tell them they're looking "very buff". That will leave them pleased, but slightly uneasy, and they'll spend a lot of time looking in the mirror.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
You will figure out how to avoid your enemies, much to their bafflement. Basically, if you're walking along and the background music changes to a kind of eerie theme, and the volume begins to increase...turn around and go the other way. Simple, huh?

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
You will decide to change your life by taking up fishing. Unlike the average person, however, you will be "strictly bass". One must have standards, after all.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)
Excellent time to take up weasel ranching. Or at least to claim that's what you do, at parties. Weasels always seem to draw the crowds at parties anyway, so why not cash in on the sleaze factor?

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)
Nobody knows the trouble you've seen. Let's just hope you can somehow keep it that way!

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
In an attempt to simplify your life, you will discard all of your footwear. Later you will regret this, but will be too proud to admit it.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Police believe girlfriend bought guns used in Colorado shooting

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) - The 18-year-old girlfriend of Columbine High School gunman Dylan Klebold apparently bought at least two of the weapons used in the attack at a Denver-area gun show, authorities said.

Investigators also were checking a report from a Colorado Springs gun dealer that the other gunman, Eric Harris, was among five teens who tried to buy a machine gun and another weapon last month.

The Denver Post reported Tuesday that investigators believe the girlfriend, Robyn K. Anderson, bought three weapons not long after her 18th birthday in November. The Denver Rocky Mountain News said she was believed to have bought two guns.

Harris, 18, and Klebold, 17, committed suicide after bursting into Columbine High School with guns and bombs a week ago Tuesday, killing 12 fellow students and one teacher. Four guns were found in the school.

Anderson was questioned Monday and authorities describe her as a witness, not a suspect. District Attorney Dave Thomas said she was cooperating with investigators.

Prosecutors said the weapons may have been purchased legally.

"We think three of them were provided by the girlfriend of Klebold," Mark Paulter, a Jefferson County chief district attorney, told the Post. "She bought them because she was older. She was 18 at the time. She bought them in November or December."

"We're not sure she committed a crime under Colorado statute. If you provide a handgun to a person under 18, that's a violation of the statute. If you provide a shotgun or a rifle, that's not a violation."

The operator of the Tanner Gun Show, which holds shows in the Denver area several times a year, said the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms asked on Monday for a list of all of the show's exhibitors.

Prosecutors think Anderson bought two shotguns and a rifle. District Attorney Dave Thomas said prosecutors are not sure what knowledge she had about how the guns would be used. But Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone acknowledged it was possible that she did know how Klebold and Harris to planned to use the guns.

"She's not going to use those for pheasant hunting," Stone told the News.

A man who was at Anderson'S home declined to comment, saying reporters terrorized the family, the Post said.

Meanwhile, Mel Bernstein, owner of Dragon Arms, a gun shop in Colorado Springs, told investigators that four teen-age boys dressed in trench coats - including Harris - and a young woman came to his store in early March. They tried to buy an M-60 machine gun and a pistol equipped with a silencer. He said he declined to sell the guns to Harris because he was too young. When the young woman in the group tried to buy the guns, saying she was 18, he escorted them from the store.

Bernstein said the incident was captured on a surveillance videotape that he turned over to federal authorities.

"They were real mopey, like punk kids with the makeup on, like punk rockers," Bernstein said. "To me, it was just another bunch of kids who wished they could own everything they see on the wall here. This is like Toys 'R Us to them."

Bernstein said Harris "was doing all the talking."

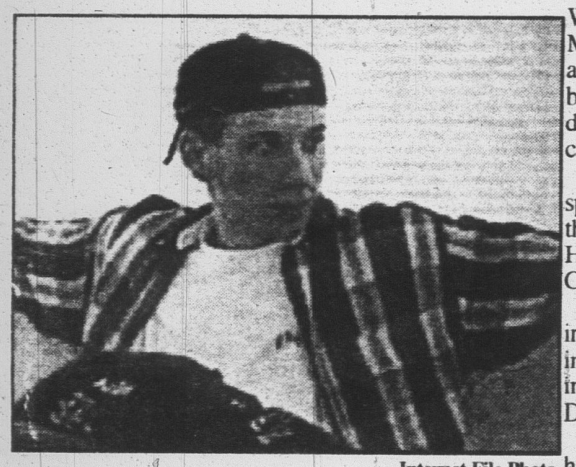
Investigators still believe that someone other than Klebold and Harris was aware of their plans in the days and weeks leading up to the attack.

"There's a lot of munitions there," Stone said. "Either somebody else brought it in or they brought it in and stored it. ....It's hard to get that in under your raincoat and not be noticed."

Stone said three boys who were arrested near Columbine on the day of the attack have not been cleared in the case.

"I'm suspicious of their story," Stone said. "They are not out of the woods in this one yet."

Columbine shooter rejected by Marines as obsessive-compulsive



Internet File Photo

Shooting suspect Eric Harris

LITTLETON, Colorado (CNN) — Shooting suspect Eric Harris was rejected by Marine Corps recruiters just five days before the Columbine High School massacre because he was on an anti-depressant medication known as Luvox, sources who asked not to be named told CNN Wednesday.

Luvox is most commonly prescribed to treat obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Defense Department sources said earlier Wednesday that Harris had contacted Marine Corps recruiters and inquired about joining but was disqualified because of his use of a prescription drug and the fact that he was under the care of a doctor at the time.

Jefferson County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis told reporters that he didn't have details about Harris' rejection from the Marine Corps.

He said the initial toxicology report indicated there was no drug or alcohol in any of those killed during the siege, including the gunmen, Harris and Dylan Klebold.

"The final reports from the coroner have not been made and given to us. However, like I've said, I'll have to revert to what they told us about the toxicology reports earlier, and that is that there weren't any drugs or alcohol in the blood, and, once again, I didn't hear her say illegal drugs or legal drugs," said Davis.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Mark Paulter also downplayed the importance of Harris' rejection by the Marines, saying "it wouldn't be particularly relevant to our investigation."

Harris, 18, and Klebold, 17, both seniors at Columbine, are blamed for the deaths of 12 students and one teacher. They then both shot themselves, one in the mouth, the other in the side of his head, according to the coroner's office.

Search warrants for Klebold's house and other sites will remain sealed, a state judge ruled Wednesday.

The Denver Post had asked Judge Henry Nieto to unseal the search warrants and related documents in the investigation of the massacre at Columbine High School, saying the material is a "matter of wide public interest."

The local prosecutor, District Attorney David Thomas, had asked that the documents be sealed.

Also Wednesday, Davis said three young men, dressed in black jackets and military fatigues, who were caught near Columbine High School the day of the massacre had been questioned and were not suspected of having played a role in the attack. Their arrest had been caught on camera during the coverage of the siege.

"Apparently, last night when the sheriff was speaking to you, he hadn't been updated on the very latest, and these three people ... the three that we see the picture of with their hands on their head in black, have now been cleared," said Davis.

He said it was his understanding that they did know Harris and Klebold.

"How well, I don't know," said Davis.

On a hill overlooking Columbine, 15 crosses have been raised, one for the slain teacher and 14 for the dead students, including the dead gunmen.

A funeral was held Wednesday for yet another victim, 14-year-old Steven Curnow. The teenager was remembered as a "Star Wars" movie fan who wanted to become a fighter pilot.

"Now I don't have anybody to have fights with over who ... fills the ice cube tray or brings in the groceries," Curnow's 20-year-old sister Nancy said. "Now I can't tease you about your first girlfriend or even when you start to shave."

The last service for slain students will be held Thursday for Isaiah Shoels. The 18-year-old senior had wanted to attend an arts college and become a music executive. Shoels was shot in the head execution-style in the school library, because he was African-American and because of his athletic interests, witnesses said.

French may evict Morrison from his grave due to messy mourners

By Buck Wolf
ABCNEWS.com

Jim Morrison's grave, in the Right Bank of Paris, draws thousands of visitors each year. But do the French like it? The Wolf files speaks with Doors keyboardist Ray Manzarek, in 1967 at the beginning of their journey to fame.

Jim Morrison is still dead, but his permanent address might change. The French have never been all that happy that the Lizard King's tie-dyed hippie-dippy followers have been turning their most famous cemetery, Pere-Lachaise, into a never-ending Woodstock.

And some folks want it stopped. Each day, dozens of revelers forge a trail of beer cans, candles, panties, and whiskey bottles to Morrison's final resting place. Scrawled across a nearby monument: "We came. We laughed. We left."

Doors keyboardist Ray Manzarek tells the Wolf Files, "Jim would have loved it. Thousands of people each year enjoying themselves - in his honor." But the party-hardy scene revolts relatives of the deceased, who regularly sandblast graffiti off their loved ones' tombstones. They've petitioned to have Morrison's body removed when the 30-year lease on the plot expires on June 6, 2001.

You might think Doors fans would be up in arms at the notion that their hero might be exhumed, and many are. But the fanatic wing - a small few, to be sure - are overjoyed. Once and for all, the most important question in their little universe might be answered - Is Jim Morrison really dead?

Oh, there might be just as good a chance that Elvis is doing Teletubbie voice-overs. But old rock conspiracy theories die hard. Many people still aren't sure Paul McCartney is alive, especially if they've heard his recent albums.

The Great Escape?

Morrison had retired from rock in 1971 and moved to Paris to concentrate on his poetry, when he succumbed to heart failure in his bathtub. But few people saw the corpse, no autopsy was performed, and believers say it was all a hoax to allow him to escape the trappings of fame.

"The only thing buried in Jim's grave is his fame," says Marty Dennis, a 47-year-old plumber from Naples, Fla., who frequently posts on Doors-related Web sites and message boards. "This was his great escape."

Cemetery officials won't comment on this matter. And for now, the merriment continues.

Nose Robbers

Since the 1991 release of film director Oliver Stone's film The Doors, thousands more fans have made the pilgrimage. At times, riot police have guarded the commemorations. Now, no more than 100 visitors at a time were allowed near the unlikely shrine to self-indulgence.

But if Morrison were indeed alive, it would be interesting to know what he thought of some graveside antics. The tombstone was once adorned with a marble bust. But it was removed after tourists chipped away at it to keep as souvenirs.

To quote the man himself, "People are strange."

Clinton proposes gun-control legislation in response to tragedy

WASHINGTON (AP) - One week to the day after the Colorado school shooting, President Clinton proposed gun-control legislation Tuesday to raise the legal age for handgun possession from 18 to 21, and hold negligent parents liable when their children commit crimes with guns.

Buyers of explosives would also be subject to the same Brady law background checks as gun purchasers.

"It is criminal how easy it is for children in America to obtain guns," Hillary Rodham Clinton said at a White House ceremony, where she led her husband and an assembly of lawmakers in a moment of silence for the community of Littleton, Colo.

In extensive remarks preceding the president, Mrs. Clinton said she doubted the administration's ability to "create a perfect set of solutions that, if followed, would have prevented what happened at Columbine High School."

But, she added, "that does not mean that we are either hopeless or helpless."

The president's omnibus crime package, which the White House trumpeted as "the most comprehensive gun legislation any administration has put forward in 30 years," also proposes banning juvenile possession of semiautomatic assault rifles, halting imports of all high-capacity ammunition clips and limiting an individual's handgun purchases to one per month.

"One of the biggest sources of crime guns is straw purchasers who make multiple purchases in one state and transfer those guns to another state where they flood the streets," White House domestic policy adviser Bruce Reed said Tuesday.

In addition, Clinton renewed measures that died in the last Congress. Aides said he is counting on outrage over the Colorado school shooting to push them through this year.

"The prospects are good," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said Monday. "Unfortunately, oftentimes it takes tragic events to catalyze work here in Washington."

The explosives provision, which aims to treat the sale of explosives the same way gun sales are treated under the Brady law, would cover dynamite, blasting caps and the like, not materials that can be blended into an explosive mixture. In Littleton, Colo., the student killers used homemade hand grenades and pipe bombs in their rampage through Columbine High School. In Oklahoma City, two tons of explosives made from common fertilizer were used to blow up the federal building in 1995.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., praised Clinton's initiative cracking down on explosives but wondered if it was a problem too loosely defined to tackle.

"If you're talking about propane gas tanks and agricultural chemicals, I'm anxious to see how they define the component parts of this," Durbin said.

Clinton, aides said, also is proposing: Mandatory child-safety locks on all guns sold.

Extension of an existing ban on juvenile possession of handguns to include semiautomatic assault rifles; also a ban on importation of all ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds, an extension of current law banning imports of those made since 1994.

Background checks on buyers for all gun-show sales.

A lifetime ban on gun ownership for people who commit violent crimes as juveniles.

A three-day waiting period for all handgun purchases, with an additional two days if law officers need them to complete their investigation. Until last year, the Brady Act provided five days for police to conduct background checks on buyers if they needed that much time. Now, it limits them to three days, but most checks are instantaneous. Never before has there been a minimum, mandatory waiting period.

Mandatory prison sentences of three to 10 years and $10,000 fines for adults, including parents, who allow children access to guns.

The adult could be held liable whenever a juvenile crime is committed and the adult "knowingly or recklessly allowed it to occur," said White House spokesman Barry Toiv. He added that the legislation's standard of reckless conduct would be "a difficult standard to meet."

Clinton raised this provision long before the Littleton shootings and it is not meant to suggest that those killers' parents should be blamed, Toiv said.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, who represents South Dakota, where guns are popular among ranchers and sportsmen, was skeptical about passing any new restrictions.

"I'm not sure that gun legislation is what we need," Daschle told reporters Monday. He suggested the school shootings were a societal problem stemming from parental and teacher neglect and violence in the media and on the Internet.

"Those are the kinds of things we better be looking at," Daschle said.

Another Democratic senator, Charles Schumer of New York, said he wants to plug an Internet loophole that allows gun buyers to circumvent the Brady law. "The firepower that can be acquired simply by going online is chilling," Schumer said.

Andrew Molchan, director of the National Association of Federally Licensed Gun Dealers, said the 7,000 gun dealers he represents support a lifetime ban on gun ownership for anyone who commits a violent crime.

But the rest of Clinton's package, Molchan said, "is an unfortunate diversion and, in our view, a dangerous diversion that takes energy, time and thought away from the real issues."

"Somebody doesn't decide to walk into a school and murder several people because of lack of a gun lock or something," he said. "It's a horrible, profound, moral issue."

Finals Week Computer Lab Schedules

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SAT	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	9:00 AM - 4:45 PM	12:00 PM - 9:00 AM
SUN	1:30 PM - 1:00 AM	1:30 PM - 11:00 PM	1:30 PM - 9:00 PM	1:00 AM - 4:45 AM	1:30 AM - 3:00 AM
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U-WIRE NEWS

Police identify remains of students killed by repeat sexual offender

By Ryan Huff
California Poly State U.

(U-WIRE) SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Police have identified the remains of missing California Poly State U. students Rachel Newhouse and Aundria Crawford, found near the Davis Canyon home of the case's prime suspect, Rex Allan Krebs.

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff-Coroner identified both remains about 4 p.m. Saturday. Police made the announcement at a Saturday news conference. Authorities will not disclose the condition of the remains - identified through dental records — until forensic testing has been completed.

"I have mixed feelings. I'm immensely sad, and at the same time very relieved," said San Luis Obispo Police Capt. Bart Topham, who leads theinvestigation for the police.

Topham would not comment if the remains were buried or found inside Krebs' 3880 Davis Canyon Road residence, but said more specifics will be available at a 9:30 news conference this morning.

"We're trained to remain professional and objective, but this is not your normal case," said Topham, whose team of investigators interviewed several thousand people about the cases. "You can't conduct this kind of case in public."

Topham will be joined at Monday's press conference by State Attorney General Bill Lockyer, the San Luis Obispo County district attorney Gerry Shea, Krebs' parole officers, FBI agents, county Sheriff's officials and city police investigators, along with other law enforcement agents.

Investigators found Newhouse's remains before 4 p.m. Friday and discovered Crawford's remains later Friday afternoon, police said.

Krebs is still the only suspect in the case. He has not been charged for the killings of Newhouse and Crawford, but Topham said police plan to file charges in the very near future.

He was apprehended locally on March 20 for a parole violation - possession of a simulated firearm and violation of alcohol restrictions — and now sits in county jail.

He has a history of sexual offenses, including assault to commit rape, sodomy and oral copulation; rape by force and/or fear; and sodomy with a person under 14 years old with or without force.

Krebs, a 33-year-old bald, white male, has lived in the rural Avila Beach neighborhood of Davis Canyon for about eight months, according to neighbors.

Topham confirmed that Krebs is not a suspect in the missing persons case of Cal Poly student Kristin Smart. Krebs was serving time in Soledad State Prison in May 1996 when Smart disappeared from the Cal Poly campus.

Although Krebs has not been charged with crimes related to Newhouse and Crawford, many residents are still pointing fingers.

"People like (Krebs) cannot be rehabilitated," said San Luis Obispo resident Curt Walters, 44. "They'll always be sex offenders. They need to be put away forever."

According to the Sheriff's Department, 619 registered sex offenders live in the county, 115 in San Luis Obispo alone.

This statistic frightened many who attended Saturday's press conference.

"It's good to know (Krebs) is behind bars, but I am still completely paranoid for my safety," said Amy Taras, a Cal Poly business senior. "Who is to say there aren't others out there like him?"

Krebs was paroled in 1997, after serving 10 years of a 20-year sex-crime sentence.

Community activists, like 36-year-old Gary Sibbald of San Luis Obispo, asked Topham why so many sexual predators live in the county and questioned what the community can do to be safe.

"It behooves everyone to have a certain amount of awareness of their own," Topham said. "We can't afford to have a policeman on every corner, every home and every business."

Topham did mention on Friday that "there are problems with the criminal justice system, but I cannot fix them. My focus is here on the investigation."

Sibbald, who described himself as a "concerned citizen," said that the community needs to work together with law enforcement to keep the city safe.

"We can't bury our heads in the sand. We as individuals need to rally behind our community so tragedies like this don't happen again," Sibbald said.

Newhouse, a 20-year-old Cal Poly student, disappeared Nov. 12, 1999, after walking home alone from Tortilla Flats restaurant in San Luis Obispo. Crawford, a 20-year-old Cuesta College student, was abducted from her Branch Street apartment March 12.

According to Topham, the Newhouse and Crawford families are "holding up very well, considering all the circumstances."

A local businessman, who Topham said wishes to remain anonymous, collected funds for the Newhouse and Crawford families, now in the San Luis Obispo area.

University officials quickly responded to the new developments in the investigation.

President Warren Baker released a statement on Friday applauding law enforcement officials for their work in the case and offering sympathy to the families of Newhouse and Crawford.

"We urge our students — as well as our San Luis Obispo neighbors - to continue practicing personal safety procedures at home, school and work. And we must all look out for one another," Baker said in the statement.

Vice President of Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez was at Friday and Saturday's news conferences and said students have had "a collective sigh of relief, but also enormous sadness."

Stanford U. phlebotomist caught reusing syringes in studies

By Alice Brown
The Stanford Daily (Stanford U.)

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. — Stanford University officials have confirmed that a blood worker at a Smith-Kline Beecham blood drawing station reused disposable needles on patients in Stanford research studies, threatening the safety of patients and the integrity of research done by the University.

Every person who had blood drawn by this particular worker have been asked to undergo tests for hepatitis and HIV. "I'm not sure of the extent to which Stanford was affected by this problem," said Chris Scott, director of the Stanford Research Management Group.

It is unknown exactly how many people involved in Stanford studies came into contact with the technician or which studies the worker was assisting.

Investigators also said the technician mislabeled at least one sample from one of the thousands of patients who had blood drawn there, according to the San Jose Mercury News.

It was not until the worker's behavior became public on April 16 that Stanford learned of this occurrence.

Over the past week and a half state health officials have "determined her inappropriate conduct was even more widespread, potentially calling into question the results of every blood test she ever performed," the Mercury News said.

Scott said that psychiatric studies had a couple hundred people involved, though that number could not be confirmed.

"Obviously this is an unexpected curve ball," Dr. Lawrence Shuer, Stanford's hospital and clinics chief of staff, told the San Jose Mercury News. "It goes without saying nobody in this day and age would have ever expected something like this to happen."

Stanford officials said they will need to review the studies on a case-by-case basis to determine whether any research has been irrevocable tainted.

It is not known whether or not the mislabeled blood samples were those of Stanford research patients.

The woman told officials that she washed the syringes in hydrogen peroxide after each use, but although this kills bacteria it does not kill viruses. Scientists from other universities have raised the issue of Stanford's research as a whole being tarnished.

"Credibility is a big issue for research and getting future volunteers for your studies," Margene Kennedy, manager of the clinical trials unit at Johns Hopkins University, told the Mercury News. She added that if anyone were infected with a disease as a result of their participation in a study, people would lose confidence in volunteering for studies.

It is possible that the results of Stanford studies will be deemed invalid.

Albright speech sparks college commencement controversy

By Marie Claire Tran
Daily Northwestern

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. Northwestern's commencement speaker, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, will receive an honorary doctorate of law — but some students say Albright's international politics make her undeserving.

A group of students is protesting what they call Albright's disrespect for international law, while others support her policies or say controversial politics make a speaker worthwhile. Meanwhile, Albright's scheduled June appearance is sparking debate on U.S. policy in Kosovo and Iraq.

"I've been to Iraq twice," said Brad Simpson, a member of Students Opposing Sanctions. "I've seen what economic sanctions have done to ordinary people, and I am astonished that NU would celebrate and honor those who represent policies that are deeply immoral and, in many cases, illegal."

But most agree that Albright should be able to address the class of 1999.

"She is controversial, and she should be," said Weinberg senior Leonardo Martinez, founder of the Northwestern Journal of International Affairs. "(Those opposed to Albright) shouldn't condemn the fact that she's speaking, but protesting her policies should be encouraged."

Simpson is leading an effort to educate the campus about what he calls the damaging effects of Albright's hawkish foreign policy. Albright supports active offense methods such as economic sanctions on Iraq and military bombing in Yugoslavia.

But Albright's inflexible militaristic stance is even more disturbing, said Joshua Shen, a Medill senior.

"She is not just the primary warmonger in Washington," Shen said. "At times she is the only one pushing for war. In addition, she has just targeted anti-Muslim and pro-Israeli people."

Shawn Tan, vice president of Globe, a foreign-affairs discussion group, also disapproves of Albright's tactics in Kosovo. But the problem stems from government as a whole, Tan said.

University President Henry Bienen sees the merit in Albright's appearance and believes there is little to protest.

"It's a silly thing," Bienen said. "People should be glad that a senior representative of government is willing to come here. You can't find any secretary of state who will make everyone happy with his or her policies."

Supporters of Albright's foreign policy do not see a better alternative to her militant position.

Albright, President Clinton and Secretary of Defense William Cohen could be legally responsible for crimes against humanity, Simpson said.

Shen discourages students from supporting Albright just because she's a woman.

"Everyone was so excited because she was the first female secretary of state," Shen said. "But like all minorities and women who come into power, she made no challenges to power — and she just backed up the man."

Despite students' positions, Martinez hopes that the graduating class will gain insight from this ongoing debate and Albright's speech.

Carolina U. Board of Trustees member resigns after racial slur

By Amy Wagner
East Carolina U.

(U-WIRE) GREENVILLE, N.C. — Two weeks after making a racist remark to the Cape Fear chapter of the Pirate Club in Wilmington, an ECU Board of Trustees member resigned.

Walter L. Williams, 69, resigned over the telephone to Gov. Jim Hunt

Tuesday evening, Sean Walsh of the governor's office said.

According to the Wimington Morning Star, on April 7 the former Pirate Club president said in an address that if the men's basketball team does not start wining with the new coach it is because of a "nigger in the woodpile." The room, filled with nearly 150 Pirate Club members, reportedly fell silent after Williams made the comment.

Walsh said that the governor thinks William's comment was inexcusable. Hunt thanked Williams for his long service on the board last night.

Williams was not available for comment Sunday.

Students say that such a comment calls for his resignation.

"I think it is a good idea that he resigned because he displayed unnecessary hatred," said Emanuelle Guidi, junior.

According to Taffye Clayton, director of Ledonia Wright, Williams was irresponsible and thoughtless when making this statement.

"I think the comment was quite frankly a reckless disregard of the numerous contributions of African-American staff, students, faculty, athletes and alumni to the university everyday," Clayton said.

Williams was appointed to the board in 1996 to complete Louis Sewell's term. Sewell resigned early because of his wife's failing health. Williams was reappointed in 1997 to a full four-year term.

Williams attended both undergraduate and graduate programs at ECU. He is a long-term member of the ECU Alumni Association and the Pirate Club. He has also served on the ECU Board of Visitors.

Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum is named after Williams and his wife Marie. The Williamses also sponsor the Spirit of the East Post-Eligibility Scholarship and another student-athlete scholarship for men's basketball. The Williamses also gave a $1 million gift to ECU athletics through TradeOil Co., which he founded.

Despite his generous efforts, students feel that Williams undermined the basketball team in his comment.

"I feel that the whole basketball program deserves an apology," Guidi said. "All the money and gifts in the world can't make a statement like that right."

Clayton recognizes Williams' generosity to the university, but thinks this is no excuse for the comment.

"In this day of nationwide race relations, initiative training and a seemingly attempt to close the racial chasm, we must be of good deed and good word," Clayton said.

U. Southern California limits credit offered for high school courses

By Jeanne Klein
U. Southern California

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES, Calif. — A new University of Southern California regulation will limit the number of units incoming freshmen can receive as college credit in courses completed during high school, officials said.

The university decided last year to implement this policy because USC cannot regulate those classes that might not be up to par with the university level, said John Wright, senior associate director for Undergraduate Admission.

"There is a maximum of 32 transferable units for AP and/or college credit (that graduating high school seniors can bring in), of which only 16 can be college credit," Wright said. Previously, there was no limit on the number of classes taken for college credit.

Wright also said those 16 college credits could be for elective classes only, not academic ones.

For example, if a high school student takes a college-level calculus class, those units can only be used for a department substitution or a waiver for a prerequisite class. It would not be given credit, Wright said, explaining that these classes really cannot compare to university-taught classes.

"There is a growing business in the large numbers of college courses being taken by high school students," Wright said. "It's primarily programs at the community college level, and we simply feel we need to have a limit on this."

These high school students are not really college students yet, said Nelson Shirota, an articulation analyst in registration.

"It is not necessarily real college work because some 'college classes' are taught by high school teachers (at the high school)," Shirota said.

Some of these classes are counted as double credit for both high school and college work, Shirota said.

"We don't want to penalize the students who are working hard," Shirota said. "There are a number of students who are advanced enough (for college courses), but there are a lot of programs out there that are just out there to make money from the high school."

This leaves many students who are not prepared for university-level classes, Shirota said.

The regulation is only recently being enforced because there has never been much of a concern for incoming freshmen bringing in too many questionable credits.

Wright said students now try and get as much as 50 units transferred.

"Before, it was rare to see somebody bring in more than 12 to 15 units of college work," Wright said. "Now, there are too many."

The incoming freshmen class is being informed of this change.

"I have no say in the issue," said Tim Scott, acting director of the Office of College Advising. "(But) I am an academic adviser, so it is my job to tell students about transfer credits."

Undergraduate Admission also sent a letter to each incoming freshman who has already submitted records for transfer credit informing them of the new policy, as well as discussing it during recruiting programs, Wright said.

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For Sale: Ford Taurus, many miles but reliable, asking $1000. James, 946-3720.

For Sale: Computer desk with overhead cabinets and printer stand, $75; price negotiable. Jennifer Boyd-Morin, Ext. 7406.

For Sale: Purple beanbag, $10, Flute—like new, $250. Krissi Duncan, (724) 667-0582.

For Sale: Sega Genesis + 6 games, small flashlight, desk lamp, spanish workbook, psychology research methods and analysis book, books for children's lit class. Chris Mavrodis, Ext. 7840.

For Sale: 13-inch Philco color TV with remote, in good condition. Bought for $120, will sell for $80. Max Chen, Ext. 6464.

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WANTED

Glacier Park, Montana will hire 900 college students for summer jobs in all segments of hotel and hospitality areas. Jobs include hotel front desk clerks, room attendants, cooks, wait persons and tour guides. Students may also participate in guest entertainment, such as the American Cabaret Theatre, a Glacier Park tradition. Work begins early June-late September. Majors of particular interest to the company: accounting, music and theatre. Details: call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 207-2620 or visit their website: www.gpihr.com.

Hallmark Cards, Inc. takes summer interns for creative positions, visual arts positions, language arts, and sales. Contact Jackie Meade, Career Center, Ext. 7343.

Camp Cedar, a boys' summer camp in Maine, has counselor openings for staff members this summer. Counselors work with boys between the ages of 9 and 15. The camp offers a full range of activities including team and individual athletic and creative activities in an outstanding facility. Season begins the third week of June, which involves one week of orientation followed by an eight-week camp session. Call Jackie Meade (CC).

Ernst and Young LLP is seeking mathematics and/or statistics majors or minors who are interested in an actuarial internship during the summer of 1999. Opportunities are available in Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis, New York, Atlanta and Dallas. The company is focusing, but not limiting, its search to second and third year students. Contact Jackie Meade (CC).

The YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, a conference center located in the mountains of western North Carolina, is currently seeking both supervisory and non-supervisory staff to work in the following departments for the summer of 1999: food services, guest services, maintenance, conferences services, housekeeping, aquatics, environmental education, gift shop, crafts, and child care. All positions are paid. Further information is available at ILUCKBRA@aol.com or (808) 669-8422. Website is www.blueridgeassembly.org.

The First Church of God on Euclid Ave. in New Castle is currently searching for a youth intern. This paid position has a negotiable salary based on 15 to 20 hours per week. Interested students should send a resume and references to: Joyce Houk, 12 W. Euclid Ave., New Castle PA 16105.

Lawrence County Family Center in New Castle welcomes volunteers to work with youth in the community. Brian Walsh, 658-8706.

Finals Week Information

	TUB	McGill Library
Sun	4:30 PM - 11:00 PM	1:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Mon	7:30 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Tues	7:00 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Wed	8:30 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 2:00 AM
Thurs	7:30 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 2:00 AM
Fri	7:30 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 2:00 AM
Sat	7:30 AM - 2:30 PM	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sun	4:00 PM - 11:00 PM	1:00 PM - 2:00 AM
Mon	8:30 AM - 2:30 PM	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Calendar of Events

Friday, April 30
11:30 a.m., MBA at Clarion U. Presentation - TUB A/B
11:40 a.m., Chapel, Douglas Forsberg
8 p.m., Theatre Westminster, *A Man for All Seasons* - Beeghly
8 p.m., Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band Concert - Orr
8-10 p.m., Beth Wood - Down Under

Saturday, May 1
PA State Grant and WC FINAID deadline
Sigma Kappa Formal
noon, Volley Rock
1 p.m., Baseball at Gannon
7 p.m., Mass - Chapel
p.m., Theatre Westminster, *A Man for All Seasons* - Beeghly
8 p.m., Jazz Ensemble Concert - Amphitheater

Sunday, May 2
Alpha Phi Omega Canoe-a-thon
1 p.m., Baseball at Gannon
2 p.m., Chancel Drama, Children of Eden - Chapel
2 p.m., Phi Mu Senior Sendoff - Down Under
6:30-9 p.m., Phi Kappa Tau meeting - HSC 152
7 p.m., Chancel Drama, Children of Eden - Chapel
7 p.m., Sigma Kappa Senior Wills
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Business meeting - PH 230
8:15-10 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230
9 p.m., Down Under Movie

Monday, May 3
11:40 a.m., Chapel
1 p.m., Baseball at Gannon
2 p.m., Phi Mu Senior Sendoff - Down Under
5 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi meeting - Alpha Sigma Phi House
5:30 p.m., Panhel meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m., Zeta Tau Alpha meeting - TCF 116
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6 p.m., Phi Mu meeting - PH 112/113
6 p.m., Alpha Gamma Delta meeting - PLH
6:30 p.m., KD Senior Wills - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa meeting - PH 311-312
6:30 p.m., Sigma Kappa Senior Wills
8:15 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega - PH 230
9 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega Activation - Chapel

Tuesday, May 4
Classes end, Friday classes meet
1 p.m., Baseball at Mercyhurst
6-11:30 p.m., Stress Breaker (Dance Band) - TUB Lounge
7:30 p.m., Gospel Choir Exec. Committee - TUB A/B
9-11 p.m., "Cram Jam" late night breakfast- Duff Dining Hall

Wednesday, May 5
Reading Day
TUB Open 24 Hours
9 a.m., Faculty meeting - Beeghly Theatre
1:30 p.m., All-Campus meeting - Beeghly
8:30-9:30 p.m., SAVE meeting - TCF 111

Thursday, May 6
Final Period
TUB Open 24 Hours

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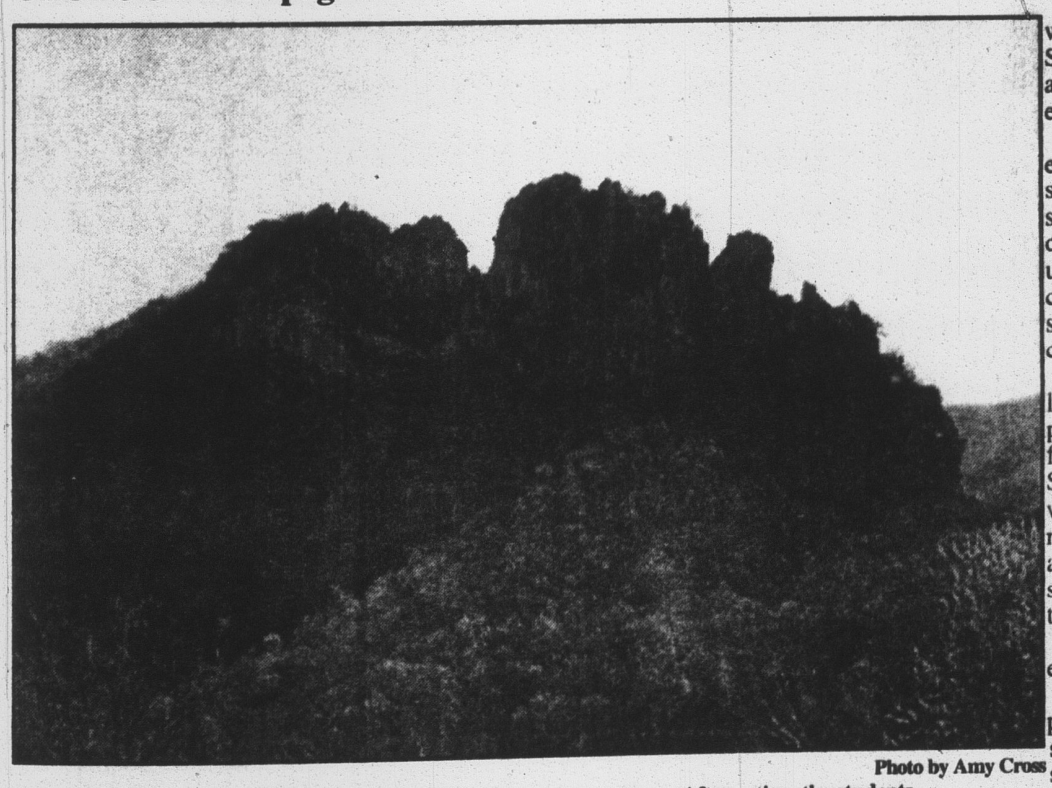

Photo by Amy Cross

A view of Seneca Rock from the students' picnic area. After eating, the students climbed the rock face and peaks on the left and observed the river valley below.

enter Hamilton and New Trout Caves. The students split into teams. Long lead one group, as other groups followed student guides Erin Rosenfelder and Katie Derr.

Hamilton is a clay maze cave that had many calcite formations, such as soda straws, stalactites, stalagmites, and columns. The passages in this cave were very narrow. Most of the "rooms" were large enough to accommodate all of the students, but not tall enough for them to stand. Students also discovered several 'new' calcite formations such as 'knee bangers,' 'toe knockers,' and 'head smackers.'

In one room called the art gallery, previous cavers had used the moist clay to form statues and small artifacts to decorate the shelves, ceiling, and walls.

New Trout was a much larger linear cave with fragmented rock floors. The passages in this cave were generally larger than Hamilton. However, traversing the cavern was a bit more difficult at times. Students clamored over rock faces and deep crevasses deep within the earth.

Some students, who opted to go even further, found that there were several different caverns that were stacked on top of each other. They discovered that they could climb under the rocks on which their classmates were standing. These students were dubbed 'ninja cavers.'

In both caves, students strove to leave no mark of their passage. To preserve the beauty of the cave the formations were left undisturbed. Students were also careful to not wake the hibernating cave bats. If roused from a winter sleep too early, a bat may starve to death if its food supply is too sparse to sustain it in the early spring.

Caving was an empowering experience for many of the students.

"I conquered my fear of claustrophobia by cramming myself into small crevasses," Senior Jen Nolan said.

Saturday night spent back in Franklin where students ate dinner and rested for another day of adventure.

Sunday was highlighted by a hike to Seneca Rock. Seneca is a large vertical rock along the ridge of a mountain that is commonly called a devil's back. Students hiked up the face of the mountain to an observation point over the Seneca River Valley. Some then chose to climb up the rock face of the devil's back to the highest point on the ridge. Jeff Witkowski noted that this climb as the most memorable part of the trip. From the top of Seneca Rock students could see 1000 feet to the valley below and a 360 degree view of the blue mountain ridges that made up the scenic landscape.

After descending the mountain, Long treated the students to a cold beverage at the nearest general store.

The students paused for a picnic lunch before heading to the last hike of the trip in Black Waterfalls, West Virginia.

Here students observed the dazzling waterfall and gorge through which it cuts. They stopped at several observation points to get different perspectives on the shape of the river valley. Students also learned that the water in the river is tinted a dark color, much like tea, because of the concentration of organic material dissolved in it.

After the hike, students had relaxed in the state park by playing hacky-sack and laying out in the sun, before heading for New Wilmington.

All of the students involved enjoyed the weekend adventure. Becky Silver and Rosenfelder agree that the trip was a lot of fun as well as a valuable learning experience.

Senior Sarah Boyle said, "I learned to appreciate bats in caves and sinkholes -especially sinkholes because I left my coat in one while the class waited on a tower on the highest point in the state in the middle of a lightning storm while I went back for it."

Long seemed to get the most pleasure from sharing his observances in nature with his students. He smiled constantly, and was always reassuring to any student who was unsure of climbing into a cave or up a rock face. He encouraged students to ask questions and speak freely, in order to give them a better appreciation of the colorful landscape and the people who lived in it.

Beth Wood

Singer
Songwriter
Guitarist

Playgrounds magazine said, "with a borrowed guitar and a voice from the Gods...it's been a long time since a female vocalist playing solo has moved me through song. Sarah McLaughlan did it. Kristen Hall did it. Shawn Colvin came close. And now it's Beth Wood who dominates my CD player."

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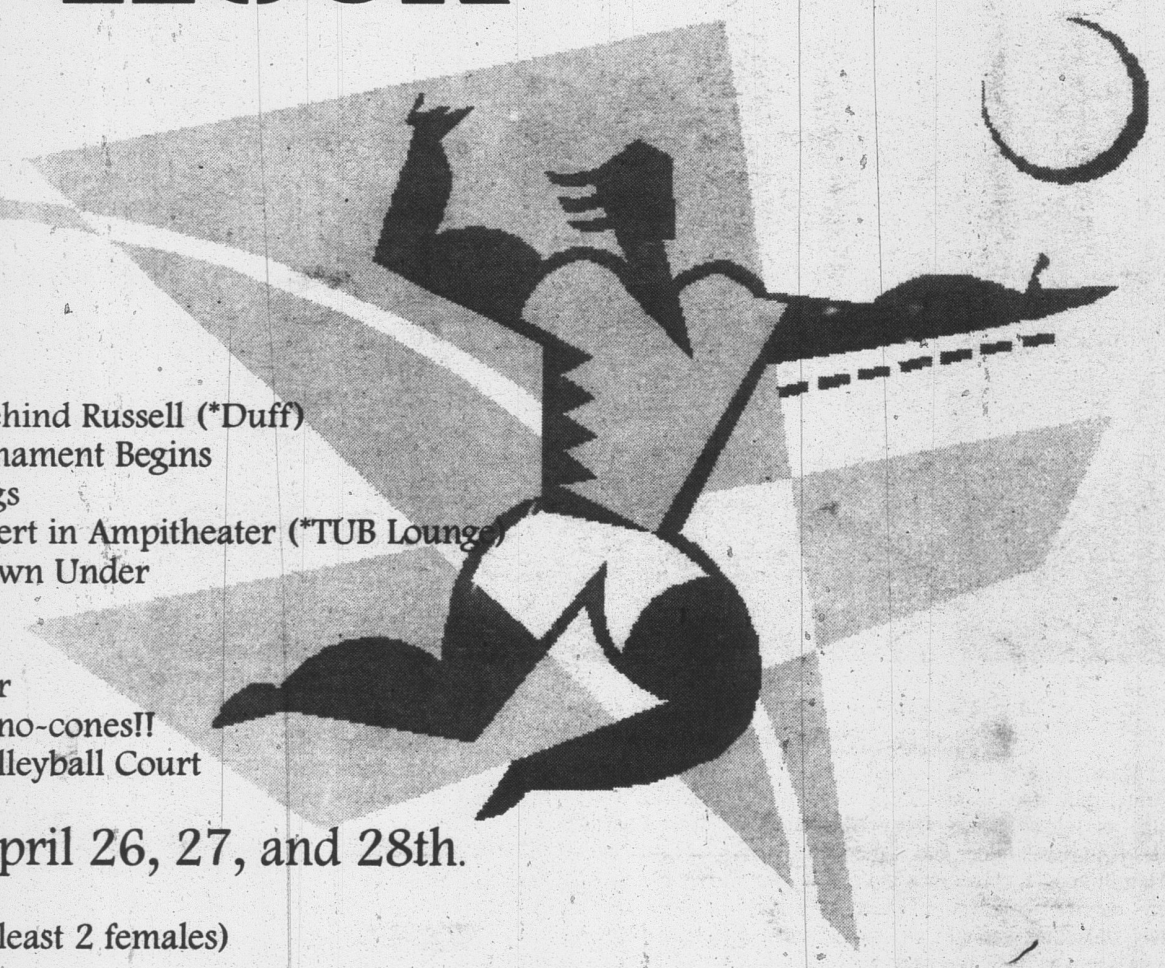

Saturday, May 1

Schedule of Events

11:30 AM - 2 PM	Picnic Lunch Behind Russell (*Duff)
12:00 PM	Volleyball Tournament Begins
5:00 PM	FREE Lube Wings
8:00 PM	Jazz Band Concert in Ampitheater (*TUB Lounge)
10:00 PM	Bingo in the Down Under

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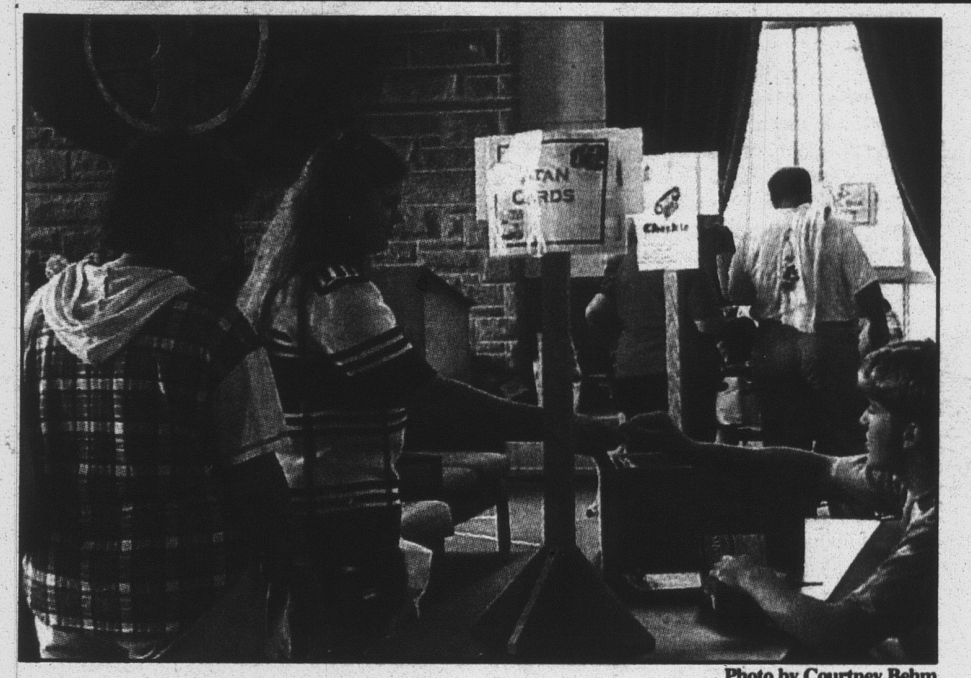

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Freshstart helps to eliviate the stress of entering college.

Welcome Freshmen

Class of 2003 arrives on campus

By Katie Brentzel
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For at least twenty years, freshmen have arrived ahead of the rest of the students in order to become more familiar with the campus.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne, Senior Coordinator Meghan Smith and Junior Coordinator Brianne Caldwell organized the 45 student volunteers that comprised the Fresh Start team.

"I love to meet new people, so giving other people the opportunity to do the same is great," said Caldwell.

The orientation began August 27 at 8:00 a.m. when the volunteers met the freshmen at their dorms and began the process of hauling everything from couches to refrigerators into the students' rooms.

"At a time when the students' parents were apprehensive about sending their kids away, they were appreciative having helpful students helping to alleviate the burden of carrying," said junior Fresh Start volunteer Shawn Martina.

The first day's events also included the traditional opening convocation signalizing the commencement of a new school year. President Williamson, Dean Deegan and members of the faculty and administration were in attendance in order to greet the class of 2003.

Dr. Walter Scheid, professor of communications, delivered the opening convocation speech entitled, "The Best of Times, the Worst of Times: A Valedictory."

President Williamson hosted a reception on the lawn adjacent to the quad immediately following the ceremony.

The class was then split into groups according to Inquiry sections. They were arranged in this manner in order for the students to become more familiar with each other, thus creating a more open atmosphere when they assemble for class. For the rest of the Fresh Start experience, the freshmen remained in the same Inquiry groups.

"The freshmen that do not participate in Fresh Start activities really miss out. Not only do they not get to meet other freshmen, they don't get to know the students in their Inquiry class," said Hawthorne. "Then the first day of class, they're wondering why everyone else can interact so readily."

That evening, students had dinner with their Inquiry professors and that night a Sundae Social was organized to allow students to get to know other people in their dorms.

Saturday's meetings included academic advising, a session sponsored by the Women's Shelter of Lawrence County discussing several topics encountered by college students and TitanNet orientation.

The student organization PEERS conducted a session approaching statistical information concerning HIV and AIDS.

The Rho Chi's provided an overview of

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Renovations continue:

Campus wide improvements underway

By Meghan Duda
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Instead of seeing "Welcome Back" banners, many students were distracted by the orange fencing and yellow tape that now decorates campus. Numerous projects are visible outside and inside many of the buildings on campus.

The construction outside TCF and the recent project started outside of Galbreath is an effort to replace eroded steam lines which will eliminate the "mystery steam" which has appeared in various locations around campus. The college discovered a new pipe design that will hopefully eliminate erosion from happening as quickly. Owen Wagner, physical plant director, said that the extensive underground work is an effort to further the betterment of the college and in an effort to be more efficient economically.

"We are improving the services to the college and promoting community efficiency," Wagner said.

Future steam line replacements will include excavation from Old Main to Shaw and Galbreath to Patterson. This will add to the completed steam lines between Galbreath and Brown.

The current construction is expected to be finished by October 1.

Until the college's fiscal year ended in July, the school was unable to calculate the amount of money that they would have to spend for renovations. So, after they determined that they would have enough for the first phase of the $1 million project, they ordered the pipes, which usually take six to eight weeks to receive. The pipes were received ahead of the usual month and a half delay. Therefore, the heat would be turned on by the normal date at the beginning of October.

"We turn on the heat around October 1 and they (the construction team) plan to be on schedule and be done by then," Wagner said.

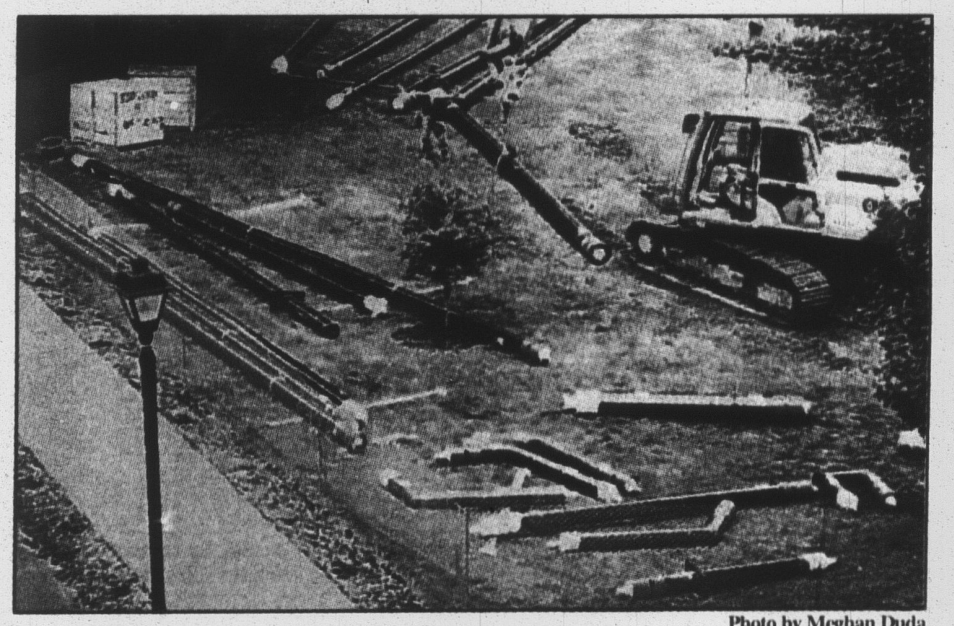

Photo by Meghan Duda

TCF and front lawn were still under construction upon the return of the students.

Inside TCF, the final phases of development and planning are underway. The building has been gutted; construction is scheduled to begin in January. Larry Revatski, a New Wilmington native who has years of experience with Westinghouse Construction, will assume the job of project coordinator. Though

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CAMPUS NEWS

Marriott dining system experiencing growing pains

By Christopher Campbell
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Returning students dining at the College will find several changes in the cafeteria and TUB eateries, both in food variety and the system in which food is received.

Students now have six separate food outlets in the cafeteria, called "Crossroads," including a salad bar and deli sandwich bar, as well as four separate sections titled "Grille," "International," "Classics," and "Pizza." Each category requires students to wait in separate lines.

The food sections specialize in different food types. "International" features foods from all over the world. "Classics" is traditional food like roast beef or turkey cutlets. The "Grille" specializes in hamburgers, cheeseburgers, grilled cheese and french fries, and may feature a sandwich of the day in the future.

The "pizza" section typically has cheese, pepperoni and one specialty pizza.

The number of choices and system of lines is causing problems for some students.

"I think the cafeteria is very confusing this year. I'm a very picky eater, and I like pizza, but I don't want it everyday," said junior Stephanie Higgins. "I'm having trouble finding what I want, and I had to wait a long time to get dinner last night."

Sophomore Jami White also found the system of lines confusing.

"I had to go one way to get one thing, and another way for something else," she said, but added that the variety is nice once the food is received.

However, not all reviews are bad. First year student James Peterson said the food was better than in high school, and Braden Joseph Mathieu described his dining experience as "exquisite."

According to Jeff Creveling, food service director, the focus this year is on preparing the food much closer to student consumption than last year, which helps explain the wait students are experiencing.

Creveling points out that at the "Grille," only a few burgers are cooked at one time, in an effort to ensure only fresh sandwiches for students. Also, at "International," a chef prepares the food in front of the students.

Creveling adds that the cafeteria staff is constantly trying to improve service meal-to-meal, and it will take a few weeks for the students to settle into the new system. The number of students coming through the door is being monitored in 15 minute increments, and the patterns found will help improve preparation time during the busy periods while keeping food fresh.

The "Grille" and "Pizza" sections will not be open on weekends. According to Creveling, accounts drop to less than half compared to weekdays, and students can use the TUB for those types of food. The TUB will be available for lunch and dinner on Saturdays and Sundays.

Renovations in the TUB eatery have increased the size of the food service area and added a made-to-order sub section and mini convenience store.

Another change students will find at the TUB is in the dollar amount of equivalency. This year students can spend $3.00 at the TUB instead of using one of their meals at the cafeteria. Though this amount is down from last year, Creveling says that combination specials will allow students to receive full meals for that amount, and that the package deals may allow students to receive up to $4.00 of items for equivalency.

Senior Matt Twining was not as optimistic.

"If students want a six inch sub, at $3.10 in the TUB, they have to spend equivalency plus a dime," Twining said. "Yet if they eat in the cafeteria, they can get all-you-can-eat sandwich bar plus drinks and everything else. It just doesn't make sense."

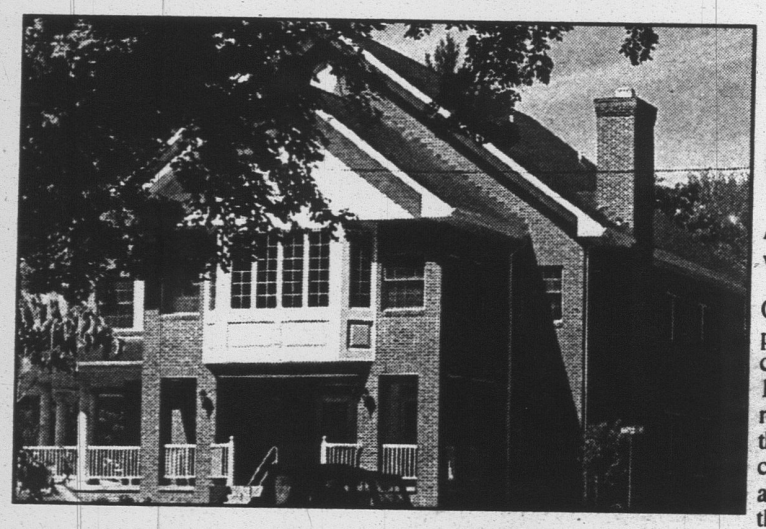
Creveling adds that nothing is set in stone, and things may change as the year progresses.

Changes in the cafeteria and TUB are not due to the addition of Sodexho to the Marriott food service name. The food service has been known as Sodexho Marriott since Sodexho USA merged with Marriott Management Services in March of 1998, according to Creveling.

Marriott Management Services broke away from Marriott International (known in part for their hotel chain) to merge with Sodexho. Sodexho is one of the largest food contractors in Europe.

Sodexho Marriott provides food service at numerous colleges and universities, including University of Pittsburgh, Pitt Bradford, Wheeling Jesuit, and Allegheny College, where former food service director Mike Stein now works.

The change from Coca-Cola products to Pepsi is unrelated to Sodexho Marriott, and is contracted through the college.



Remick Admissions House was dedicated on May 14, 1999.

Remick Admissions House dedicated, open for students

A year and two days after breaking ground on the $1.1 million admissions/financial aid building, on May 14, 1999 Remick Admission House was dedicated.

Named after Oscar Remick, president of the college from 1987-1997, this new addition to the campus officially opened after a ceremony that included speeches by President R. Thomas Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Remick.

President Williamson, Dr. Robert Gardner, chair of the Westminster Board of Trustees, Dr. Remick, and his wife, Emma, took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

After the ceremony, those in attendance were able to tour the two-story, 5,100-square-foot facility. It was funded by the support of Westminster trustees and friends through the College's capital campaign: *A Heritage for the Future: The Campaign for Westminster*.

"The presence of a new, attractive facility on campus will enable Westminster to better serve its students and be more competitive with other national liberal arts colleges," said Williamson.

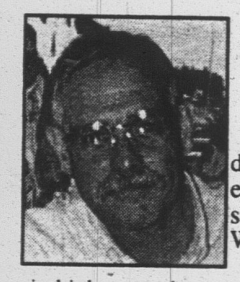
In addition to housing the admissions and financial aid offices, Remick Admission House includes a conference room built in memory of the late Bardarah 'Bardie' McCandless. McCandless was a professor of Religion and Christian Education at Westminster from 1961-1994.

"We're thrilled to be here. It is a fantastic facility, and it makes a great impression on prospective students," said Douglas Swartz, dean of admissions.

Remick Admission House has left a very favorable impact on prospective students, said Swartz. In comparison to last year, campus visits are up from 300 to 450 visits thus far.

Jeemco Construction of New Wilmington, built the Remick Admission House, which was designed by the Pittsburgh-based architectural firm of Williams Trebilcock Whitehead.

Chapel Corner:Small groups allow students to grow



By Wayne Nickerson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The following letter describes the experience of one small group study here at Westminster College.

Last year a group of six biology students came together to form a book/Bible study. During weekly meetings they discussed the integration of Christian beliefs with topics that are most commonly covered in our major courses along with the moral and ethical controversies pertaining to them.

Undoubtedly, everyone in the group would agree it was an incredible learning experience. They eventually came to refer to the meetings as "therapy" sessions, as they not only discussed topics covered in the text, but came to rely on fellow members for comfort and support during difficult times - especially when seriously wondering if they had chosen the "right" major, classes, career goals.

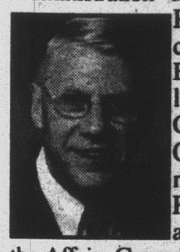
The group has decided to continue this year using another text entitled, "The Impact of Evolutionary Theory: A Christian View". The book discusses the creation-evolution debate, particularly focusing on "the dualistic view adopted by many Christians who add Christian assumptions to naturalistic assumptions."

Small group book or Bible studies will be forming the week of September 12th. Further information on how to get involved in such groups will be available in student mailboxes, e-mails and the Chapel Office.

Contributed photo
Students are able to discuss common interests and find support among peers in small groups.

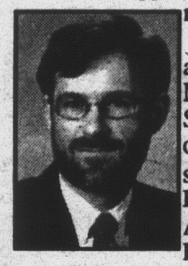
Four new Board of Trustee members selected

George C. Greer, Barbara Braden Guffey, Thomas A. Tupitza and Martha Vance Wile were elected to the Westminster College Board of Trustees. Robert J. Bruce and Thomas S. Mansell rejoined the board after a year's absence according to the bylaws.



Greer, a the former vice president for Organization Development and Administration of the H.J. Heinz Co. in Pittsburgh, is currently the chair of the Eden Hall Foundation. He also currently chairs Pittsburgh's Children's Institute, Childsway, and the development committee of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. In addition, he is vice chair of the Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, president of the Fort Ligonier Association, board member of the Executive Service Corps, and governor of the Rolling Rock Club. Greer, a Sharon native, earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Pennsylvania State University. He currently resides in Pittsburgh with his wife, Jane.

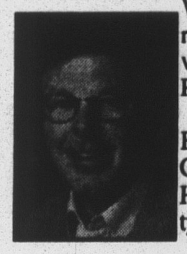
Guffey is currently a teacher in Shaler Area School District in Glenshaw, where she is a member of the Computer Technology Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and various curriculum committees. She has served Westminster as past president of Alumni Council, homecoming chair, reunion chair, past president and treasurer of the Westminster College Women's Club of Pittsburgh. She is a member of the National Education Association and the Pennsylvania State Education Technology. Guffey earned her undergraduate degree and principal certificate from Westminster, and her masters in education from Slippery Rock University. She currently resides in Glenshaw.



Tupitza is an attorney and partner of Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett. An active member of the Erie community, he serves on the boards of the Erie Summer Festival of the Arts and the United Way of Erie County, and is a member of the International Trade Committee of the Erie Excellence Council and the Pennsylvania and National Associations of Bond Lawyers, the Pennsylvania Society of Health Care Attorneys, the National Health Lawyers Association, and the American Society of Law and Medicine. He has served the college community as past president of the Alumni Council, Erie Area Regional Coordinator, and the Annual Fund Board.

Tupitza received the Westminster College Alumni Citation in 1998. He received his undergraduate degree from Westminster, and his law degree from Harvard Law School.

Wile is currently board member and part owner of Dymon, Inc. She is currently active in the P. Eo. Sisterhood, where she served as secretary/treasurer and chairs the sales and advertising committees. Active in her church, Wile served three terms as Elder, was a Sunday School teacher for both youths and adults, chaired the Christian Education Committee, and was editor of the youth newsletter at her church. She also was the fund-raiser of the year at the Northland Battered Persons Program, and was a member of the Heartland Morgan Horse Club. Wile earned her undergraduate degree from Westminster, and currently resides in Liberty, Missouri with her husband, Raymond.



Bruce is president of Bruce & Merrilees Electric Company in New Castle. He is active in his community through his involvement in the New Castle Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Moraine Trails Council Boy Scouts of America, New Castle Area Labor Management Committee, Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation, and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Jameson Memorial Hospital. Bruce is also a board member of the Electrical Contracting Foundation, the National Maintenance Agreement Labor-Management Policy Committee and National Electrical Contractors Association. He is active in the National Erectors Association, the Tri-State Construction Users Council, and the Builders Association of Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Bruce attended Youngstown State University.

Mansell will soon retire as senior vice president and legal counsel of the First Western Bank, N.A. He is board member for Jameson Memorial Hospital, current examiner for the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners, solicitor for the Borough of New Wilmington, past president of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, and former chair of Pennsylvania Bar Association of Corporations, Banking and Business Law. Mansell earned his undergraduate degree from Westminster.

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Infants & Toddlers:
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Dr. Betsy Ford and Deborah Mitchell present papers

Dr. Elizabeth A. Ford, associate professor of English, recently presented a paper at the International Children's Literature Conference (ICLC) held in Calgary, Canada.

Professors gathered from Australia, Finland, Greece, South Africa, Sweden, Canada and the United States to discuss children's literature. Ford's paper titled "Up from the Clay, Down from the Tower: Chastising the Children in Golem and Rapunzel," is a cultural analysis of two recent, award winning illustrated books that retell the fairytale, Rapunzel, and the Jewish legend of the Golem, a clay giant who can be brought to life to defend the Jews.

In her paper, Ford points out the similarities in the two retelling of these old stories. She indicates that they both offer proof of our current anxiety about child-rearing.

Ford, who has been with Westminster College since 1989, earned her undergraduate and master's degrees from Youngstown State University and her Ph.D. from Kent State University.

Professor Deborah C. Mitchell recently presented a paper at The Millennium Film and Literature Conference held in Bath, England.

The paper titled, "The Getting of Confidence: Australian Coming-of-Age Films," is about how the rise of Australian coming-of-age films over the past 30 years parallels the coming-of-age of the country itself as it carves its place on the global stage. Mitchell indicates that Australian films have been steadily gaining clout and respectability since the mid-seventies. Her paper included a cinematic analysis of several of these coming-of-age films.

The conference, hosted by the University of Bath and Film and Literature Quarterly, was an international film and literature conference.

Mitchell is an instructor of English, and has been with the College since 1992. She earned her undergraduate and master's degrees from Youngstown State University.

Amy Cross receives layout award

Holcad Layout Editor received Gold Circle Award from Columbia Scholastic Press

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association rewarded The Holcad, and its former layout editor, Amy Cross, with a certificate of merit for black and white information graphics for newspapers category at Columbia's Gold Circle Awards ceremony.

"More than 1,100 entries in 77 categories were reviewed before awards were given," said Edmund J. Sullivan, director of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. "This annual contest has been reviewing entries since 1984, and no more than six entries receive awards in each category."

"I was really surprised and pleased to receive this award," Cross said. "I am excited that the Holcad received this Gold Circle recognition."

Cross is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cross, 1072 Warner Rd. SE., Brookfield, Ohio. Cross is a senior English major at Westminster College, and a graduate of Brookfield High School.

"This award for Amy is well-deserved. It recognizes her long hours of hard work at The Holcad for the last three years," said Jim Raykie, advisor of the student-run newspaper. "It marks another step in The Holcad's goal of improving its status as a top-notch small college newspaper."

Historiography class to gather information for new book

Eleven students will begin gathering information for a book about the history of New Wilmington.

All eleven students are participants of a junior historiography class, which is an introduction to historical writing taught by Dr. Eugene G. Sharkey, professor of history. The initial step in the research for this book begins with students contacting local residences, businesses, service organizations, churches, municipal government agencies, and other constituencies in New Wilmington to set up interview appointments. All students will carry identification and a letter of introduction from Dr. Sharkey.

A committee composed of: H. Dewey DeWitt, professor of chemistry emeritus and curator of archives the college; W. Paul Gamble, associate professor of English emeritus historian; Delber L. McKee, professor of history emeritus and curator of cultural artifacts; Sharkey; and Al Sternberg former director of the Placement Office, currently know as the Career Center, and development officer at the College, have already begun the process of researching and writing a history of the Borough of New Wilmington.

"The success of the project depends upon participation by as many as possible of those of us who reside, work, or are in any way connected with this community," Sharkey said. "I hope that the history can be as comprehensive as possible, reaching back across many years from the founding of the town to the present."

Westminster graduate dies in Mercy Hospital

Jason Patton, a 1997 Westminster graduate, died in the burn unit of Mercy Hospital last Wednesday. The Allegheny County Coroner's Office ruled the death a suicide.

Patton, a French major was involved in the college touring choir and a brother of Phi Kappa Tau.

Professors of French Dr. Bove' and Dr. Murphy remember Patton well.

"Jason was a very friendly student. He was a teaching assistant for me (Dr. Bove') during the fall of 1996," they said. "Students frequently commented on how helpful he was and how much generosity he showed."

Patton is survived by parents W. Douglas and Pamela Jean Babcock Patton who reside in Fairview Township.

A 1992 graduate of Lakeview High School in Stoneboro, Patton participated in the marching band and represented the school at state chorus competition.

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the construction will create some walking and driving detours, Wagner said that appropriate measures will be taken in order to make it as easy as possible on students, faculty and the construction team.

"The only thing we ask is that for safety and security students stay out of the building (TCF)," Wagner said.

In other areas on campus, the Field House, which has been under construction since last spring, is expected to be completed in three weeks for Homecoming. The Field House dedication will take place on October 15.

A year ago a fire demolished West Hall, leaving the English department homeless. However, this year a new temporary home, West End, reunites the department. The doublewide trailer, located on the grounds of West Hall will house the English department, Celebrity Series, and Institutional Advancements. These groups will eventually be housed in TCF after the renovation is completed.

Other major improvements include the replacement of the roof and addition of new windows in Hillside.

"We're sorry that the installation (of the windows) couldn't be finished before the girls got back," Wagner said. "But, they will definitely be happy with the new easier to use windows."

Jeffers also received new windows on the first floor. The remainder will be replaced next spring and into the summer.

A new memorial, located in the quad around the flag pole was donated by the graduating class of 1949. The addition includes cement benches and a new headstone.

They have also been doing normal projects including repairs and cleaning. "This is a very exciting time for our department and for Westminster," Wagner said. "The college is doing a great job of bettering the campus. They have been extremely supportive."

Opening convocation serves as welcome for new students

The 353 new first-year students got an early lesson in literature and history during Friday's Opening Convocation ceremony. The ceremony marked the start of the college's 147th academic year.

Featured speaker Dr. Walter E. Scheid, professor of speech since 1965, used Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities to contrast the class of 2003's opening days with his own 1955 freshman college experience.

"And if America is the best of places, allow me to propose my idealism when I say that Westminster is the best of institutions," Scheid said. "You have chosen so wisely to come here. Two things really make Westminster so wonderful," he said.

353 new first-year students were welcomed to campus to begin a week-long orientation program. These newest additions to the campus are academically prepared for success with an average 1,077 SAT score, 23 ACT score, and 3.33 high school grade point average.

"Westminster's class of 2003 are highly motivated students who want to be challenged by one of the nation's finest liberal arts colleges while thriving in our supportive academic environment. These future Westminster graduates will benefit from the innovative Westminster Plan curriculum, and have the versatility to adapt to a changing world," according to President R. Thomas Williamson.

President Williamson and Student Government Association President Marc S. Harkins of Irwin, Pa., provided greetings.

Dr. John Deegan Jr., vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, recognized first-year scholars who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance in their pre-college studies. The Rev. Wayne R. Nickerson, dean of the chapel, gave the invocation and benediction, and the Brass Quintet and Chapel Organist Jason S. Kissel performed special music. Jennifer S. Gardner, a senior from New Brighton, Pa., sang the alma mater.

A reception was held in front of Orr Auditorium following Opening Convocation.

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FRESHMAN FOCUS

Freshman perspective enlightens new students

By Andy Porter
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Going to college and leaving everything I knew was a trying experience. No longer can I turn around in the halls of my old high school and see scores of people that I know very well. Nor do I have the opportunity to go out with my friends and have a good time every night.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Andy, and I, as you might have expected, am a freshman...excuse me, "first year student." The following thoughts are primarily meant for the members of my class.

Allow me to begin. Everything around us is new. It is our job to adapt to this new environment, though it is sometimes not easy. The stress of classes and not knowing everyone can add-up pretty quickly I am guessing. Now family and friends are only a phone call away, but that is still outside many of our personal comfort zones. All this talk of hardship sounds terrible. "Terrible" may even be an understatement. This is almost a Greek tragedy! We are without friends, family, and anything that remotely resembles home. However, for the sake of making a point, I left out one very important detail. These dark feelings do not last for long.

You may be wondering how I know this. After all, I am only in my first year just like many of you are, but I admit that I have an outside source.

Last year, around this time, my cousin went to college just like us. He wasn't there more than two days when he called home and said he hated college and was in not thrilled to be living so far from familiar things. Well, my aunt and uncle told him to stick it out and try to make new friends. A couple of days later, my cousin called home and said that he was doing and feeling much better. He had met some new people who had similar interests. My aunt and uncle were relieved at the news. Then, about two weeks passed. My aunt and uncle called my cousin, and to their surprise, my cousin said he was in absolute heaven! He loved college and everything to do with it. All of his fears had passed.

The whole point to the story is that it takes time to adjust to anything new especially living away from home. Everyone goes through certain times when they just aren't feeling like their old selves, but without a doubt, in a few short weeks the tensions will be gone.

Remember before coming here how everyone would say how great college is. Back then, it was very exciting to think about being in college. Now that it is here, it may not look like all it was cracked up to be. I am, however, telling you that it is as great as everyone says it is. Meeting new people will turn out to be a great thing. All around us may be future spouses, best men, best friends, coworkers, and influential people who make a mark on our lives. College is fun. The parties, making new friends, and even learning about yourself are a few of the best things that will go on here.

I know many people in my class are not sure about this place, but give it time. I think that we all will be nicely surprised.

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Greek involvement at Westminster. A panel discussion was comprised of Hawthorne, President of the Interfraternity Council Mark Johnston, and President of Panhellenic Council Trisha Spargel.

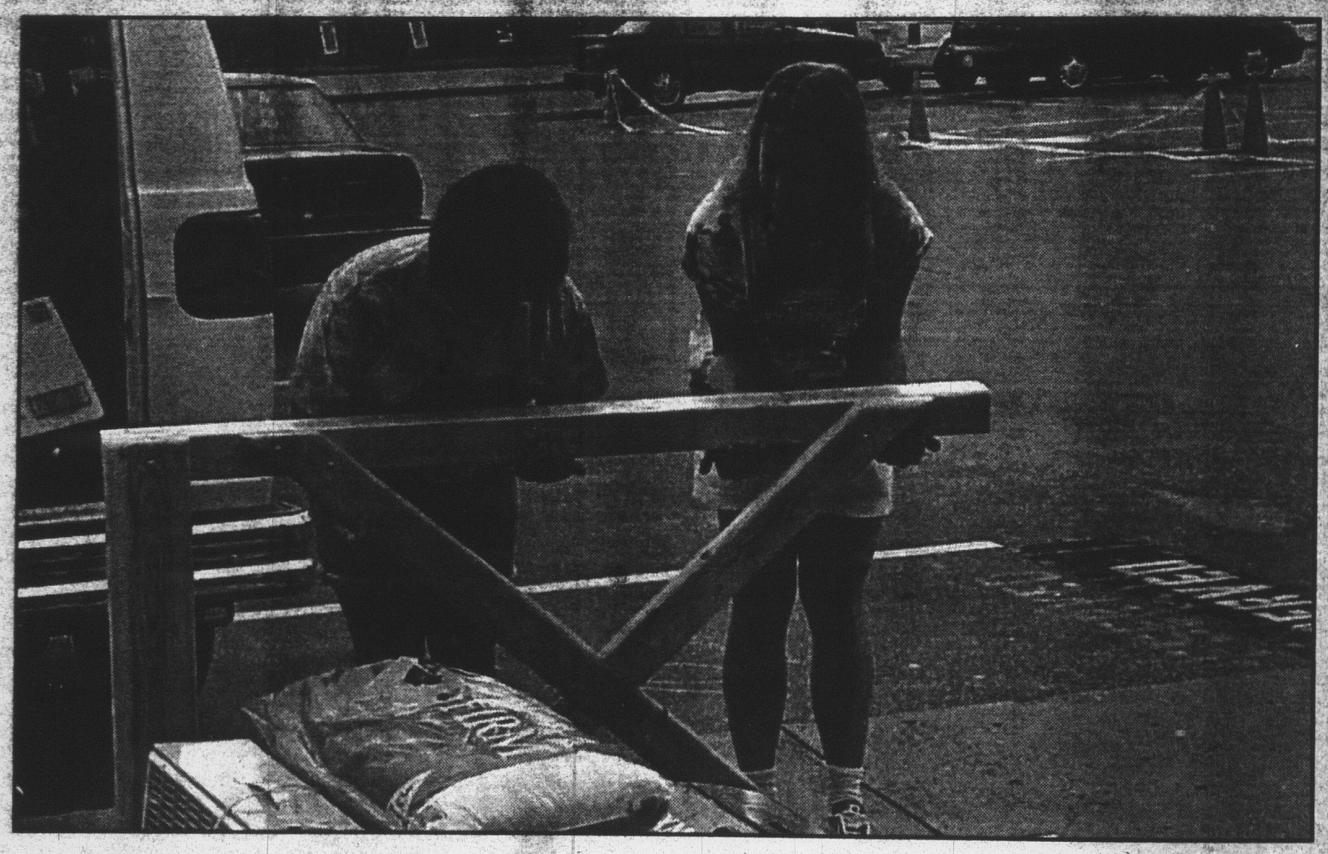
The evening was filled with Late Night at Westminster, a talent show put on by the Fresh Start staff. Immediately following, JT's Café was open in the Down Under.

Additional meetings were held Sunday, with the afternoon taking a lighter turn with the students participating in "Games People Play".

Dean of the Chapel Wayne Nickerson conducted freshman Vespers in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

"I always look forward to Freshman Vespers. The energy level is high and palpable. There is a wonder and eagerness about being with so many people that age. The singing...the general response is wonderful," said Nickerson. "I also enjoy feeling that energy when the service is over. People just stay and talk frantically with each other. I love that. I just try to challenge them to remember who they are, the faith in Jesus Christ that they brought with them to Westminster, and to act to make that faith grow."

Monday, during the second educational workshop, students were introduced to the Career Center, Learning Center, and the Fitness Center. PEERS addressed the topic of alcohol education, and Associate Dean of Student Affairs, John Lechner offered suggestions to ensure safety while on campus.



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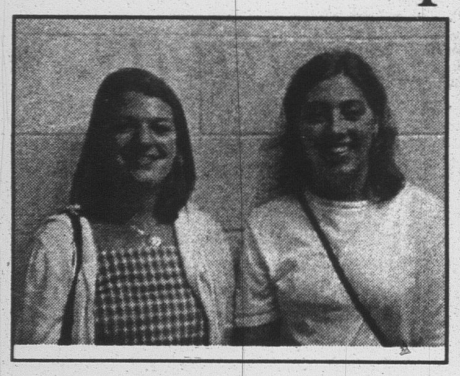
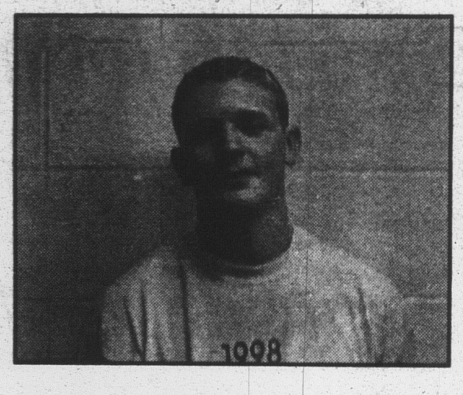
The Fresh Start team was on hand to help freshmen move into their dorms.

A Fresh Perspective

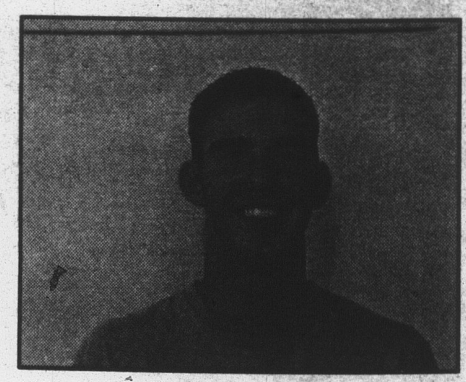


Megan Ruefle and Debbie Hartman Biology and Accounting Freshman. "We're looking forward to getting involved on campus and meeting new people. And of course to having fun."



TJ Gallo. "I'm not looking forward to the more difficult schoolwork. I am looking forward to meeting new people though."

Tracy Gesselman. "I'm just going to try to make it through my first year. I'm very excited about meeting new friends."



Andy Pazul. "I'm looking forward to living on my own. I really don't know what to expect."

Alleviate stress with study tips

(AP)-So you're thinking "yes just what I need, more stupid study tricks, but this really works. It DEFINITELY works better than falling asleep with a partially-read book covering your face.

Take some basic concepts from your textbook and transform them into a goofy song, poem, or even a rap. This simple thinking exercise not only familiarizes you with key ideas in an almost "fun" way. It makes it easy to "sing" the song back to yourself while taking the actual exam. The key words stick to you, and the song(s) you write about them become like your invisible crib note sheet!

Of course, this tactic works best when memorizing names and dates for subjects like History.

One of the reasons we all hate studying so much is that it often confines us to either an awful silence or even to an undesirable solitude. It's definitely much more appealing when there is someone there with us to turn studying into an interactive quiz show: asking questions, throwing around ideas or testing us in a friendly way to see what we remember.

Psychologically, it's less stressful and therefore much easier for us to learn when the person asking us questions is a friend and not a pot-bellied, wide-eyed instructor.

Of course we could make a whole 'nother page filled with tricks just to get someone else to help out and actually participate in this sort of academic activity, but if it's the infamous 'night before an exam' and someone owes you a favor.. try this tip.

If it's really the night before an exam, you shouldn't have even gotten this far in reading this article.

Stop putting off what you have to do. Just doit!

Don't let ANYTHING else distract you.

Don't tell yourself "Ok, I'll start really studying after a snack." Or "I'll get into it once 90210 is over." Get busy right now, and don't stop. Like exercise, it'll hurt while you do it, but you'll feel better about all night studying if it's from 8 PM to 4 AM then if it's only from 3 AM to 4 AM and you wasted all that time just preparing for it.

These cultural touchstones for the Class of 2003 were compiled by volunteers at Beloit College. This partial list assumes that freshmen were born in 1981:

-They are the first generation to be born into Luvs, Huggies and Pampers.

-They never realized that, for one brief moment, Alexander Haig was "in charge."

-They have always known strikes by highly paid athletes to be a routine part of professional athletics.

-Space travel has always included women.

-They have never needed a prescription to buy ibuprofen.

-They recognize the moonwalk as a Michael Jackson dance step, not a Neil Armstrong giant step.

-They grew up with Microsoft, IBM PCs, in-line skates, fax machines and film on disks.

-While they know all her children, they have no idea who Ma Bell was.

-They never heard anyone say, "Book 'em Dano," "Goodnight John-boy," or "Kiss my grits" in prime time.

-They have never had to worry about the packaging of Tylenol.

-When they were born reports condemned violence on television and in Hollywood films for producing the likes of John Hinckley.

-They have never seen Bob Marley perform reggae live.

-They have always known travel to space in reusable spacecraft.

-They have spend more than half their lives with Bart Simpson.

-They don't understand why Solidarity is spelled with a capital "S."

-They don't think there is anything terribly futuristic about 2001, and they were never concerned about the year 1984.

-They have no idea how big a breadbox is.

-President Kennedy's assassination seems as distant to them as that of Lincoln or Garfield.

-They have probably never opened an icebox.

-They have never seen white smoke over the Vatican and do not now its significance.

-Ketchup has always been a vegetable to them.

-Susan B. Anthony has always been on the dollar but probably never bought them much.

-E.T., Gremlins and The Hulk provided their Halloween costumes and lunch box themes.

-They have never seen a BankAmericard.

Photo by Courtney Behm

Freshmen will enjoy the opportunity to hook up to the TitanNet.

THINGS TO DO

Here are a few organizations to get you involved on campus. For a more detailed list, check out Westminster's homepage or the Student Resource Calendar.

THE BLACK STUDENT UNION: An organization concerned with educating the College and community about regarding non-white ethnic backgrounds. Membership is open to all students.

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE (CPC): A committee of the Student Government Association. CPC plans, promotes and executes campus activities.

FRATERNITIES: Numerous academic, social and service fraternities are present on campus.

FRESH START: A group of upper-class students, who plan and execute activities for first-year students in order to make the first days of college an easier experience.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: A non-profit Christian organization, which exists to help eliminate substandard housing in less fortunate parts of the world.

MUSIC: Chamber Choir, Concert Choir and Gospel Choir are selected ensembles that perform throughout the year.

P.E.E.R.S. (Peers Educating and Encouraging Responsibility in Students): A team of Westminster students who present to the campus community programs and workshops that address a variety of health-related topics

SIFE: Students In Free Enterprise is a partnership between higher education and business.

MEDIA: Several student groups supply the campus with information including: Yearbook (Argo), Newspaper (Holcad), Literary Magazine (Scrawl), Westminster Weekly, Television (Channel 9), Radio (WWNW-88.9FM).

S.A.V.E.: Students who raise consciousness about and improve conditions of the environment and to help students understand the ethical and moral issues of environmental awareness.

S.W.A.T.: Initiated in order to open communications between prospective student of the College and enrolled students.

PLACES TO GO

With all the activities taking place on campus, there's no time to be bored!

BEEGHLY THEATRE: Home to a wide variety of artistic demonstrations and theatre performances.

DOWNUNDER: A non-alcoholic pub, the DownUnder is home to weekend movies and other activites.

CHAPEL: Held every Monday and Friday at 11:40am, a chance to take a break from your busy routine and enjoy a time of relaxed non-denominational worship.

JT'S CAFÉ: A coffeehouse that promotes an openstage. Usually on Friday; all are invited.

NUMEROUS ATHLETIC EVENTS: See Athletic schedules.

SEEKERS: Christian fellowship that includes speakers, prayer and praise.

PEOPLE TO SEE

Here are a few suggestions of people to visit.

COMPUTER CRASH? See the Help Desk. Located on the first floor of Hoyt, the Help Desk will assist you with Netscape and GroupWise problems. Call to speak to a technician. Ext 6900.

SICK? See the Health Center located at the bottom of Shaw. The doctor is in Monday through Friday 8:15am - 9:15am. Call ahead for an appointment. The Health Center's hours are 7:30am-3:30pm. Ext. 7927/7928.

STRESSED? See Health Center's Relaxation Room. Located in the Student Health Center, the Relaxation room will help you forget about your worries and give you time to "just be." Call Babs Quincey with any questions at Ext. 7340.

NEED HELP WITH CLASSES? See the Learning Center. Set up an appointment with a person who can help you get a better grasp on any class. Hours: M-Th 9-4, Fri. 9-12, T/W/Th 6pm-8pm . Ext. 6700.

WANT TO GET IN SHAPE? See Fitness Center. Located in the Field House.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Kosovo said to be the ultimate test for the United Nations

By MELISSA EDDY
Associated Press Writer

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) - Kosovo is the ultimate test for the United Nations to prove it can pacify a region where ethnic and political rivalries have wreaked havoc for most of this century, U.S. Diplomat Richard Holbrooke said.

Holbrooke, the former Balkan troubleshooter turned American ambassador to the United Nations, delivered his message Sunday in Kosovo: all parties must work toward a pluralistic and democratic society. His statement implied that ethnic Albanian revenge attacks against the dwindling Serb population in Kosovo must stop.

Ethnic Albanians, who have a majority in Kosovo, have been seeking to avenge the 18-month Serb crackdown that left about 10,000 people dead and hundreds of thousands temporary refugees.

Calling the province in southern Serbia "the ultimate test of the U.N.'s capability and potential," Holbrooke underlined the complexity of the problems that have plagued Kosovo in the two months since the arrival of international peacekeepers.

"This place has been a mess for a long time, but a different kind of mess. The war was messy, the decade that preceded the war was messy, the history back to 1912 was messy ... and the task is immense," Holbrooke said, following a meeting with Bernard Kouchner, Kosovo's top U.N. official.

Holbrooke congratulated Kouchner on his progress in improving security in the province, but he also voiced concern over ethnic-based attacks on Kosovo's minorities.

Since the arrival of the NATO-led peacekeepers, revenge killings and violence against Serbs have derailed international attempts to establish peace.

Following his meeting with Serb leaders, Holbrooke expressed concern over attacks on Serbian Orthodox religious buildings.

"These are world heritage sites, and anyone destroying them whatever their reasons, whatever their religion, whatever their motivation should know that is a criminal vandal act and people must respect religious sites," he said.

Prior to the meeting, Yugoslavia's official Tanjug news agency criticized Holbrooke for "not mentioning at all, not with a single word ... everyday killings, kidnapping and harassment of Serbs, burning of their houses, churches and monasteries."

Holbrooke also made clear the United States is opposed to a Serb proposal to create separate enclaves for Serbs in Kosovo.

"We believe that by the 19th of September, the KLA will be completely demilitarized," Holbrooke said.

Holbrooke helped broker the 1995 Dayton accord, which ended the 3 1/2-year war in Bosnia. He later served as President Clinton's special envoy to Yugoslavia.

In Belgrade, the private Beta news agency reported that peacekeepers Sunday blocked the road leading from southern Serbia to Gnjilane in Kosovo, turning back a number of Serbs trying to reach relatives in that part of Kosovo.

American peacekeepers in the area could not immediately confirm the report.

Beta quoted a peacekeeper as saying it was a security measure against possible attacks by the KLA.

Tropical storm Dennis weakens, pummels Outer Banks, NC

By ESTES THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

WAVES,N.C. (AP) -Tropical Storm Dennis stalled off the North Carolina coast Thursday, half the storm it was when it first spun into the Outer Banks but still making life hard for about 5,000 people on the eve of Labor Day weekend.

The fragile barrier islands were lashed by 60 mph wind and 14-foot waves as crews struggled to deliver supplies to the stranded.

President Clinton declared 50-mile-long Hatteras Island a disaster area and National Guard convoys ferried meals to the island.

On Wednesday, a National Guard convoy delivering food discovered the island was effectively broken in two, as the storm had washed out highway N.C. 12 and created a trench across a quarter-mile neck between Avon and Buxton.

"Between Avon and Buxton, it's completely washed out," Sgt. Joe Baker of the Nattional Guard said Wednesday after his convoy was forced to turn back.

By today, the action of the winds had filled the gap with sand, enough of a fix

to allow National Guard vehicles to cross. The road remained closed to regular rivers, although crews expected to get the section of highway north of the torn-up stretch to be reopened to limited traffic later today.

Power was restored today to all but 500 of Hatteras Island's 5,000 or more permanent residents. Telephone service remained out but ferry service also resumed to Hatteras Island and Ocracoke Island, where about 700 people have been isolated since Dennis struck Monday.

About 5,000 people, mostly residents, stayed on Hatteras after officials ordered an evacuation Sunday, then were stuck when the island's only north-south highway became impassable. Dennis headed into the Atlantic on Monday, but then began backtracking, forcing a second evacuation order on Tuesday.

A ferry loaded with heavy equipment immediately left Cedar Island for Ocracoke island to begin work clearing roads there, said Richard Moore, secretary of prime control and public safety.

Moore said parts of N.C. 12 were in terrible shape.

"For over a mile, you don't see any blacktop. There is some debate whether there is a roadbed there or not," he said. "It's beyond the crisis stage.

There are places where there are no dunes at all and if you try to just throw blacktop down, you're throwing your money away."

Elsewhere on the Outer Banks, at least three cars were buried in sand up to their door handles in Nags Head. One cottage collapsed at Kitty Hawk and five were reported destroyed at Rodanthe on Hatteras Island.

Nine coastal counties also were issued with federal disaster declarations Wednesday, meaning the government will cover 75 percent of the cost of relief efforts.

Jonathan Blaes of the National Weather Service in Raleigh said today there was a slight chance Dennis could reintensify, but it probably would continue to slowly drift to the west and southwest for the next few days.

"It is just kind of wobbling around," he said.

A tropical storm warning remained in effect from Surf City to Chincoteague, Va. A gale warning was in effect from Chincoteague to Fenwick Island, Del. An estimated 120,000 to 150,000 people live along North Carolina's 320-mile coast, and the summer tourist influx swells the population to about half a million.

When Dennis brushed by the Outer Banks the first time, vacationers and residents were ordered to evacuate. Some returned when Dennis headed into the Atlantic, only to have to leave again when the storm returned.

Gary Kinchner of Dover, Del., was one of the Nags Head vacationers who tried to stay. On Wednesday, he was packing up, strapping a grill, cooler and fishing rods to a rack on his sport utility vehicle.

"We were hoping to stick it out," he said, "but it's futile."

Facts on AIDS have not changed, even after wonder drugs

By RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) -Despite the good news about wonder drugs that have blunted the deadly effects of AIDS, much about the disease hasn't changed - namely that 40,000 Americans are infected each year, many in their teens and early 20s.

As 2,000 researchers, physicians and activists concluded the four-day National HIV Prevention Conference on Wednesday, they left with renewed warnings that pills alone won't stop the disease any time soon.

"We clearly want to say to people, 'Wake up!' Prevention is just as important in 1999 as it was in 1981," said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, deputy director of the center for HIV prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Well-worn reminders about abstinence and condom use are having a hard time competing with news of the drug cocktails that can reduce the amount of virus in the blood to undetectable levels.

In fact, the advances in drug treatments have left some people with a false sense of security that the disease is all but cured. Scientists want to make people more aware of the advances, but they also need to be careful not to go too far, Valdiserri said.

"We're walking a tightrope here," he said. "Medical care providers...don't want people to be so frightened out of their wits that they may be infected with HIV that they don't get diagnosed for five or 10 years."

On the other hand, he said, they want to be concerned with "not putting out a message that's so strong people think, 'Gee, you know, maybe it's not such a big deal anymore.'"

Three years of declining AIDS deaths means more Americans than ever are living with HIV. The CDC estimates the total number is as high as 900,000. While infected people are living longer, it also means there are more people capable of spreading the virus.

And new infections are holding steady at a rate of roughly 40,000 a year, a pace that hasn't slowed this decade. About half of new infections are believed to be among Americans under 25. Studies released during the conference also showed that risky sexual behaviors are continuing among young Americans. A survey of 3,492 gay men aged 15 to 22 found that 7 percent were infected with HIV and 41 percent had anal sex without using a condom.

"We're talking about every hour of every day a young person being infected somewhere in the United States," said Dr. Donna Futterman, director of the adolescent AIDS program at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. "Given that we know how to prevent HIV, there's no reason for the epidemic to be continuing at this rate."

Some activists blame the president and Congress, who have failed to increase funding for HIV prevention programs as they have for research and treatment efforts.

Steven Fisher of the activist group AIDS Action said its time for another awareness campaign to match the mass mailings of AIDS information launched by then-Surgeon General C. Everett Koop under President Reagan.

"Many newly sexually active young people were too young to read when that came out" in the 1980s, Fisher said.

Now American youth are seeing slick ads for AIDS drugs that show people engaged

in rock climbing and other athletic activities. The messages that say drugs help people with HIV to lead active lives are overpowering the warnings that AIDS still kills, Fisher said.

"We want positive messages about people living with HIV," he said. "But we also need to send the message that getting HIV is not a good thing."

Activists and researchers say there's a need to deliver the same warnings about risky sex in a splashy new way, seizing on everything from the popularity of the Internet to the same flashy advertising tricks used to sell sneakers and soft drinks.

"Coca-Cola hasn't changed," Ms.Futterman said. "It's the same product, yet they constantly update their marketing."

Newborn panda has tourists flocking to San Diego

By CHELSEA J. CARTER
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Michelle Forbes and her two children arrived at the San Diego Zoo on a mission - they wanted see the newborn giant panda.

Everywhere they looked, pandas stared them in the face, from stuffed toy animals and poster-size cut-outs to coffee cups, key chains and T-shirts emblazoned with black-and-white pandas.

It would be the closest she ever got to the as-yet-unnamed cub.

"It's like this monumental event, but an event you can't experience,"

said Mrs. Forbes of Apple Valley, staring at a $10 ceramic panda figurine in the zoo gift shop Tuesday.

Pandamonium - er, pandemonium - has taken over since the Aug. 21 birth of the celebrity cub, the first in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade and one of the few births in captivity for the endangered species.

But the zoo research team has put the mother and cub off limits, in hopes the mom won't get upset and endanger the cub. Since no one has gotten close enough to determine gender, it's known around the zoo as "the offspring" or "the baby panda."

Daily newspaper and nightly television updates have only served to whet the public's appetite. Snippets of the hairless newborn - about the size of a stick of butter - have come from video footage taken from hidden cameras in the panda pen.

"We don't want to do anything to disturb the mothering process," said Dr. Barbara Durrant, a reproductive physiologist overseeing the health of the mother and cub.

The tree-lined canyon road leading to the panda research center and exhibit has been closed and a guard posted. Small signs ask visitors to lower their voices in the "Baby panda bear zone."

The zoo has even suspended nightly laser and slide shows at a nearby amphitheater to keep the noise down. "It doesn't seem to bother that many people. Most understand the importance of it," said zoo spokeswoman Sarah Marai.

The cub's mother, Bai Yun (pronounced BUY-yoon), and father, 16-year-old Shi Shi (pronounced SHE-SHE), are on loan from China for 12 years. When the cub is named, it will reflect its heritage, Durrant said.

Video footage - and the zoo's Internet site - shows 213-pound Bai Yun in a semi-dormant state, constantly holding the gray cub and rarely leaving their small den.

On Monday, zoo officials breathlessly reported that Bai Yun, who turns age 8 on Tuesday, left the den to eat a bamboo meal for the first time since the birth. Mom has gone for water twice, but she hadn't eaten.

"We've been following it every day on the news," said Ann Scott of Poway, Calif., whose 7-year-old daughter, Heather Jones, arrived at the zoo with one question: "Where's the panda bear? I want to see the panda bear."

Zoo attendance is down slightly this summer, but it's unclear if it has anything to do with the closed panda exhibit, Ms. Marai said. That will change when the cub goes on display, she predicted.

The newborn is actually the nation's fifth panda birth. In the 1980s, under the full glare of the national media, a panda pair at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., failed to produce a surviving cub despite four births spread over four seasons.

Like her offspring, Bai Yun was herself artificially inseminated. Shi Shi, who has never reproduced in captivity, seemed to lack any interest in mating. There are only about 1,000 giant pandas left in existence.

For Angela Carr of Chicago, the rarity of the San Diego birth was enough to bring her 5-year-old son Jeremy to the zoo for a chance at a peek.

"I think it's the novelty of it - a baby panda. We've never seen one."

Mrs. Carr said. "We wanted to see it."

Jeremy just shrugged his shoulders upon learning no cub would be seen.

"I want to see the tigers," he said.

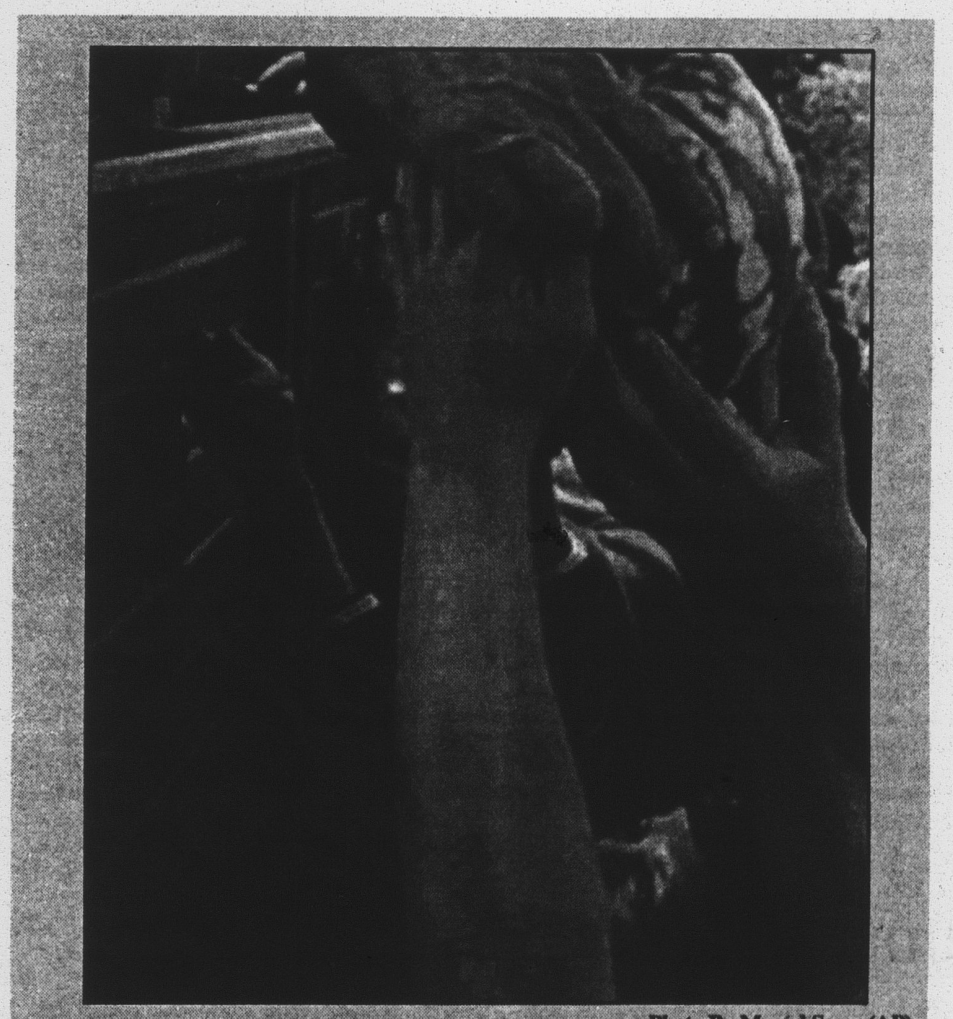


Photo By Murad Sezer (AP)

A Turkish boy tries to reach for a watermelon at a food distribution truck in Golcuk, Turkey Friday. With hundreds of thousands of survivors turned into refugees, Turkish officials broadcast appeals for everything from tents to bulldozers to help begin rebuilding lives shattered by last week's earthquake.

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Presidential hopeful Bush speaks on educational funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, decrying federal education policies that ``cheat poor children,'' says his administration would require states to test disadvantaged students, strip federal funds from the worst-scoring schools and allow private schools to get the public money. In a back-to-school address today laying out his first education proposals of the 2000 campaign, Bush says federal money withheld from schools that repeatedly fail state testing standards would follow students to better public schools, charter schools, tutoring or ``whatever option parents choose'' — including private schools.

Wading into the school voucher debate, Bush said in a draft of his address, ``Federal money will no longer flow to failure.''

Bush advisers expect the proposal to draw criticism from liberals and conservatives alike, a result they say would only underscore the Texas governor's ability to find a middle ground that balances conservative principles with moderate policies and rhetoric.

Though aides said Bush intentionally avoided the politically charged term ``school vouchers,'' his proposal would in fact pump federal money into private schools — a concept Democrats say would hurt the public school system. Requiring tests is not popular among conservative Republicans who favor local control, though Bush was careful to say he would leave it up to states to choose and administer the tests.

``A president is not a federal principal, and I will not be one,'' Bush said. ``The federal government must be humble enough to stay out of the day-to-day operation of local schools, wise enough to give states and school districts more authority and freedom, and strong enough to require proven performance in return. When we spend federal money, we want results — especially when it comes to disadvantaged children.

``Pigment and poverty need not determine performance,'' he said.

Bush is proposing a dramatic shift in the federal Title I program, which spends $7.7 billion a year to help educate poor children. The Education Department wants to increase the program to $8 billion to serve 12 million students in 44,000 schools.

Under Bush's plan, every school getting Title I money would be required to test its impoverished students on basic academics each year. A warning would be issued to schools that fail to make progress toward the state standards. After three years of no progress, the Title I money would be matched with other federal education money and given to the state, which would set up an education account — about $1,500 a year — for each affected student.

The parents could choose how to spend the money. They could keep the money and their child in the original school or opt for an alternative, including private school and tutoring. ``For whatever offers hope,'' Bush said.

In the best cases, he said, schools would be forced to get better. In the worst cases, needy children would be removed from bad schools and given money to go elsewhere.

``In any case, the federal government will no longer pay schools to cheat poor children,'' he said.

The proposal could have a huge impact on poor school systems — particularly urban areas — that rely on Title I money.

``We would be against a plan like this,'' said Reginald Felton, director of federal relations for the National School Boards Association. He said money given to personal education accounts would leave the rest of the school system shortchanged. ``The objective is to raise the academic achievement of all students.''

Bush also proposed shifting the Head Start program from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Education Department, returning the program's focus to preparing disadvantaged pre-schoolers for school. Greater efforts would be made to terminate unsuccessful programs and offer contracts to churches, synagogues and community groups.

Vice President Al Gore, the leading Democratic presidential candidate, has promised to create unlimited access to preschool if he became president. With polls showing education as the top voter concern, Gore traveled to Texas on Wednesday to question Bush's education record as governor.

His spokesman, Chris Lehane, criticized Bush for supporting congressional tax cuts that Democrats say will force school spending reductions.

``Any Republican presidential candidate who is supporting a risky tax cut that would hurt our children — especially in areas like Head Start and Title I — has little credibility talking about education,'' Lehane said. ``Sound like the Texas two-step to me.''

U-WIRE NEWS

Credit card charging makes college students' overspending easier

By Thomas Olson
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Ben Heilman got his first credit card when he was a freshman at Kent State University in Ohio, mostly to purchase the things every student needs.

A cascade of CDs and a bellyful of pricey meals later, Heilman, a Greensburg native, was $8,000 in hock and his credit record was in trouble.

"When it really hit me was when I realized my monthly cash flow was mostly going toward credit-card payments," said Heilman, now working on his doctorate at West Virginia University.

And he's an economics major.

As area colleges welcome new students this week, so are credit card companies -but with a different freshman orientation. They're setting up tables at area universities to solicit a ripe, young class of card applicants. Some of them will fall into a debt trap that will take years to escape.

Credit cards have become as embedded in college life as books and booze. A national study shows that more than half of university students wield their own credit cards. Their average balance is $2,226.

"We had parents call and say, `My kid got a credit card at your school and maxed out on it. Now, how am I supposed to pay for this?'" said Alice Sivulich, assistant vice president for student life at Duquesne University.

"Here their kids were just starting out in life, and suddenly they have bad credit that will follow them forever," Sivulich said.

Duquesne suspended credit card pushers from school five years ago. Seton Hill College in Greensburg no longer allows the solicitors on campus. And Robert Morris College banned them from its downtown Pittsburgh and Moon Township campuses in 1988, long before the practice got much press.

The University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University and Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, however, permit card solicitors - and their free gifts for applicants - onto their campuses.

Those and other schools also stand to gain from credit-card marketers pitching plastic to students.

"It's an income source for us," said Joe Cavalla, director of student activities for the University of Pittsburgh.

The school charges companies a fee to set up tables on campus for peddling charge cards, clothing or any other student-oriented gear. Pitt tries to limit the number of marketers in a given school year. Most prefer to camp out during freshman orientation.

"Many colleges do this as a source of income," said Cavalla. "We're not the only university to do this."

"Credit card solicitations always happen at a college community. It's a given," said Jennifer Church, assistant dean of student affairs at CMU.

For that reason, CMU recently added to freshmen orientation a program to educate young people about managing their personal finances. Led by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, the session includes a student guide about credit card terms and rates.

Cavalla might add to Pitt's freshmen studies class a video titled, "It Ain't Free Money," which counsels students about managing credit. But he notes a credit management session at Pitt last year drew only about five students.

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink," Cavalla said.

The president of The Education Resources Institute, a Boston nonprofit group, counters that colleges can't just watch impressionable, young students plunge deep into credit-card debt.

"You have 18- and 19-year-old kids being solicited with, `Hey, you want something? Take this piece of plastic and go buy it,'" says Tom Parker. "While most kids are smart, a lot of them can't resist that kind of temptation."

And it's not just the seduction of instant credit that lures students; it's the merchandise displayed that's free for signing up. The booty typically includes T-shirts, candy bars, water bottles and movie passes.

One recent VISA card ad reads: "Free from parental rule at last. Now all you need is money." Next to a VISA card held by a young man appears the line: "Get 3 percent cash back on everything you buy."

So, how many college kids are packing plastic? A survey of 1,200 students by research firm Student Monitor last year determined 56 percent carried at least one credit card in their own name. And another 15 percent had access to one of their parents' credit cards.

"Kiddie cards," as some call the student issues, normally carry training-wheel limits of just $300 or $500. But they often ratchet up quickly and without the account holder's request or consent.

But Saint Vincent College takes a laissez faire approach to the so called credit card crisis.

"There's a lot of companies that come on campus and market cards to our students. We don't discourage them," said Don Orlando, director of public relations.

"I have not had a single report reach my desk of a student who had a problem with a card," Orlando said. "If we did, it would be a private issue between them and the bank."

Another piece to the credit card puzzle is the fact that more and more families also are relying on credit cards to pay college costs, including tuition payments, say experts. For one, card holders are lured by rebate programs that offer fat rewards, such as air miles and cash back, for carrying high balances.

In addition, some families simply are unable to foot escalating college costs without tapping their plastic. The average tuition at a four-year college jumped 38 percent in the decade ending in 1997, while the average family income has risen just 5.7 percent between 1970 and 1995, according to a General Accounting Office analysis using constant dollars.

"The thing I didn't realize at the time was how I was hurting my credit record," said student Heilman, now 28 and pursuing his doctorate from WVU in Morgantown.

"Now, I don't know if I can even get one of those $500 credit cards," he said.

Guns control sparks heated opinion

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — Guns kill people. Guns kill animals. Guns are for killing. There is no getting around that fact. Every year in this country, people are murdered with guns. Rifles, pistols, revolvers, semi-automatic weapons. All these types of guns are involved in murders, suicides, robberies, hunting and even accidental shootings.

Children are killed by guns, the elderly are killed by guns, the middle aged and even the youthful are killed by guns. Rich or poor, when a person is shooting a gun, it is dangerous and possibly deadly.

In 1994 alone, there were 38,505 fire-arm related deaths. This number includes homicides, suicides and unintentional deaths. The Center for Diseases Control also estimates that for every gun-related fatality, there are at least three gun-related non-fatal injuries. Eighty percent of these gun related injuries are treated with money provided by the taxpayers of America. Guns kill more people under the age of 24 than even motor vehicles. Persons who live in homes with guns have a suicide rate 5 times greater than people who do not. Clearly firearms are dangerous and deadly.

The United States has the proud distinction of being the richest industrialized nation with the highest rate of gun related fatalities. There will always be that element of American society that wants to hold onto their guns. They will say that it is their right to shoot cans for sport, or hunt, or to start another revolutionary war. That will be their choice. However, if the majority of American people are willing to change their opinions of gun ownership after years of tradition, then maybe we might build a nation of responsible, non-violent people. It has to start with this generation.

Each of us must make our personal choice about guns. We must not buy guns or embrace violence. We must teach our children how to resolve conflicts peacefully. We must stop glorifying gun violence in our forms of entertainment. We must change our romanticizing of America's gun-rich past and look to a gun-sensible future.

Food.com launches marketing campaign aimed at students

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27

Food.com, the Internet's largest restaurant takeout and delivery service, today announced a multi-faceted marketing program designed to reach today's college students where they live - on campus and online. The program, which runs through December, includes a well-orchestrated series of events, contests and promotions, as well as a consistent level of exposure on campus and on the Web. The goals are two-fold: to build brand awareness for Food.com's service, and to support its restaurant customers with activities that will raise their visibility, encourage trial by students and stimulate sales.

"Today's college students spend nearly $80 billion a year on goods and services, but are increasingly difficult to reach," said Angela Wilson Gyetvan, vice president of marketing for Food.com.

"They watch less television, listen to less radio and read fewer magazines than other population segments, so reaching them with our message required some ingenuity. Our goal is to integrate Food.com into campus life, so when they think about ordering out, they automatically get the job done online."

Food.com's university marketing program introduces Food.com to college students through a spectrum of marketing vehicles including college sampling and student detailing programs. Throughout the fall, Food.com representatives will be handing out "samples" of local restaurant food on campus and during key campus events. For example, as football teams take on their rivals on the field, Food.com representatives will be among the tailgate crowd handing out samples of local delicacies, and distributing vouchers to encourage online ordering. Food.com "detailers" will also work closely with local restaurants to maximize the impact of co-marketing activities on and around campus. The top performing student representative will receive a $1,000 scholarship for winter semester.

Food.com is confident that a series of sweepstakes, contests and promotions will keep students coming back to its site. Among the many activities planned include:

-The "Blue Plate Specials" campaign, offering students special pricing deals on IBM products, including the IBM Aptiva, ThinkPad, WorkPad and educational software via a co-branded area on Food.com's site. Students will also be offered the opportunity to enter a sweepstakes for the chance to win the IBM product of their choice from this group.

-As part of the BIGWORDS.com Professor Outreach program, Food.com will participate in a sweepstakes which awards 500 pizza parties to students on

campuses around the country. Food.com's logo will be featured on BIGWORDS.com bookmarks, which are distributed in classrooms, and featured prominently on its site.

-In October, Food.com will kick off a series of food drives at universities across the country. Student organizations that collect the most food will receive a cash prize, and the winning schools win a concert on campus.

-Students with an artistic flair will be encouraged to compete in Food.com's Starving Artist Sweepstakes this fall. Entries will be posted on the Food.com site, and students from around the globe will be able to cast their votes. The winner of the contest will be rewarded with a $1,000 scholarship and a chance for their art to be used in a national Food.com advertising campaign.

In addition to its promotional efforts, Food.com has teamed up with YouthStream Media Networks to implement an extensive online and offline advertising and awareness-building campaign. YouthStream will acilitate exposure for Food.com through flyers, postcards, posters and other non-traditional advertising vehicles. Food.com also has partnerships with top college-focused Web sites, including the Student Advantage Network, mybytes.com and JOBTRAK.COM.

Students struggle to avoid the Freshman fifteen

AP-In the Unit 2 dining commons, as students wait in line for their entrees, a choice of fried fish, cheeseburgers and assorted pasta, one freshman, Jessica Borelli, steps aside and heads straight for the salad bar.

"I try to avoid fatty foods whenever possible," she explains.

For Borelli and other health-conscious dorm residents, staying healthy means finding time to exercise and staying away from dorm food, which they say is often high in calories, fat and starch.

But being healthy is not the only motivating factor for freshmen, some of whom consciously adjust their lifestyle in order to avoid the dreaded "freshman 15."

According to this popular myth, the average first-year student can expect to gain 15 pounds over the course of the school year, a threat powerful enough to send freshmen running in droves to the stair-steppers and stationary bikes at the Recreational Sports Facility.

To help students stay slim, the university offers programs such as Cal Fit and Cal Aerobics. Classes range from "cardio funk" and fitness boxing to yoga and tai chi. In cooperation with local community organizations, UC Berkeley also offers a support group for overeaters, and the University Health Service offers one-on-one sessions with nutritional specialists.

But is all this worrying over weight really necessary?

Everyone on campus, it seems, has their own theory about the "freshman 15." Some claim that it is just a myth.

"I lost 15 pounds my freshman year," says one Bowles Hall junior who asked to remain anonymous.

Others, like freshman Anand Kannan, believe that the "freshman 15" impacts some students more than others.

"It hasn't affected me, but I've definitely seen it happen to other people, especially at Unit 3, where they don't have to walk as far to get to classes," Kannan said. "They don't get as much exercise." Kannan also thinks that the "freshman 15" affects females more than males.

Marek Adamo, a junior, says he believes that while the "freshman 15" is a myth, sophomores and juniors are also likely to put on some extra weight.

"People eat out more when they move out of the dorms and get their own apartments," he says. Adamo adds that he did not gain weight his freshman year because "going from three square [meals] a day at home to dorm food was a shock. Dorm food is gross, so I didn't eat as much as I did at home."

The truth of the matter, says nutritional science Professor Nancy Amy, is that the "freshman 15" is a legitimate, logical phenomenon. She says that there is significant weight gain among first-year students. This, she says, is caused by an almost unavoidable change in their lifestyle, characterized by different forms of stress and a lack of normal physical activity.

Amy says that some students eat more in response to stress. Coupled with a lack of planned physical activity, this lifestyle often results in the "freshman 15," or even the "freshman 20."

The propensity toward weight gain, Amy says, is not limited to just first-year students.

"There is a genetic component to weight gain," she says.

According to this theory, some people in certain genetic lines prefer fatty foods over foods that are low in fat. Weight gain may also occur in part because many freshmen are used to having their meals regulated by their parents.

Published works on the subject of weight gain by college students tend to support Amy's belief in the legitimacy of the "freshman 15."

Sandra Smith, in her book Personal Health Choices, writes that "college eating and drinking patterns contribute to weight gain: dining hall restrictions on when and what you eat, heavy late-night snacking, binge eating and social activities centering on food and drink, including significant alcohol consumption."

Alcohol, in fact, may be a large factor in the "freshman 15" myth. According to "The Mount Sinai School of medicine Complete Book of Nutrition," alcohol is high in calories and low in nutritional value. Naturally, the effect of alcohol on weight depends on how much students drink.

Since a wide variety of factors affect a student's weight, many students say they do not feel the effects of the "freshman 15." But the legend is still out there.

According to Amy, the existence of the "freshman 15" is not a good reason to skip meals or even to avoid all fatty foods. Although the freshman lifestyle may, in fact, contribute to weight gain, the consequences on the health of students are minimal.

"For most of the freshmen I've seen," she says, "gaining a little weight would be just fine. The major impact (of the "freshman 15") is on how they feel about themselves."

Is the freshman 15 an inevitable occurance? Of course not! So, how can you ward off the averages? Here's a start: Think of your body as a machine. Like all effective equipment, your body requires fuel, work, and rest.

1. Fuel your machine. Sometimes we take better care of our cars than we do our bodies. To avoid the freshman fifteen, watch your fat intake. Men should not eat more than 60 grams of fat a day, and women no more than 50 grams. Eating fruits and vegetables and complex carbohydrates will give you energy, prevent sickness, and give you the fiber to be regular-don't underestimate the latter. Also, eating sugar and drinking alcohol causes your body to store fat-so beware! You can't eat right without conscious effort. Mostly, remember that eating is not a stress release nor an escape from problems. If you feel stressed or down, rather than reaching for Ben & Jerry's, try taking a walk or shooting some baskets at the gym.

2. Work your machine. 20 to 30 minutes of daily aerobic exercise will make a world of difference. If you keep your heart rate at 80% maximum for at least 20 minutes, your body will continue burning fat for the next 24 hours. Think about it; not only will exercise make you more alert in class, but you'll burn fat all day and night. What a bargain.

3. Rest your machine. Your body needs rest just as much as it needs good food and exercise. Many students believe they don't have time to sleep. But lack of sleep lowers the body's resistance to sickness. So by staying up all night to study or play midnight Monopoly, you might have to pay for that time by landing on the sick list.

But here's an important reminder: your body weight doesn't determine your value. Too many students become depressed because they gain some weight, while others become obsessed with weight loss. You are valuable no matter how you appear.

Kosovo teen arrives in San Francisco to meet email penpal

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — The Kosovar Albanian teenager known to National Public Radio listeners as "Adona" came to the Bay Area last night to meet the Berkeley boy she corresponded with during the Balkan crisis.

Kujtesa Bejtullahu arrived at San Francisco international Airport yesterday to face a group of approximately 30 members of the media who barraged the teenager with questions about her e-mail correspondence with 17-year-old Berkeley resident Finnegan Hamil.

"I'm pretty excited," Bejtullahu said. "I was waiting for this moment a long time ago."

She arrived with three other Kosovar teens last night, following the efforts of Berkeley's First Congregational Church (of which Hamil is a member) to bring the youths to the United States.

Hamil and "Adona" began exchanging messages in January, after Marek Zelazkiewicz, a former UC Berkeley researcher and a member of the San Francisco-based Peace Workers group, put the two in contact. Throughout the correspondence, Zelazkiewicz said Bejtullahu hid from Serbians in Pristina, Kosovo's capital.

Zelazkiewicz said he traveled to Kosovo last fall with the peace organization to look for "the embers of a peace movement." He said he met members of the Post Pessimists, a youth activist group.

All four teens who arrived yesterday indicated they belong to the Post Pessimist organization, a group that opposes ethnic rivalry.

"Our aim is to bring solid communicative bridges between ethnicities," Bejtullahu said.

Bejtullahu asked Zelazkiewicz to connect her with an American pen pal. When Zelazkiewicz spoke to the Berkeley church youth group about the young Kosovar, Hamil expressed interest in writing to her.

Hamil, a member of Youth Radio in Berkeley, began reading Bejtullahu's correspondences over the air to raise awareness of his pen pal's plight.

Then, National Public Radio aired the broadcasts. Bejtullahu said the correspondence helped her and her family to lift their spirits.

"The moral support was extremely high. It was the best thing," she said. "It was what we all needed."

The teens will live with host families, church members said. The teens said they are planning to continue their education in local high schools, if possible.

Two of the Kosovo teenagers will live in San Leandro with host families, church members said.

Gretchen Carlson said she and her family will host Bejtullahu and Grese Safaj, 16, for 10 months.

The two will attend either Berkeley High School or St. Mary's College High School, a private Catholic school in Berkeley, Carlson said. She said the adjustment from the "chaotic, disordered" atmosphere of Kosovo to the comparative peace of Berkeley will not be easy.

"It's going to take them a while to get out of the war zone mentality," she said.

In addition to problems securing visas for the students, Carlson said enrolling them in high school proved difficult because of problems with course transcripts.

Carlson said the decision was made to bring the teens to Berkeley after the situation in Kosovo worsened. The church opened a nonprofit bank account and began soliciting donations to cover the costs of the teens' stay.

"It was really, really hard (to get them here)," Carlson said. "It was next to impossible."

The Post Pessimist group, sponsored by the Norwegian People's Aid Foundation, publishes a journal in both Serbian and Albanian and participates in community projects, including concerts and art exhibits.

E! Entertainment promotes *Blair Witch*-like horror films

A few weeks ago, an E! Online contest motivated hundreds of filmmakers to make scary flicks inspired by that "other" little horror film set in the haunted forest near Burkittsville, Maryland. And now, E! Online has selected the 12 winners of their "Scary Little Movie Contest," from a field of over 200, including an avalanche of last-minute entries - but it wasn't easy.

The untitled winning video was submitted by Drew Rist. He won a Panasonic Palmcorder(R) Camcorder. The two runners-up, "The City Walk Project" from Rick McGonegle and "The Doll House" by Kersti & Mi Niebruegge, were both awarded scary gift baskets of horror-flick merchandise from shop.eonline.com.

While most of the tapes fell clearly into Blair territory (i.e., running through the underbrush in the dark, complete with heavy breathing), there was some variety - dozens of psycho-stalkers, at least six versions of the "Bloody Mary" myth, and plenty of parodies.

E! Online editor-in-chief Lew Harris was one of the contest judges.

"So many people put a lot of effort and a tremendous amount of care and imagination into their entries, including features and techniques we never expected like clay animation, stop action, and special effects," Harris said. "The contest winner had a strong story - a complete plot - it was simply very entertaining. It was well filmed and it had mood and a nice surprise twist at the end making it like a scary mini-movie."

The winning entries, details on the contest, along with its official rules and release form can be found at the E! Online Web site at http://www.eonline.com.

SPORTS

Fall Sports Preview

By Paul Radkowski
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The fall sports teams are ready to begin their final season in NCAA Division II. Next season, the Titans will join the Presidents Athletic Conference in NCAA Division III.

FOOTBALL

The Titan football team is coming off a difficult 3-8 season last year. This season promises to be full of challenges. Head coach Gene Nicholson has taken a one year medical leave of absence. He will not be on the Titan sideline for the first time in 30 years (22 as an assistant).

Stepping up to lead the Titans are co-coaches Sean Kelly and Scott Renninger. Kelly is also the offensive coordinator, while Renninger is the offensive line coach and administrative assistant. They are enthusiastic about the upcoming season.

The Titans have been gearing up for the season since mid July with two-a-day camp. "We had a productive camp," said Kelly, "Our attitude is positive and we are excited to get the season started."

During camp, the players elected four of their peers to lead them through the season. James Graham and Matt Dvorsak were voted the offensive captains while Jason Hunter and Donald Kelly were selected as defensive captains.

"There was a lot of senior leadership during camp," said Kelly. "The coaching staff is pleased with the enthusiasm displayed by the players."

Also during camp, Donald Kelly and Ryan Kistler received the Harold E. Burry award.

The Titans' schedule includes three straight away games to open the season and only four games at Burry Stadium. It is highlighted by back to back games against Ashland University and Saginaw Valley State, respectively ranked #6 and #9 in the northeast.

While the Titans' graduated several standouts such as Denny Flora who finished his career third in all time rushing, there are plenty of reasons to be optimistic. Eight offensive starters return, including junior quarterback James Graham and last season's top three receivers, senior Matt Dvorsak, senior Dan Detwiler and junior Joe Ruck. Dvorsak needs just 41 receptions to become Westminster's all time leader in that category.

Other returning offensive starters include senior fullback Dan Knause and senior offensive lineman Andy Parshall. Junior John Dunlap also returns to the offensive line.

The defense has six starters back. Senior defensive end Shane Jordan will lead the Titans up front, while seniors David Kern and R.J. Pabis return to the linebacking corps.

Junior cornerback Aaron Stamp returns after leading the GLIAC with seven interceptions last season. Junior Adam Jones also returns to the defensive backfield after a six-interception season.

Senior kicker Brian Althaus will be back, and junior John Ciavarra will again return kicks.

There are also some new additions to the Titan coaching staff. John Klein, has been added to the defensive coaching staff and former Titan running back, Brad Tokar, joins the offensive staff. Also, former standouts Mike Denison and Nick Roberts join the coaching staff as student assistants.

"We are very excited to have these four men join our coaching staff. They are definitely valuable and knowledgeable assets to the team," said Kelly.

Coach Kelly admits that despite his excitement, the Titans face a challenging season.

"We have had some serious injuries in the pre-season, notably to Jason Hunter who suffered a knee injury in the Blue and White scrimmage. But, our attitude remains positive. The coaching staff is pleased with where the team is at right now. We will continue to practice and play with a lot of heart and soul," Kelly said. "We are ready to accept the challenge."

"It's going to be tough playing seven away games and four home games," said Ciavarra.

Photo by Courtney Behm

Quarter back James Graham hands the ball off to tail back at the Blue and White preseason scrimmage at Burry Stadium.

"The coaches have prepared us for a tough Division 2 season. With more experience, this year should be more successful than last year."

The Titans kick off the season at Michigan Tech University this Saturday at 2:00. Their first home game is Homecoming against Hillsdale, Sept. 25 at 1:30.

MENS' CROSS COUNTRY

Ron Galbreath, coach of the mens' cross country team, has high expectations for his 25th season.

"We're entering the season under the concept of PMA: Positive Mental Attitude," said Galbreath. "The team came back to school strong. We had some runners that ran over 600 miles this summer. That is the dedication I am looking for."

Last year at the GLIAC Championships, the Titans finished tenth out of twelve teams.

Leading the Westminster runners will be Captain Keith Schrag, captain of the team, who finished 20th at the championships. Sophomore Jason Gleason also comes back following an impressive first year where he placed 45th at the championships.

Both Schrag and Gleason qualified for the NCAA Division II Regionals at Slippery Rock, where they finished 70th and 84th respectively.

WOMENS' CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Titans will be coached for the 11th straight season by Gary Lilly.

In the GLIAC championships last season, Westminster finished 12th out of 14 teams. The GLIAC record did not measure the success of the team, according to Lilly. The team showed strong potential, winning both the St. Vincent and Thiel Invitationals.

Highlighting the team will be senior captain Julia McGlumphy who led the Titans with her 34th place finish at the championships. Junior Jennifer Bennett placed 70th at the championships.

The team, arriving early to train, has been enduring two-a-day practices, working to enhance their performance by exercising both their aerobic and anaerobic conditioning.

"I am very encouraged by the freshman class I have coming in," said Lilly. "My upper-class runners came back looking strong as well."

Both cross country teams will open up the season with their only home meet as Westminster hosts the Fisher Invitational. The starting time is slated for this Saturday at 10:00.

Photo by Courtney Behm

Titans gain control of the ball in scrimmage.

Lady strikers look for GLIAC title

The talk surrounding the girls soccer team at the beginning of last season led many to have low expectations for the program as they entered into a year of "firsts." It was their first year in the GLIAC, their first varsity season and for the majority of the squad, 16 out of 20, it was their first time playing at the college level. The young squad had no idea how they would do, but to the average person, the cards seemed stacked against them.

However, by the end of the season, the talk sounded a little different. The team finished with a stellar 15-3 overall record and a 7-2 mark in the NCAA Division II GLIAC, which included wins over three nationally ranked teams.

Their opponents feared them. Leading the way for the Lady Titans was then freshman forward Ashley Pyle. As a freshman Pyle earned nearly every award imaginable. She led the program with 30 goals and 13 assists for 73 points, which ranked her third in scoring among Division II players nationwide. The GLIAC then named her Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year. These honors and her talents earned her a spot on the first team of the all-GLIAC and all-region teams.

Going into their second year, the team has big footsteps to follow, but Coach Tom Keller didn't blink an eye when he recited the team goals for the upcoming season.

"We hope to win the GLIAC title and qualify for the NCAA Tournament," Keller said.

Keller, who is in his third year of coaching for Westminster, said that although a repeat of last season's record would be ideal, this season's schedule will be much more demanding.

"The first three games are going to be the challenge," Keller said. "Once we get through those, we'll know where we stand."

Those games include Division I schools Youngstown State and Robert Morris, along with several strong Division II teams.

"Although 15-3 was beyond anyone's expectations for the first season, I do expect us to be a better team in 1999," said Keller. "First, the play of our returnees will be improved following a year of collegiate play. Second, the quality and quantity of our recruits allow us to take the program to another level."

Currently there are four freshman fighting for starting positions.

"When we recruited last year, we were looking for two or three players who could come in and immediately pose a threat for starting positions," Keller said. "We now have four and there may be more."

Lone senior Missy Lewelyn will again lead the team, assisted by junior Jamie Helm. Lewelyn will return even stronger than ever after battling leg injuries last year. Other top returnees include sophomore sweeper Carrie Mathers, an all-region and all-GLIAC second team selection last year; sophomore Stacy Tempalski, an all-GLIAC second team pick; and sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Morrison who finished eighth nationally in Division II in saves last year.

One walk-on, several other returning starters and a solid class of nine freshmen recruits promise to make the 1999 season a young but strong team.

Coaches Dafler and Swearingen recently receive promotion

By Darcie Yobp
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This summer President R. Thomas Williamson named Coach Jim Dafler the Director of Athletics, and Dafler promoted Tammy Swearingen, head volleyball coach and assistant swim coach, to his former position of Assistant Athletic Director.

Dafler replaced Dr. Joe Fusco; who retired in June after 14 years of service as Athletic Director. In a June press release, Williamson regarded Dafler as "the perfect candidate to carry on the long tradition of great athletic directors."

In the same press release, Dafler expressed his gratitude for having been given the great responsibility of overseeing athletics and for Fusco's personal guidance and overall contributions to the program.

"I am extremely appreciative of President Williamson and the college administration for their support in entrusting the future of the Titan athletic program to me," Dafler said. "In addition, I would be remiss if I did not thank Joe Fusco for his strong leadership as athletic director and his dedication to the growth of athletics at Westminster. Filling his shoes will be no small challenge."

In a recent interview, Dafler said that though some of the initial excitement has worn off, his eagerness to continue in the path of his mentors, mainly Fusco, Buzz Ridl, and Harold Burry, has not changed. Dafler was also eager to talk about Swearingen's promotion.

"I think she'll bring a fresh perspective to the position," he said. "She has been a tireless worker for our department and has taken on a lot of responsibilities."

Sweringen said she too was excited about her new position. She and Dafler conveyed their hope to maintain and improve upon the college's tradition of successful sports programs that make the community proud.

Both Dafler and Swearingen have a long history at Westminster.

Dafler, 49, was hired as recreation director in 1989. Since 1993 he has been Assistant Director of Athletics. During his time here, Dafler served for nine years as assistant men's basketball coach under Dr. Ron Galbreath, one year as head men's basketball coach, and nine years as head coach of Titan track and field.

As assistant basketball coach, Dafler was responsible for the Titan defense. Under his leadership, the team ranked first in the Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference (KECC) in scoring defense multiple times, including a tie for second nationally in the NAIA in 1996. As head track and field coach Dafler led the Titans to seven district/conference titles.

Dafler has also served as NCAA Rules Compliance Director and assisted Fusco in the development of women's soccer as a varsity sport.

Dafler's sports background includes working as head men's basketball coach for both Mount Union College (1982-89) and Bethany College (1976-82) and as assistant basketball coach and tennis coach at Marietta College (1973-76).

Swearingen is entering her seventh year as head volleyball coach, having posted an overall mark of 162-164 (.717) over the past six years. She has led the Lady Titans to a pair of conference titles, highlighted by the 1997 team winning the NAIA Northeast Region championship and advancing to the NAIA National Tournament for the first time in the program's history. Last season she helped lead the men's swimming team to the first-ever GLIAC Conference title by a Westminster team.

Besides her work here, Swearingen brings another 12 years of experience to her new duties. Prior to her arrival in 1992, she was head volleyball coach at Mineral Ridge (1988-90) and Columbia (1986-88) High Schools. She was head softball coach at Columbiana from 1984-88 and head women's swimming coach at Youngstown State University (1984-87) and Canfield High School (1987-92).

Depth strengthens mens' soccer

In his first year as head coach for men's soccer, Girish Tahakar led the Titans to a 7-11 overall record which included a 2-4 mark in the GLIAC. As Thakar enters into his second season with his first recruiting class, his goals and expectations for the squad are heightened.

"I hope to be more competitive than last year," Thakar said. "We are just going to take it one game at a time."

The squad is comprised of 34 Titans including 17 freshman. According to Thakar, the team will have more depth than last year

"Last season we had a strong starting squad but with four or five injuries, we found that the team didn't have much depth," Thakar said. "This year's team is young but we definitely have stronger players in the reserves."

With such a large number of players, Thakar is beginning an experimental junior varsity program. This will give players who are not ready for varsity play an opportunity to see game action at least once a week against teams like Geneva, IUP, Bethany, and Washington & Jefferson. Though having to coach two teams and juggle two sets of games will take a toll on Thakar, he feels it will be worth it for the players and the team.

Thakar mentioned that if the JV program does prove to be successful, he will look for an assistant coach so that more time is dedicated to each group.

Leading the returnees will be all-star selections Ryan Mathieu and Rich Regelski. Mathieu is a junior who was honored with NSCAA all-region second team laurels following last season for his play as the Titans'

sweeper. With two years of starting experience under his belt, Mathieu should once again solidify the team's defensive efforts. Regelski, a senior midfielder, was an all-GLIAC second team selection and is the team's leading returning scorer. Other top returnees include junior goalkeeper Matt Van Ormer, who

ranked among the national NCAA Division II leaders in saves per game last season; junior forward Matt Nichols, who will look to equal his seven-goal, five-assist season of 1997; and senior defender David Remensky. Seniors David Kantner, Andy Schenider, and Mike Zebrine, juniors Derek Baumgartner, Jeff Kovacs and Jake Joyce and sophomore Rich McLellan all saw significant playing time a year ago.

Collins Fobanjong, a junior first time player, summarized it well, "We have a lot of talented players. If the talent comes together, we will have an awesome team."

Photo by Courtney Behm
Braeden Mathieu seeks to earn starting position.

After a rebuilding year, Lady Titans ready for a challenge

After traveling to the NAIA National Championships in 1997, the Lady Titan volleyball team struggled through a rebuilding season last year in their first GLIAC season where they posted an 11-15 overall record. Now, with a year of Division II play under their belts, coach Tammy Swearingen and assistant Brandon Lewis are returning with several of last years starters and talented freshman to compete in their final season in the GLIAC conference.

"It's hard to believe looking at the records, but I really believe that last year's squad was better than the 1997 team (which finished 31-8 and qualified for the NAIA national tournament for the first time in the program's history)," Coach Tammy Swearingen said. "We were disappointed in our record last year, and I think the team felt overwhelmed at times. However, knowing what to expect this year should make a world of difference, and I know the players want to prove themselves to be a good Division II team."

A trio of talented seniors, all returning starters, will lead the squad into GLIAC play in 1999. Senior middle hitter Shadra Kendall led the team in kills and blocks, which earned her an all-GLIAC South Division second team selection last year. Danielle Kean enters her fourth season as a setter for the Lady Titans. She enters her final collegiate campaign ranked fifth all-time at Westminster in assists, service aces and digs. Middle hitter Jessica Furman has steadily improved each season. She will once again be counted on to provide a solid blocking and hitting force at center net.

Several other returnees provide the Lady Titans with a solid level of experience. Junior Brooke Engles is a two-year starter and solid outside hitting threat, as is fellow junior Andrea Cronie, who moved into the lineup following an injury to senior Jessica Faflik last season. Anchoring the back line will be junior defensive specialist Sarah Verhoff.

Two players who saw reserve time as freshmen a year ago will be expected to step up their play as sophomores. Middle hitters Meredith Etcher and outside hitter Shannon Simmons both showed potential in their rookie seasons and will each see expanded roles this year.

Four newcomers provide height and athleticism to the program. Monica Asher, Suzanne Fitz, Carolee Reed and Katie Spehar will each battle for playing time during their rookie seasons. Asher and Spehar will compete for time at the outside hitter positions. Reed will see time as a setter, while Fitz provides much-needed height at the middle hitter spot.

The team goals are two sided. Within the team, they are encouraging each other to rise up to the level of play and to never give up. This goal will hopefully drive the success of the second, which is to earn a playoff spot.

"We're expecting to improve our GLIAC finish this year. There have

been a lot of coaching changes in the league, which hopefully will open

things up a bit. I know the team is very excited about the challenge ahead

of us."

The Lady Titan are well on their way to meeting the challenge as demonstrated in their first tournament of the year at Tiffin University. After dropping their first match to Tiffin 7-15, 7-15, 15-12, 7-15, they rebounded to beat Urbana 15-6, 15-13, 15-2. They concluded their day with a surprise win over West Virigina Wesleyan 7-15, 15-9, 15-7, 6-15, 15-13.

Against Tiffin, senior Jessica Furman lead the team with 10 kills and eight blocks accented by sophomore Shannon Simmons who had nine kills. Senior Danielle Kean stood out with 24 assists along with sophomore defensive specialist Sarah Verhoff's 11 digs.

In the first win of the season against Urbana, senior Shadra Kendall sparked the offense with 10 kills. Verhoff again led the team with five digs. Freshmen Suzanne Fitz and Carolee Reed were strong offensively with five and three kills respectively.

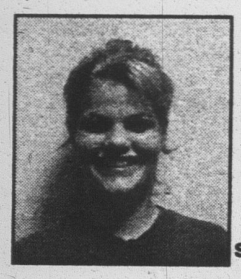
In the five-set win against West Virgina Wesleyan, Furman again showed her talent adding four kills and seven solo blocks. Kean also tallied four kills and led the way with 32 assists. Simmons again proved to be an important offensive weapon with nine kills. Fitz added five kills and two solo blocks while sophomore outside hitter Andrea Cronie supported the team defensively with 15 digs.

OPINION

Question of the week

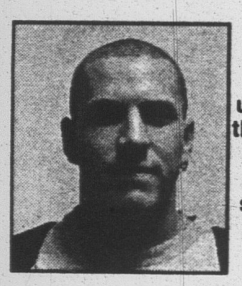
What do you think of the renovations on campus?

Beth Love, junior
"The renovations will improve the look of Westminster, but at times it can be a real inconvenience, like trying to navigate through the fieldhouse."



Becky Cook, sophomore
"They need to increase the amount you can spend for equivalency in the TUB. They lowered the amount we can spend but kept the prices the same."

Kurt Auchter, sophomore
"Things are a lot more difficult to find in the cafeteria. I liked the buffet style last year because I could get the amount of food I wanted and not have it handed to me."



Joe Fraas, sophomore
"They don't give us enough food in the cafeteria-it was better when we could serve ourselves and get as much as we wanted."

Brad Dell, sophomore
"I am a big fan of change and this boasts positivly for the future."

Tara Byrd, senior
"I appreciate the willingness to make the changes, but the timing was bad. It would have been nice to put our best foot forward for the incoming students."

Renee Tappe, sophomore
"The noise is distracting and makes it difficult to hear the professors in class."

Julie Nansen, junior
"I am looking forward to see what the renovations will look like when they're done. It was time for changes to be made."

Jacque Duncan, junior
"The dining hall changes show how Westminster listens to the suggestions of students to improve the campus, but the steam line construction is an example of how sometimes those changes are slow."

By Courtney Behm

Our View:

As a new year begins, it's only a short time before parties will be underway. In fact, on a number of occasions, there have already been herds of people flocking towards the hot party site of the night.

Here are some words of advice to freshmen, transfer students, and a reminder to the "veterans."

Between two and three percent of the current American college population will die from alcohol related causes. These are normal college students. Most of them never intended to take themselves to the brink of death. Rather, they are out having a good time with their friends and forget about how much they are drinking.

It is like consuming excessive amounts of food. When friends are talking and having fun, it's easy to eat large quantities in a short amount of time. However, after awhile, a bad feeling in the pit of the stomach sets in. The nauseous hits, and the urge to throw up is overwhelming.

Now, here is the difference between food and alcohol. Though both food and drinking both can leave cause sluggishness and upset stomachs, alcohol impairs the ability to make sound judgements. That's where the real trouble begins.

Students on this campus are going to drink. However, the key is to take precautions. Make sure that someone is staying sober. Limitations must be established before drinking begins; accountability is a must. The Happy Bus is available, so there is no need to drink and drive. Be a real friend. Take the keys. No matter how sober someone may act, if they've been drinking, play it safe and have him or her find a ride home with someone else.

Also, every year there is at least one freshman on this campus that ends up either having, or coming close to having, alcohol poisoning. Here is advice especially for freshmen.

Excessive drinking doesn't impress anyone. Frankly, people passed out or throwing up look pretty stupid. Some may think that drinking makes them funnier, cuter or easier to be around. In actuality, the people at the party probably are laughing because they are slurring and spilling on their shirt. Often they become more difficult to be around because of their screaming and high-maintenance behavior. So much for a good first impression.

The advice is simple. Have fun but be safe. If you find yourself getting into trouble time and time again, maybe you should find fun other places on campus.

Lower the drinking age, not the boom

BINGE-DRINKING. Probably a term you would be sick of hearing right now if you were living on Penn's campus, as I am. It was a subject of debate throughout the fall semester, following the deaths from alcohol-poisoning of freshmen at LSU and MIT. Although Penn's students luckily avoided similar outcomes, more than a few freshmen here found themselves ending the evening at HUP. Clearly, alcohol abuse is a problem that Penn and universities across the nation must address.

However, current state law cripples the University's ability to provide any kind of aid. I am referring to the Pennsylvania law that prohibits drinking until the age of 21. Because of it, Penn is not allowed to promote responsible drinking on campus.

Instead, it must simply "take a stand" againstunder age drinking.

In the current situation, the University effectively has its hands tied. But universities have always been places to promote change, and a change in the role played by alcohol is needed not only at the university level but also in American society as a whole. There is such an effort to keep alcohol away from children in this society that it becomes a fascination for them. Many times, ready access to alcohol comes for the first time in college. An unsupervised freshman dorm room is one of the most conducive settings for binge drinking. Many students come to college unaware of what alcohol can do to them. Sadly, it will be difficult for universities as a whole to have a serious impact on the situation if society does not change its views on alcohol.

Penn could make it mandatory for all freshmen to attend an alcohol-awareness seminar alerting them to the fact that alcohol can kill them. Responsible drinking can also be promoted along with the fact that it is illegal to drink under the age of 21. A simple realization that students will drink — and letting them know the risks and how to do it responsibly — would certainly help some students. The authorities at Penn should also not penalize students who have been drinking simply for drinking. If students cause other problems while drinking, such as violence or disorderly conduct, that is another issue. My point is, underage drinking is not a problem in itself if done responsibly. Binge-drinking is a problem and drinking (underage or not) is a serious problem when it leads to violence, drunk-driving, or other criminal acts.

Every individual is responsible for his or her own actions, and Penn is in no way responsible for a student's stupid decision to binge-drink. However, if the University took a realistic attitude towards the drinking situation, maybe some binge-drinking and binge-drinking-related tragedies could be avoided.

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College football starts academic year

By George F. Will
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The college football season began before most college classes did. First things first. There is a plan — adored by fans but not yet by university officials and officials of athletic conferences — to extend the season with a 16-team playoff culminating in a national championship game that promoters say, not convincingly, would generate $3 billion over eight years. Fan interest in postseason bowl games, measured by television audiences, has declined over the past decade, while college basketball's playoff — "March Madness" — has become so successful that the National Collegiate Athletic Association is reportedly negotiating a $3 billion to $4 billion (the number of years is unsettled) extension of its current seven-year, $1.73 billion contract with CBS.

Still, last season, bowl games — more than one-third of the 112 Division I-A teams played in one — did generate $140 million for distribution to universities. Many academic officials are skeptical about a football playoff for the wrong reasons. They are saying "Show me the money," not "Enough is enough." This even though the profits — when there are any — generated by athletics, meaning football and basketball, usually stay within the athletic department.

Roger G. Noll, a Stanford economist, argues that only about three dozen Division I schools compete at a level that earns almost constant television exposure and frequent appearances in the major bowl games. For them, annual football profits can exceed $10 million. But such profits materialize only if there are substantial donations for athletic scholarships and facilities.

And "several studies have concluded that athletics has essentially no effect on contributions to the school outside the athletics programs."

Some of those programs recently had a near-death experience with the IRS, which was considering eliminating its rule that allows renters of luxury suites at college football stadiums and basketball arenas to deduct 80 percent of the cost. Suites, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, are the fastest growing source of revenue for athletic departments. The IRS came to its senses as Nebraska's senators - Go Big Red! — reportedly were about to proceed with legislation to protect the deductibility.

From Vanderbilt's Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt and Athletic Director Todd Turner comes a proposed new structure of incentives to combat declining graduation rates among athletes. (For example, only 40 percent of Division I male basketball players — the athletes with the worst graduation rates — graduate in six years or less.) The plan would penalize teams for the academic failures of their athletes.

When an athlete failed academically, his team would have one fewer scholarship to offer until the athlete's class graduated. So if a sophomore football player failed academically, his team would be limited to 84 rather than 85 scholarships for the next two years. (That might seem sufficient, considering the team has only 11 players on the field at a time, but until the 1970s scholarships were unlimited and some schools awarded 130.)

Although athletic directors in the Southeastern Conference, which includes Vanderbilt, oppose the plan, in June SEC presidents voted for it 9-0. (Florida's and Tennessee's were not present; Arkansas' abstained.)

At the University of Minnesota, where under the previous basketball coach players received improper academic help (e.g., papers written for them), the new coach's contract calls for a $25,000 bonus any year the team has a collective 2.8 grade-point average. Such incentive clauses are becoming common in coaches' contracts.

Some contracts contain less admirable incentives. Last winter Auburn hired football coach Tommy Tuberville away from Mississippi for between $750,000 and $900,000, the actual sum depending on the team's performance — not in the classroom but on the field. He is to get $50,000 if the program simply is not an outlaw (does not violate NCAA rules for five years) and $100,000 if the team wins the national championship.

Joe Paterno, who last Saturday began his 50th season at Penn State (his 34th as head coach), has won two national championships, has been to 29 bowl games, has won 19 of them, is the fourth winningest coach in Division I-A history. The NCAA has never sanctioned his program. He has consistently regretted the NCAA's 1972 decision to make freshmen eligible for intercollegiate play.

Now, Paterno is not your average coach. He met his future wife at the Penn State library and wooed her while reading Camus' "The Stranger" on the beach. The $26.5 million addition to the library bears his name.

He understands that with the fall season, spring practice and strength training all year, jumping from high school into university athletics and academics simultaneously is a challenge few young people can meet satisfactorily. So, first things first.

A Note from the Editors:

The Holcad staff tries to remain unbiased, but the paper would not be complete without students' opinions. Therefore, we will again be accepting letters to the editor, suggestions and other contributions at our email: holcad@westminster.edu. We would also appreciate notification of upcoming events or story ideas that you would like to see covered.

The classified section is free to the Westminster community for advertising items students wish to sell or purchase. Simply e-mail your name, phone number, and a brief description of the item to the Holcad.

We hope to build on ideas started last year and plan on adding some of our own. However, this is a campus newspaper and would not be complete without contributions. We hope to hear from you.

Meghan Duda
Katie Brentzel

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES
This week's scenario is highlighted by some financial or domestic changes that may take you by surprise. You need to take a better look at the bigger picture. Finding new ways to create revenue will help you to free up your time as well as lighten your load.

TAURUS
This week's scenario is highlighted by exciting news from long distance. May involve a trip or visit. You'll start to feel the effect of healing thoughts from well wishers and loved ones. Your good news will excite others around you, as well. You may feel as if you have stepped into something dreamlike.

GEMINI
This week's scenario is highlighted by your universal appeal & your ability to lead while remaining spiritually among the masses. You can sometimes feel a little nervous about fitting in. But once you share a little of yourself with co-workers, friends, you'll feel more comfortable, at ease.

CANCER
This week's scenario is highlighted by some needed changes in your lifestyle or in your domestic situation. Change can be stressful but it can also be very good for your ego, right now. You need to get past the emotional side & work positively towards the changes.

LEO
This week's scenario is highlighted by your tendency to think with your heart rather than your mind. Time to re-evaluate your moods & habits. You need to learn how to look at things without becoming so emotionally involved. Be sensitive to others needs as well as your own.

VIRGO
This week's scenario is highlighted by career & professional opportunities that will take you by surprise. A little chaos can make for a very creative atmosphere. Too much, however, may shred your nerves. Your sense of humor will make all the difference.

LIBRA
This week's scenario is highlighted by some twists & winds through on-going legal matter. An unkind remark can wound other's feelings. Choose your words very carefully. You need to put the required time and effort necessary to win the support & respect of those around you.

SCORPIO
This week's scenario is highlighted by a need to take an honest look at how you feel. You can't continue to blame others for your shortcomings. You have great potential, if only you be honest with yourself.

SAGITTARIUS
This week's scenario is highlighted by behind the scenes activities that may become dangerous. Stay away from people you work with, their motivations may not be apparent.

CAPRICORN
This week's scenario is highlighted by dealings with bureaucratic situations or institutions. Dealing with delay may cause you to loose your patience. Keep a book with you, prepare to amuse yourself. Soon all of the waiting will be well worth it.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

R.E.M.

At their most beautiful

By Derek Bash
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Brian Wilson should be proud. About half way through their almost three hour set last Wednesday at Blossom music center, R.E.M. gracefully worked their way through "At My Most Beautiful," a song from their newest album, *Up*. With it's soaring, three part vocal harmonies, it was a fitting tribute to Wilson.

Back on the road for the first time since the "Monster '95" tour, R.E.M. made it clear that despite the laid back, text-driven sound, they can still rock, and make *Up* rock harder then one might expect. With their return to Cleveland, they stormed the stage with more energy and charisma than with their last visit.

For years, R.E.M. has vowed to break up if any one member ever quit. But this summer they dominated the stage with drummer Joey Waronker who easily filled the shoes of ex-drummer Bill Berry.

The band ripped into "Lotus" with a precise scrappiness usually unheard of at R.E.M. shows. This new mood continued clear to their now standard closing number, "It's the End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine)".

While bassist Mike Mills and guitarist Peter Buck both flailed their instruments with the reckless abandon of a teenage garage band, it was the forever wanly singer Michael Stipe that made the show shine.

"This ain't CATS and this ain't N'Sync," Stipe reminded us several songs into the show.

The once introverted Stipe has opened up in recent years, slowly embracing his role as a rock icon. At this show he appeared to be fully comfortable with his rock star status. Stipe appeared elated to be on stage as he smiled, laughed, did the best Elvis impersonations since Andy Kaufman's, sped around the stage strangling the mike stand, and teetering on the monitors taunting the crowd.

The eyeliner wearing front man also seemed more comfortable with his sexuality, as he kissed Mills on the lips after an acoustic version of "Why Not Smile?", and flamboyantly rubbed his bare chest during "Tongue."

Of course, Stipe couldn't pass up the chance to throw out a few political opinions, giving props to several local organizations.

Highlights of the show included a souped up version of "Finest Worksong", "Man on the Moon", "Find the River", "The One I Love", and "What's the Frequency Kenneth?", and, of course, "At My Most Beautiful". The dazzling light show, which added a torrid energy to harder songs, and an elegant backdrop to the group's epic ballads, further enhanced the music.

The new material also translated surprisingly well to a large venue, as the e-bow driven tracks "Walk Unafraid", and "The Apologist", took on a menacing quality, unlike anything else from the band's repertoire. R.E.M. dug deep into their older songs.

Despite slightly running out of steam towards the end of the night, unable to quite match the energy of the barrage of slamming rockers from the first half, the show was still perfect and a perfect display of why R.E.M. still reigns supreme.

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SUMMER OF SAM [R]
11:30 - 3:55 - 7:15 - 10:25

AUSTIN POWERS 2 [PG13]
12:25 - 2:40 - 5:00 - 7:25 - 9:50

LAKE PLACID [R]
11:40 - 1:55 - 4:05 - 6:50 - 9:10

MUPPETS FROM SPACE [G]
2:10 - 4:20 - 7:05 - 9:30 - 12:00

NOTTING HILL [PG13]
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The Sixth Sense

The Sixth Sense proves to be among summer's best films

By Derrick Bash
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This summer seemed to be the summer horror movies decided to take themselves seriously again, foregoing Scream-type sap, and putting the emphasis on making movies that are actually scary; unfortunately it almost didn't work. *The Haunting* fell apart halfway through with its barrage of special affects. The *Blair Witch Project* was the second biggest let down of the summer, (yes, *Episode I* took the honors as the first.)

The Sixth Sense may have been the best of the season. It centers around child psychologist Malcom Crowe, played by Bruce Willis, who displays real talent for the first time since *Pulp Fiction*. Willis's character attempts to help Cole Sear who is played by the extraordinary 11 year-old, Haley Joel Osment. After losing an older patient to suicide, Crowe takes it upon himself to help Cole redeem himself. Cole's problem is the unfortunate ability to see and interact with dead people.

Part drama, part horror movie, and part psychological thriller, the film successfully navigates several genres. It is not dumbed down with trite comedy, and succeeds without relying on the usual bombardment of special affects.

Most important, though, is that unlike its counterparts *The Sixth Sense* is actually scary, and although there are a few blood riddled gory scenes, the fright operates on suspense and foreboding instead of on gore. Much of this is do to Osment's and Willis' somber, sensitive performances which force you to take the film seriously.

The ending ties the entire movie together, and will quite likely inspire a repeat viewing to see if everything falls together like it should once you know the films big secret. With only one viewing, I suspect a few bumps in the plot, but even if they are there, *The Sixth Sense* succeeds above and beyond the sea of mediocre summer movies.

Celebrity Series draws sold-out crowd from tri-county area

By Katie Brentzel
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The 32nd Celebrity Series line-up promises to carry on its tradition of providing a cultural outlet for the tri-county area.

"We continue to bring top in the top talent in their field," said Gene DeCaprio, director of Celebrity Series.

In the past support from the community has been greater than support from students. This season was chosen with that information in mind, so some of the events may not be appealing to the students.

"The Celebrity Series is a great venue used to reach families of prospective students," said DeCaprio.

Currently, season tickets are sold out, though some single tickets remain for selected shows.

28 tickets per show are available to students free of charge through the Caroline Knox Memorial Trust Fund.

In addition to the seven show series, De Caprio and Connie McGinnis, Box Office Manager, have added two dinner theatre shows, which are open to the campus as well as the community. The first is November 5 with another scheduled for the spring of 2000.

1999-2000 SCHEDULE

Debbie Reynolds	**September 9**
Annie	**October 22**
Mark Russell	**November 19**
The River City Brass Band	**December 14**
The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber	**February 15**
Burt Bacharach	**March 29**
An Evening of Triple Gold	**April 15**

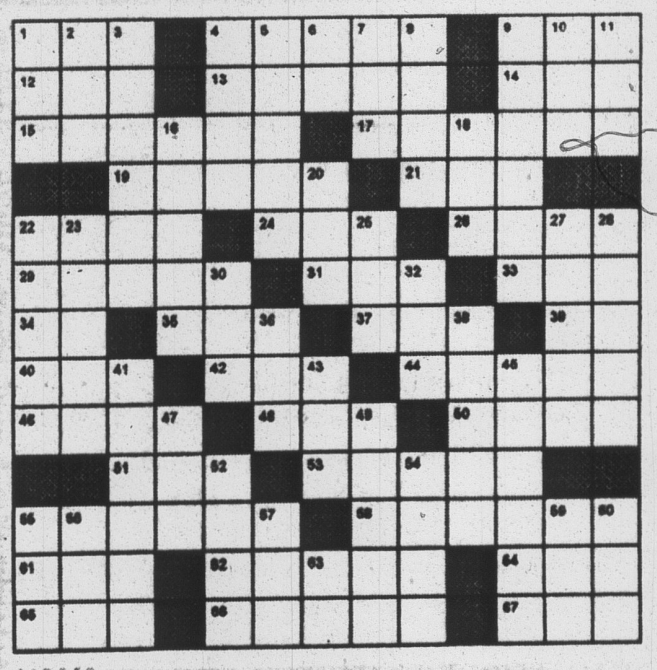
Crossword Challenge

ACROSS

1 Appointment (abbr.)
4 Start
9 Small floor covering
12 Friend
13 Rub out
14 Israel judge
15 One who locates
17 Intellectual
19 Well known
21 Beetle
22 Suffix for young
24 Spot
26 Appointed moment
29 Part of a flower
31 Weapon
33 Dog
34 I am (con't)
35 Boy
37 Make an offer
39 Thus
40 New Testament book (abbr.)
42 Snake
44 Furious
46 Waste time
48 Circle
50 Wicked conduct
51 Shellac ingredient
53 Tooth
55 With flowers
58 Shelf over fireplace
61 Sound of dove
62 Practical substitute
64 Indian tribe
65 Pull behind
66 Scopes
67 Dine

DOWN

1 Suitable
2 Equal
3 Mars
4 Red vegetable
5 Make a mistake
6 Southern state (abbr.)
7 Distinctive doctrine (suf.)
8 Want
9 Standard of measurement
10 Southern state (abbr.)
11 Until (poetic)
16 Reefs
18 Never
20 Child's pet
22 Talk at length
23 Pace
25 Place to bathe
27 Melody; tune
28 Wash away
30 Place for experiments
32 Nothing
36 Not alive upon arrival at hospital (abbr.)
38 Couch
41 Consecrate
43 Upper limb on body
45 Moral excellence
47 UN organization (abbr.)
49 Punctuation mark
52 Formal close (in compositions)
54 Puts
55 Process of doing something
56 Scare
57 River in S. Austria
59 7th Greek letter
60 Lease
63 N.E. state (abbr.)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Village Pizza in the Grove City Prime Outlets is now hiring all shifts. Starting rate is $6 per hour; apply in person.

TxReview Inc., a growing medical management company in New Castle, is looking for a self-directed person with excellent communication, organizational and computer skills to work 10-15 hours-per-week. The position involves requesting medical records, collecting and coordinating information for utilization reviews, communicating with panel provider, tracking case progress, solving problems and issues and finalizing reports. Knowledge of Microsoft Office and the Internet necessary, and some knowledge of medical practices preferred. Send or fax resume and cover letter to: TxReview Inc., 6475 Perimeter Dr., PMB 137, Dublin OH 43017; FAX (614) 766-5365.

First National Bank in the Neshannock Giant Eagle is looking for an enthusiastic, outgoing person. This 15-hour-per-week position includes some evenings and weekends. An on-campus interview will be conducted Wednesday, Sept. 15. For more information, contact Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338.

The Lutheran Service society of Western Pennsylvania Department of Aging is looking for a part-time, creative, enthusiastic person who enjoys working with older adults. This 20 hour per-week position requires a valid Pennsylvania driver's licence, insurance and a car, as well as the ability to complete CPR and Food Protection certificates. Good organizational and communication skills a must. Send resume and cover letter to: Ms. Terri Brown, Lutheran Service Society, 440 Lincoln Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15202.

RPS, located in Moon Township near the Pittsburgh Airport is currently looking for two marketing interns. These interns will assist the product manager in various marketing projects for 15-20 hours-per-week. Send resume to: RPS, Inc., Attn. JT-Intern Staffing, 1000 RPS Drive Moon Township, PA 15108; FAX: (412) 262-6668; E-mail: jtayman@shiprps.com

The Hess Ice Rink on Mitchell Road is looking for part-time people to work 15-20 hours per-week evenings and weekends. Duties for these minimum-wage positions include general maintenance of the rink and working the concession stand. For more information, call Rick at (724) 658-6332.

Kinsman Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time youth director to work two hours-per-day, two days-per-week. This position in located in Kinsman, Ohio, which is about 45 minutes away, and pays $2,000 a year. For more information, contact Dr. John Helgeson at (330) 876- 4485 or (330) 876-7200.

The Wexford Community Presbyterian Church is looking someone to fill a part-time youth ministry position. For details, call Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338.

The Presbyterian Church in Vienna, Ohio, is searching for a choir director for its four-part choir Sept. through May. Duties include a performance each Sunday morning and approximately 10 outside services. This position offers $2,340 per year. For more information, contact Vickie at (724) 962-2482 or e-mail vfsofi@pgh.net.

WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh is looking for a part-time traffic assistant to work 25 hours-per-week. Duties include processing and scheduling commercials and continuity. Good clerical, typing/keyboarding skills, and reading skills as well as a pleasant phone manner a must. Broadcasting experience and computer knowledge preferred. Send resume and cover letter to: TDA-0817-PT, WTAE-TV, 400 Ardmore Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15221. No phone calls.

ADC Telecommunications in McMurray is looking for a human resources intern, a marketing intern and an information technology intern. For more information, contact Janet Waugman at ext. 6338.

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For Sale: Textbooks and activated CD Rom for physics 151 and 152, $95. Call Jill at (330) 448-4112.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 3
1:00 pm Volleyball Invitational @ Mount Union, OH
8:00 pm CPC Presents Eighties Rock - Music in the Video Age - Down Under

SATURDAY 4
10:00 am Cross Country Fisher Invitational (H)
1:00 pm Volleyball Invitational @ Mount Union (OH)
2:00 pm Football @ Michigan Tech
TBA Men's Soccer "Kelme" Tournament @ West Chester
7:00 pm Mass — Chapel
8:00 pm Eighties Dance - Down Under
TBA Zeta Tau Alpha Back-to-School Picnic

SUNDAY 5
TBA Men's Soccer "Kelme" Tournament @ West Chester
7:00 pm Vespers - Chapel
9:00 pm Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 6
LABOR DAY
Last Day to ADD/DROP (No Fee)
11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
3:00 pm Women's Tennis @ Grove City
4:00 pm Women's Soccer @ Slippery Rock
5:30 pm Panhellenic Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 pm Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
6:15 pm Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112-113
6:30 pm Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 pm Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 pm Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230

TUESDAY 7
9:00 am First Day of Preschool — Preschool Lab
4:00 pm Men's Soccer @ Laroche
6:00 - 8:00 pm VISA Volunteer Fair - TUB Lounge
6:00 pm Class of Continuing Education Comics Course, Beginning Level - HSC 152
7:30 pm Foreign Film Festival - Down Under
8:00 pm Meeting with El. Ed. Field Experience Students - Chapel

WEDNESDAY 8
LAST DAY FOR A 90% REFUND
11:30 am Faculty Forum: Verena Botzenhart-Viehe, "Mephisto's Capital: Berlin in the 20th Century" — TUB A/B
4:00 pm Women's Soccer vs. West Virginia Wesleyan (H)
5:00 pm Student Alumni Association Meeting - TUB A/B
7:00 pm Volleyball @ Allegheny
7:00 pm SGA Meeting - TCF 116
7:30 pm First Class of Continuing Education Conversational German, Beginning Level — PH 112
8:00 pm Student Pre-Law Association Kick-off Meeting - PH
8:00 pm CPC Meeting - TCF 116
8:30 pm SAVE Meeting - TCF 111
8:30 pm Habitat for Humanity Meeting — TUB A/B
9:30 pm Seekers Meeting - TBA

THURSDAY 9
11:00 am Support Staff Meeting — TUB A/B
3:00 pm Women's Tennis vs. Grand Valley State (H)
7:00 pm IFC Meeting - TUB A/B
7:30 pm Kuntu Repertory Theatre - Beeghly Theater
10:00 - midnight Back to the Beat (Live Dance/Radio Program - Down Under

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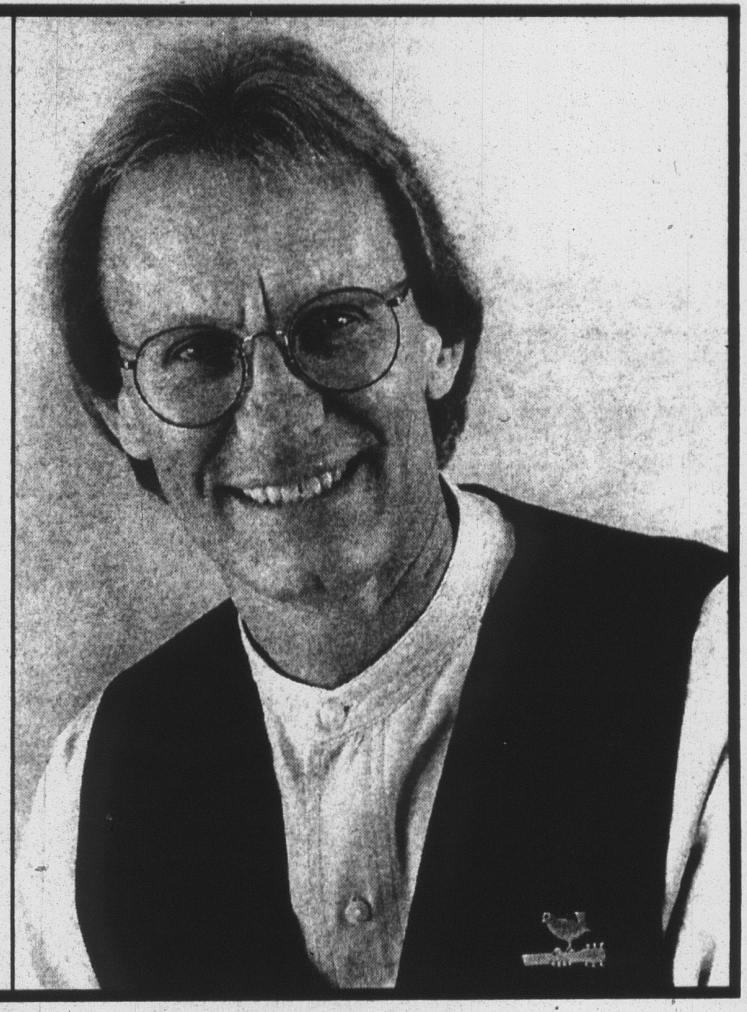

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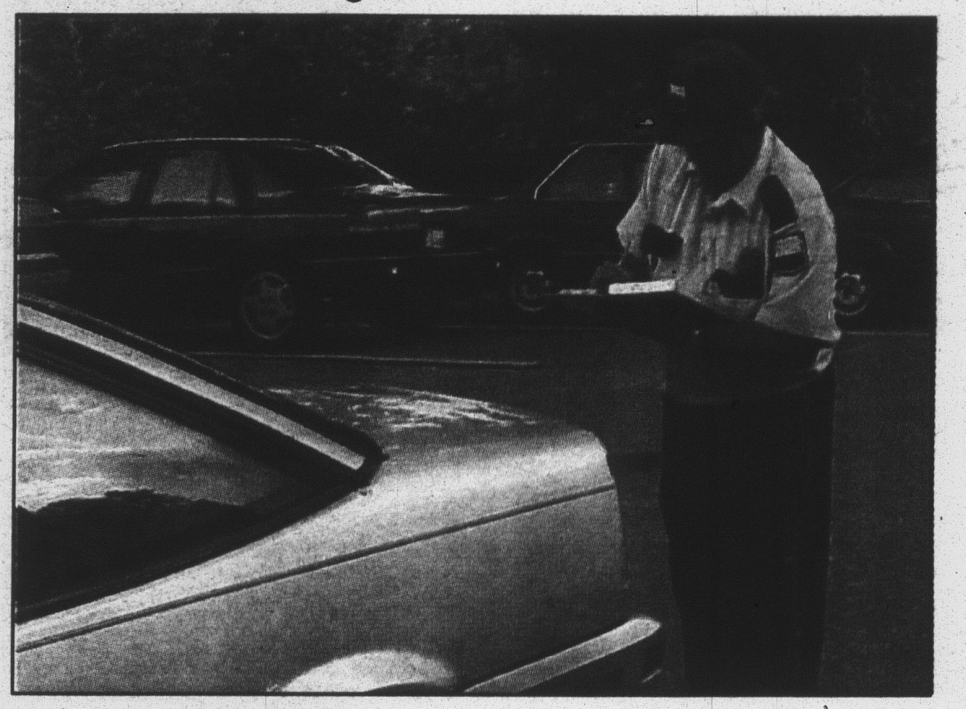

Photo by Courtney Behm

Parking ticket prices are up and security is using "the boot" if students don't pay.

By Christopher Campbell
STAFF WRITER

Students choosing to disobey the college's parking regulations may receive stiffer penalties this year, according to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs John Lechner.

Fines for illegally parking in a handicap spot will soon increase from $10 to $20. Campus Security will also be cracking down on students who park on campus without purchasing parking decals.

"I'm going to make it a top priority to identify the owners of those cars," Lechner said, sighting cars lacking decals as one of the main factors contributing to crowded parking lots on campus.

Though he would not explain how, Lechner went on to say that the owners of the cars would be identified. Security will record license numbers, makes and models of violators, and Lechner himself will use his resources to track down the owners.

If a repeated offender can not be identified, and refuses to pay the fines, a device called a boot may be installed on their car. A boot is a metal plate that attaches to one of the front tires, making the vehicle impossible to drive.

To have the boot removed, the driver must either go to Student Affairs and speak to Lechner or find an on duty security officer and present identification. Once identified, security will remove the boot, and the unpaid parking tickets will be added to the offender's college bill.

Lechner stressed that the boot will only be used in extreme cases, like when a student refuses to pay his or her fines and can not be identified for billing. "[The boot] is a last resort," Lechner said. "We'd much rather rely on voluntary participation and cooperation."

Student reaction to the booting of vehicles has been mixed, though some of the negative attitude may be due in part to misinformation spreading around campus.

Junior Marissa Grano heard rumors that after three parking tickets of any kind a car would be locked down. After learning of the truth about booting, she still remains wary of the policy.

"Tracking down security when someone wants to have the boot removed could take a long time, and they can take a long time to

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A fraternity with a whole 'Nu' outlook on life

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

This fall Sigma Nu will reopen for parties after two and a half years of being closed. On September 18, the doors will open at 11:00 p.m. to begin the first of many Saturday night parties.

The fraternity is looking forward to finally being allowed to have parties, after being on probation since the spring of 1997.

Mike Henry, President of Sigma Nu, says that though the brothers are excited to open, they do have some concerns.

"Our classes have never had to control parties," he said. "Being on probation has really hurt us in a way, because the brothers here now do not know what to expect."

Since 1997, the brothers of Sigma Nu have worked to correct their image. The house has been cleaned up, and the brothers hope that students will respect the new image.

"There is a new group of guys out here now, and we invite the campus to come out and give us a second chance," Henry said. "I hope guests will respect the house because there is a lot of tradition here."

John Lechner, Dean of Security and Inter-Fraternity Council advisor agrees with Henry. He says that he regards Sigma Nu in the same way as any of the other fraternity houses.

"This year is a new start for Sigma Nu. I am optimistic that we will work together with all houses to create and maintain a safe environment for parties," Lechner said.

Both Henry and Lechner have met several times, and Lechner is very impressed with the attitude and leadership Henry and the brothers of Sigma Nu have displayed.

"They are committed to improving their image and establishing themselves [as being] credible. I extend every benefit of a doubt to them," Lechner said.

As Dean of Security, Lechner admitted that there are going to be parties. It would not be college without them, but he insists that students be safe and responsible.

Sigma Nu has also created a list of rules that they are strictly enforcing this year: Minors that are guests to the house are not permitted to bring alcohol into the house. No hard alcohol is permitted in the house. No bottled beer will be permitted in the house. There will always be non-alcoholic beverages available (there is a soft drink machine). Students

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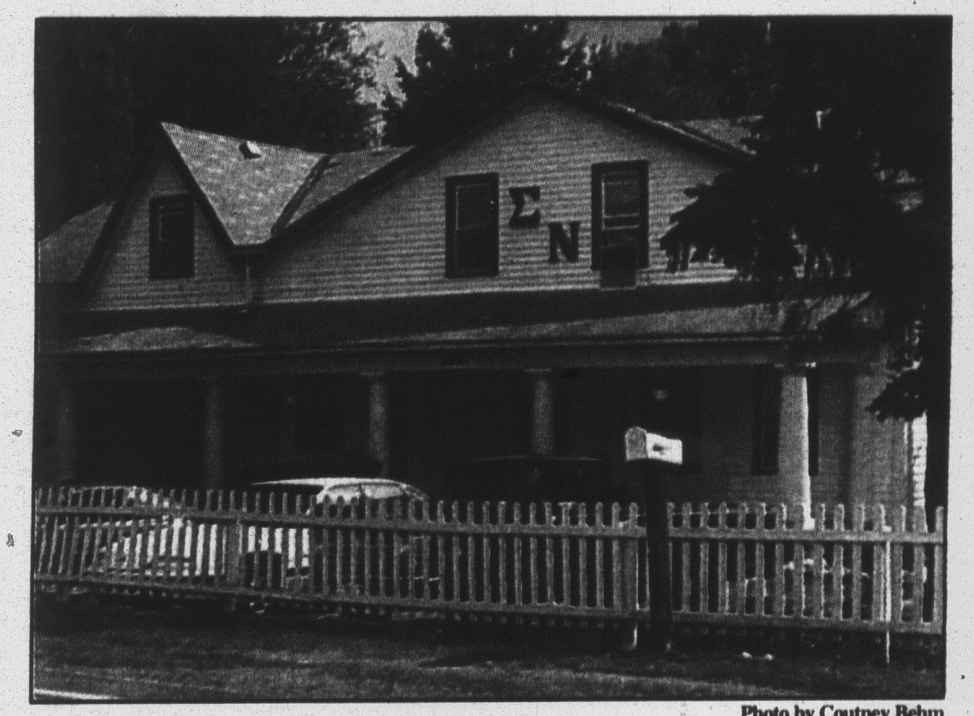

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The Sigma Nu house is open after a two year probation period.

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CAMPUS NEWS

College honored with national ranking

By Meghan Duda
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After being ranked in the most affordable national liberal arts college in Pennsylvania and a "best buy in college education" by Money Magazine, U.S. News & World Report's 2000 Guide to America's Best Colleges cited Westminster as one of the nation's best colleges in enhancing the educational achievement of its students.

The indicator, developed by U.S. News and previously called "value added," is designed to capture the effect of the college's programs and policies on the graduation rate of its students. U.S. News arrives at the score by measuring the difference between a school's six-year graduation rate for the class that entered in 1992 and the predicted graduation rate for the class. The predicted graduation rate is calculated using a formula that accounts for the standardized test scores of these students and the school's expenditures on them over the four years. If the actual graduation rate is higher than the predicted rate, the college is enhancing the students' achievement.

The school's 75% graduation rate was 15% higher than predicted. Spelman College in Georgia (+19%), Sienna College in New York (+17%), and College of St. Benedict in Minnesota (+16%) were the only national liberal arts institutions that rated higher in that category.

"We are pleased to be recognized by the national media for serving our students, which is Westminster's number one objective. Westminster is a student-centered college, and this ranking reflects that commitment," said college President R. Thomas Williamson.

The college's ranking is included with 161 other National Liberal Arts Colleges based on categories established by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. National Liberal Arts Colleges must award at least 40 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines and be more selective than those in the regional liberal arts category.

English department finds new home at West End

By Christopher Campbell
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

English professors and staff, including the Public Relations faculty, have a home for the first time since West Hall burned down a little over a year ago.

West End, a double-wide trailer located across the street from Ferguson Hall where West Hall once sat, houses the English and PR departments, as well as the Institutional Advancement offices (for fundraising and Celebrity Series).

The rented building and furniture will serve as a temporary home until renovations on Thompson Clark Hall (TCH) are completed.

The Physical Plant moved much of the staffs' belongings from their offices to the new building shortly before school began.

The move has caused a few problems. Some faculty are still living out of boxes due to furniture mix-ups by the rental company, while others experienced problems with their lighting.

"It's like moving into any new place, there will be some hitches when you first move in," said PR faculty member Suzanne Prestien.

"It's a long process, living out of boxes for a little while, and the lighting is kind of aggravating," added English Professor Dr. Richard Sprow. "But we're in pretty good shape for a temporary unit, and all the important things like computers and phones seem to be working."

One of West End's perks is that it brings the English and PR faculty back together, instead of them being spread out all over campus like last year.

"I've heard everybody say that they are very glad to be back together, and I've seen people running in and out of offices and standing in the halls talking," said Prestien. "I think that's probably the main benefit [of West End]."

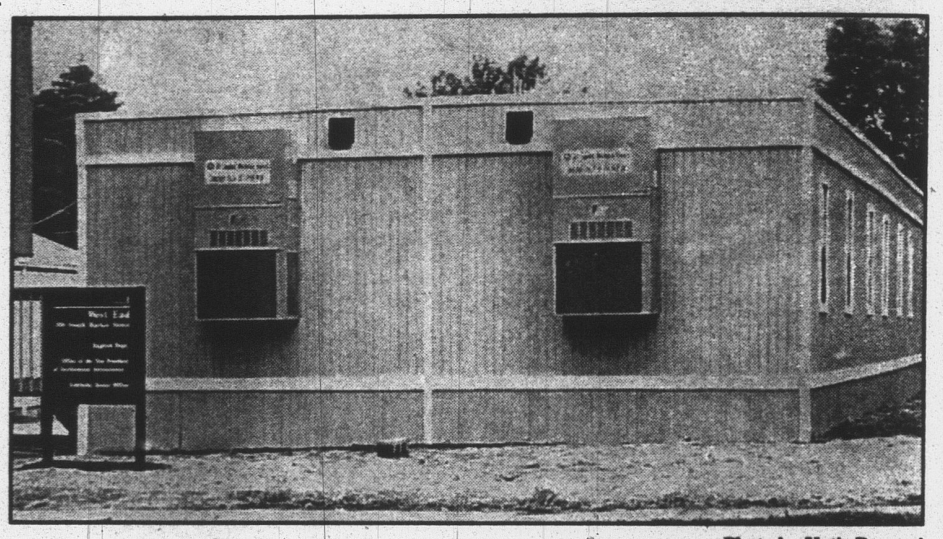

Photo by Katie Brentzel
After the West Hall Fire, the English Department is happy to have a new home.

Some students also find West End convenient.

"I'm happy that I don't have to wander all over campus trying to find my professors," said senior public relations major Chris Comtois. "It's nice to have the department all under one roof."

"The rooms are very nice and very clean, but I find the construction outside a nuisance, and the other day I tripped over a ladder," said senior public relations major Chrissy DiCicco.

According to Dr. Sprow, a member of the TCH renovations committee, the fundraising for TCH is on schedule for the January 1, 2001 move. The English and PR departments are to be located on the third floor of TCH.

Campus happy McTaggart is back to the classroom

By Brad Dell
COPY EDITOR

English professor Dr. William McTaggart returned to the classroom this fall after recovering from an attempted suicide on March 26.

McTaggart, who suffers from clinical depression, spent several days in intensive care at St. Francis Medical Center and two weeks in Western Psychiatric Hospital in Pittsburgh before returning home to complete his recovery. Effects from the attempted suicide, including loss of his short-term memory, kept him from finishing the second half of the spring semester.

McTaggart's memory improved steadily over the summer. In August, Dean of Academic Affairs John Deegan received word from McTaggart's doctors that he was mentally prepared to teach again.

"I am thrilled to be back. I cannot think of any faculty member who loves students more...especially freshmen," said McTaggart, who has taught in the English department since 1975.

To see McTaggart teaching again pleases students as well.

"He is the greatest teacher I've ever had. I am so happy he's back," sophomore English major, Ryan Saeler said.

Last fall McTaggart taught sophomore Laura Stanley and he is teaching her again this semester. Stanley said that she has detected big improvements in McTaggart's disposition.

"He seems a lot more cheerful than last year," she said. "The sadness seems to be gone."

The English faculty has fully supported McTaggart through his recovery process. They too are happy to see him back in the role of professor.

"He needs to be in a situation where his mind is working again," said Dr. Richard Sprow, head of the English Department. "That's why we are anticipating that once the semester gets started and he gets back into the routine of his classes he will continue to improve."

To provide even more support, three English professors will sit in on each of McTaggart's classes to aid him as he gets reacquainted with the classroom.

"We are a close faculty, who genuinely care about one another," McTaggart said. "This is an opportunity for them to care about me."

Deegan initiated the plan to have professors sit in on the classes.

"The fellow faculty members are there to be a resource to Dr. McTaggart if he needs it," he said.

McTaggart agreed with Deegan's recommendation.

"I think it's a great idea. I'm still recovering, so [having other faculty present] is only fair to the students."

Sophomore English major Scott Hauser also said that he agreed with Deegan's recommendation.

"I think it is a necessary precaution...for a temporary basis."

Sprow, who is sitting in on one of McTaggart's freshmen writing courses, spoke highly of McTaggart's teaching thus far.

"He is back doing his thing - returning to his usual humor and craziness," he said.

This fall McTaggart is teaching "The Beats", and two sections of freshmen writing.

"It is the perfect schedule for him," Sprow said. "He has taught writing forever. And 'The Beats' are his specialty."

McTaggart showed particular interest in teaching his freshmen classes.

"If all I taught was freshmen [composition] I would be happy," he said.

He has already made a positive impression on one of his writing students.

"I've learned a lot from him so far. He really keeps my attention in an hour and a half class," freshman Jaime Lynn said.

As he returns to the helm of the classroom, McTaggart has the blessing of the college community.

"I'm exceedingly pleased to have Doc back in the classroom and am confident that he will be able to fulfill his professorial responsibilities at the high level of competence that he has in the past," Deegan said.

"I'm just glad things are getting back to normal," McTaggart said. "I'm teaching again which is wonderful."

Activities Fair gives students a taste of campus organizations

By Christopher Campbell
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The activities fair last Thursday at the amphitheater gave campus organizations a chance to introduce themselves and distribute information to freshman.

About 40 organizations participated. Each was given a table to display information, pictures, sign-up sheets and more.

"The event went really well," said senior Leigh Forejt, who was in charge of the fair. "We had a lot of student support, and many upperclassmen attended as well."

Some organizations chose to do a little extra to get the attention of students. Titan Traverse facilitators set up a tent and made bagel sandwiches with Spam. The Student Alumni Association served chips and soft drinks in collectable cups, and held their annual bonfire afterwards.

Freshman reaction to the fair was generally positive.

"Being new to the college, I haven't been exposed to all the opportunities to get involved," freshman Anne Smith said. "Attending the Activities Fair showed me that there really is a lot out there. I also got to try my first, and last, Spam sandwich."

Freshman Jared Gashel was also impressed.

"The Activities Fair opened my eyes to the numerous opportunities on campus," Gashel said.

Freshman Kevin Culp did not share the same views. "I attended the fair to get information on intramural sports and couldn't find one table."

The Activities Fair is part of the Fresh Start program.

Photo by Brandon Cleary
The Activities Fair is a time to find out how to get involved on campus.

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will be required to present their college ID as well as their driver's license to confirm their age.

All upperclassmen, non-Greek students must be put on the guest list. Non-Westminster students must be put on the guest list by the Thursday before the Saturday night party. Anyone not on the guest list will not be allowed in the house.

Along with these rules, Henry reminds students to be responsible and use the Happy Bus rather than driving to the house.

Henry also wishes to dispel the campus rumthat Sigma Nu will be going dry in the year 2000. This is not true. They are permitted to have alcohol at the parties as long as 3/5 of the national fraternities on campus do not go dry. But, if for example Theta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon went dry in 2000, Sigma Nu would have to go dry as well. At larger universities, chapters of Sigma Nu will go dry in the near future.

The brothers of Sigma Nu are looking forward to a new start this year.

"We haven't seen a party since my freshman year. We're all pretty excited about it and look forward to having a good year with our friends and the college community at the snake house," senior Dan Knause said.

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respond to a phone call," Grano said. "What if someone has an emergency and can't use their car right away? It's a long shot, but something very bad could come of this, and it will be a PR nightmare for the school."

Other students disagree.

One senior, who wished to remain anonymous, thinks violators deserve to be booted.

"I don't understand how students at this school can be so cheap," he said. "I have friends at other schools paying literally hundreds of dollars to park, and we can't cough up $20!"

Senior Coley Donegan agrees. "In the grand scheme of a college career, $20 is barely a good start at the Lube."

Lechner also pointed out that the price of a parking decal is cheaper here than at most other schools. Once a student pays two $10, or one $20 handicap violation, the student has equaled the cost of the decal.

Parking decals may be purchased from Student Affairs.

Men living in fraternity houses must purchase commuter decals to park on campus.

Full explanation of the college's motor vehicle regulations is available in pamphlet form at the Office of Safety and Security, located in the Student Affairs office in Old Main.

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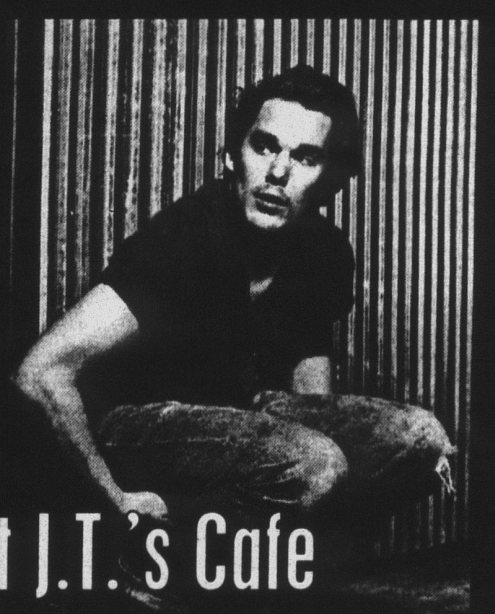
Performing Friday night at J.T.'s Cafe
"If you're not there, where are you?"

New directors bring change to music department

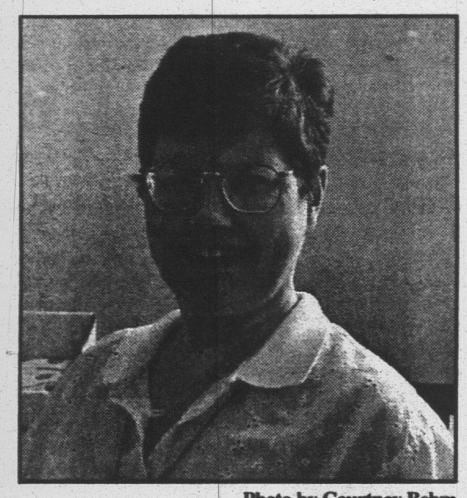

Photo by Courtney Behm
Three new faces replace Broekers in music department

By Darcie Yobp
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Angela E. Broeker and Jay D. Broeker, former choir director and instructors of music, moved to Minnesota this summer. Their departure left room in the music department for the new faces of Margaret A. Gingerich, Evelyn M. Callendar, and Dean M. Wilson.

In June, Dr. Broeker sent letters to all her former students informing them of the move. She explained in the letter that both she and her husband were offered positions in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area that were simply "too great to decline."

According to Dr. Broeker, Mr. Broeker is now employed in his "dream job," working at one of the 10 best private elementary schools in the country in a position "vacated by his music education mentor."

Dr. Broeker was hired at the University of St. Thomas as the Director of Choral Activities. She denied that her leaving was a result of being 'burned out.' However, Dr. Broeker did say that her "teaching load in Minnesota will allow her to be a wife, mom, middle-aged woman, etc." She added that, "It might also allow for gardening, volunteer work and other activities that nourish my soul."

Dr. Broeker wrote that her regrets about leaving were "related to her students and the incredible choral program we've built here." She said that she will "miss many, many colleagues and the position the program holds in the community." However, she felt confident that "the music department will work vigorously...to secure a choral faculty person as well as part-time instructors...[and that] the incredibly wonderful Westminster choral students will welcome the replacements with...warmth and support."

Dr. Broeker's choirs were divided among Gingerich and Callendar. Gingerich has taken the helm of the Concert and Chamber choirs, while Callendar directs Women's Chorus. Callendar also teaches Mr. Broeker's music theory lab, while Wilson has taken over Mr. Broeker's music education classes.

Gingerich, a doctorate student at Indiana University, said she was "very impressed with Westminster so far. The town and campus are lovely, and the people are extremely friendly and dedicated...and are here because they want to be."

Gingerich said she is excited with the fact that she can select any piece of music and know her choirs can handle it.

Gingerich's teaching approach is to "help students learn how to help themselves." But she also wants to ensure that "her choirs have an experience that will stretch them and increase their love of music."

Callendar, 57, said she believes working with college students will help her stay youthful.

With a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's in education from Westminster, Callendar has a long history with the college. She has also worked with Honors Choir, a group of local high school students selected to rehearse and perform a concert on campus every November.

She also has experience as a choir director, having taught chorus for 32 years at Knoch High School in South Butler County before retiring this June.

She said she was amazed at the differences between teaching high school and college choirs.

"I explain something once [to students here] and it's picked up on. Students ask questions and are open and willing to discuss."

Describing herself as a laid-back, questioning observer, Callendar said she believes that music is one of the most important avenues for teaching communication and understanding.

"It has a lot of depth; you can find everything in music," she said.

Wilson, who replaced Mr. Broeker, said he has found "sheer joy and satisfaction" in music.

Attaining a bachelor's degree from Mt. Union College and a master's degree from Youngstown University (both in music education) and teaching music education at Boardman Elementary for 25 years, Wilson seems prepared for his new position.

Wilson said he was most proud of "the number of students that have developed an interest in music as a result of the experience they had with me in elementary school." He now hopes to motivate Westminster students to excel in music education and to "pass on the bag of tricks needed to succeed in the profession."

Students expressed sadness over the loss of the Broekers, instructors not only greatly respected and admired by the majority of students, but also regarded by many as friends.

Students also seemed eager to begin a new choir season and get to know their new directors. "It will take some time for the students and directors to get used to each other," Sophomore Concert Choir member Heidi Langdon said, "but I think we have a good year ahead of us.

New director welcomed into theater department

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

The Theatre department has experienced many new changes this year. Students and faculty hope to take it in a direction of growth.

David Guthrie, former director of the theatre department, retired last June. For 27 years, Guthrie acted as Technical Director of Theatre Westminster, before he took over as Director in 1998.

Eileen Hendrickson, who earned her masters from Northwestern University, was hired to replace Guthrie as teacher and director for the year while the college and the department search for a person to fill the position permanently.

Hendrickson is no stranger to the college. Over the past twenty years, she has choreographed and directed numerous Theatre Westminster productions as well as teaching several classes for the speech department.

"I think it's fun to be a participant in a growing program," she said. "I have felt nothing but support and affection from the students, and the faculty (not even just the theatre faculty) has welcomed me with open arms."

Junior Kristy Brodner is very excited about Hendrickson's arrival.

"Eileen is the first woman director that we have had since I have been here. It will be great to have a woman's perspective on theatre and acting," she said.

In Guthrie's absence, Technical Director and Designer Leslie Thomas has become the unofficial head of the theatre department.

"If the program goes in any direction, I take it. I enjoy being in the position to do some things we haven't done before," said Thomas.

Among some new ideas for the Theatre this year is a trip to Clarion College to participate in the American College Theatre Festival. As the department's first entry into the festival, it marks Theatre Westminster's maiden voyage into competition and showcase with other colleges. The Festival is part of a national organization that divides the U.S. into 10 competing regions, with the finalists performing in Washington, D.C.

The American College Theatre Festival will be held at Clarion the week before school begins in January. The four-day event will provide students with the opportunity to see what other schools and students can do. The department will compete with other small to mid-sized colleges such as Clarion, Youngstown State, Slippery Rock, Pitt, and the University of Buffalo.

"This is a time when small schools like Westminster can compete with the biggest, brightest and the best," Thomas said.

Another change in the department is the restructuring of curriculum. Thomas says that within the next couple of years the department will add directing and stage management as areas of study. Eventually costuming and makeup will be added as well. Thomas hopes that a guest instructor will teach these studies.

Other changes this year include a High School One-act Festival in March and a high school overnight visitation. The visitation will allow students interested in theatre to stay with a student host from the Theatre department, see a production, tour the facilities and then participate in the Saturday morning campus visitation.

Three of the five productions for this year have already been decided. The season will begin with *The Miracle Worker*, to be directed by Hendrickson and performed on November 10-13. Auditions for this production will be held on this Monday and Tuesday September 13 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beeghly Auditorium. A matinee for high school students will open the show on November 10.

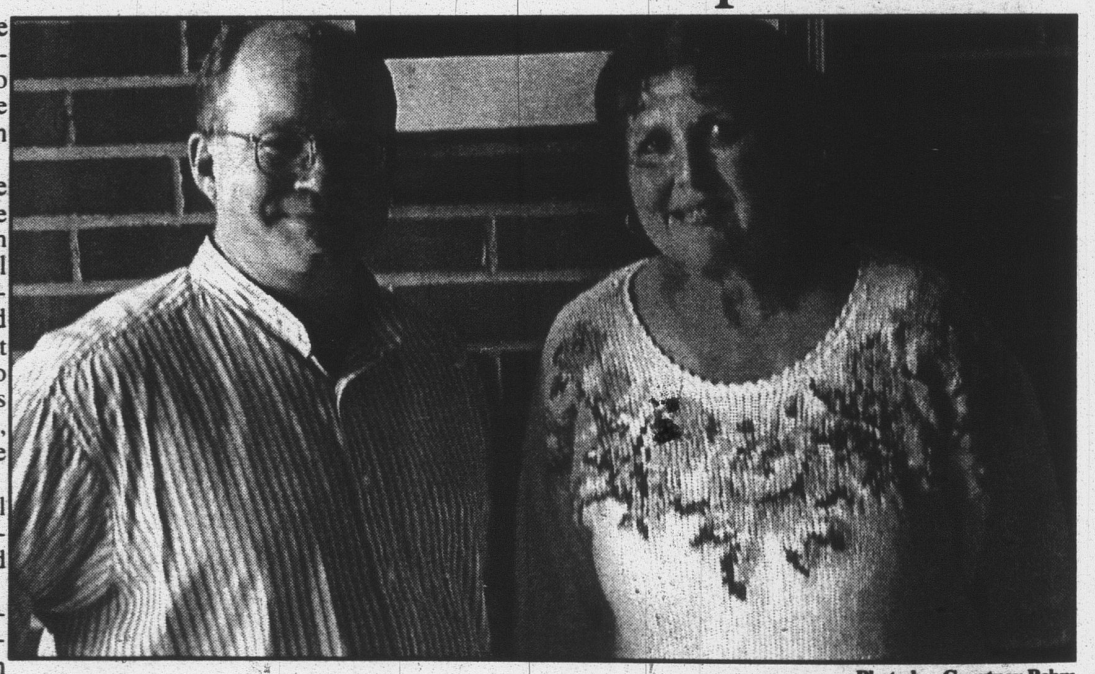

Photo by Courtney Behm
Thomas and Hendrickson are optimistic of new season.

Alpha Psi Omega, the student-run theatre honorary will produce *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*. This hilarious comedy will be performed December 3 and 4 in Beeghly Theater and will be under the direction of Sophomore Brad Dell. Open auditions will be held this coming Wednesday September 15 at 8:00 in Beeghly Theater.

Father Robert Miller who directed last year's *A Man For All Seasons* will return next semester to direct the department's midwinter show. The show had not been decided at press time.

Alpha Psi Omega also plans to present the third annual Student Directed One-Act Festival to be held on St. Patrick's Day weekend in the Down Under.

Eileen Hendrickson will finish out the 1999-2000 season by directing *Hobson's Choice*, British comedy that will run the last weekend in April.

The Theatre Department hopes that the changes this year will raise the interest in theatre.

"There has been a steady decline over the years and I wish to improve that starting with these changes," Thomas said.

Anyone interested in auditioning for *The Miracle Worker* or *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* may borrow a copy of the script to read from Peggy Flynn in Patterson Hall, Studio A (Music Department). Students interested in the behind-the-scenes positions for *The Miracle Worker* can contact Mr. Leslie Thomas at Ext. 7236 or see him at the auditions.

OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Internship turns out to be a life changing experience

By Meghan Duda
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Most students look forward to summer because it is a time to get away from professors, classes and cafeteria food. However, for some students, the summer is a time for continuing their education through internships, which prepare for the future.

Internships are required in many majors on campus, but for a few students, the experience becomes more than just educational.

Junior Mike O'Donovan, a psychology major and theatre minor, had the opportunity to intern this summer with Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic's Child and Adolescent Center. The program, a volunteer facility, treats children and adolescents. Some patients are recommended from inpatient facilities and schools, but walk-ins are also welcome.

"It was a life-changing experience," O'Donovan said.

The experience gave him the opportunity to work with 12 to 18-year-old children with a variety of psychological troubles. He learned how to run daily therapy groups that dealt with problem solving, anger management and cognitive behavioral therapy. O'Donovan participated in treatment team sessions, where the patients' progress was recorded and discussed.

"It was so much more than an academic experience for me," O'Donovan said. "I learned academic information such as different medicines and techniques, but I also learned about personal growth [like] how your own thoughts about different situations can make those situations good or bad."

O'Donovan said that he has applied to his own life techniques that he learned this summer, such as how to analytically think through situations.

The hands-on interaction with the kids was one of the best parts of his experience.

"We sat in groups and they were right in front of me," O'Donovan said.

He came out of the experience feeling that he played a part in the adolescent's progress.

Mike voiced some words of wisdom to those who participating in upcoming internships.

"Don't be shy and make the best of it," O'Donovan said. "Spend as much time as you can where you are interning and learn all you can. Talk to the people, state your opinions and give them feedback."

The supervisors of the clinic didn't treat him like "just another college kid," O'Donovan added thankfully.

"The staff who worked there made the difference. By the 3rd day I felt like I had been there for years because they looked at me as an educated adult. They never looked down on me. That made the experience a great one," O'Donovan said. "I appreciated the time and effort the staff members put in, and for everything they taught me and how they've helped me. They made it such a great experience."

Kenney gets a cultural awakening while in Spain

For many students, college in the United States is difficult enough. But imagine a student being thrown into classes where the professors did not speak her native language, the other students looked at her as a stranger and where everything around her was different.

Each year, a few students opt to study abroad in countries around the world including Great Britain, Spain, Australia, and Ireland. This past semester, a few students had the opportunity to visit another culture or as one described it, "another world."

"It was unreal," Katrina Kenney proclaimed as she began to describe her trip to Spain this past semester.

Kenney began her journey by traveling to Granada, Spain on January 1, 1999; she returned at the end of May. She reported that those five months changed her life.

Excelling in her classes, which consisted of Spanish Literature, Spanish Art History, Culture and Civilization of Spain, an oral and writing course and Geography of Spain, Kenney became very intrigued with the culture.

"People always say to step back and look at the situation from an outside point-of-view. The neatest thing about this trip was that I literally got to do this," Kenney said. "I got to step away from everything I knew into a country where no one knew me. I got to learn about who I really am."

Along with learning about herself, Katrina also got to learn about her place of origin.

"Spanish life is a lot different than here," Kenney said. "For example, the Spanish live life to enjoy life, not to work like Americans."

Spanish people work from nine to two and then break for lunch, their largest meal of the day. A nap, called a siesta, immediately follows. Then, they return to work from 5:30 to nine before partaking in a small dinner.

"The food in Spain was to die for," Kenney said. "It was so real, without all the extra stuff added in. It all tasted delicious."

On weekends the excitement of the night life goes clear until morning. Many Spaniards go out to the bars around midnight, stay until 3 a.m. then finish the night with dancing at the discotecha.

The experience also forced her to look at the US through different eyes.

"Everybody in the world can speak English but the majority of us can't speak anything else," Kenney said. "They (the Spanish) resent that." Katrina also commented that though many will degrade the United States, almost all want to travel here.

Katrina lived in a region of Spain that had a lot of Islamic influence. From her host family's house she could see the world's only standing Islamic Palace, one of the seven man-made wonders of the world.

Though she traveled "just about everywhere south of Madrid," Katrina said that her favorite place was Portugal.

"The people were awesome. They were very outgoing and the country was beautiful," Kenney said.

"If you have the opportunity, study abroad," Kenney said. "Stay as long as you possibly can. You will learn so much about yourself and about life."

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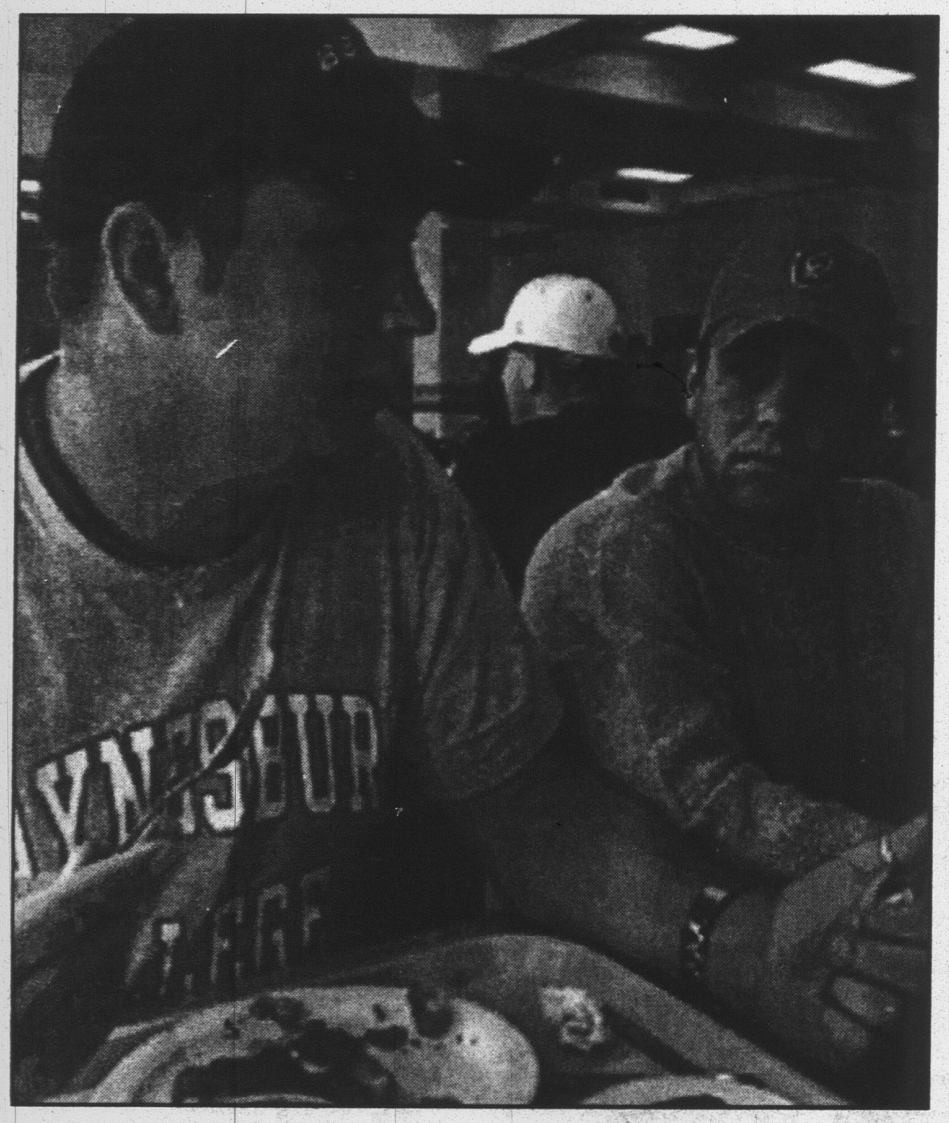

Waynesburg junior Jeff Dunn, left, says the elimination of Greek life has left "nothing to look forward to." But companion John Capobianco says students should respect the college's decision. (John Beale, Post-Gazette)

By Milan Simonich
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

Waynesburg College stood tall in the 1850s by opposing slavery and granting degrees to women. It taught the country a dramatic civil rights lesson in 1954 when its white football players supported a black teammate whom Virginia Tech University had tried to ban from the field. Now, as Waynesburg starts its 150th fall term, school trustees believe they have rooted out the last bastion of campus segregation.

The private college 50 miles south of Pittsburgh has outlawed fraternities and sororities, saying the members-only social clubs were at odds with the school's goals of scholarship and campus unity.

The decision, which most students learned about by letter during summer, has left members of Greek organizations embittered.

"I think it's biased," said Jeff Dunn, a junior marketing major from Mount Pleasant.

He said his fraternity, Alpha Phi Delta, had worked hard on clothing drives and the Habitat for Humanity program to help needy townspeople move into their own homes. He also enjoyed the friendships and social activities fostered by the group.

"Right now, there's nothing to look forward to," Dunn said.

But many of Waynesburg's 1,400 students say good riddance to the Greek system, with its rushes and pledges and arbitrary rejections of prospective members.

"I didn't notice any valuable contributions they were making to the college," said Amanda Sercel, a sophomore marketing major. "They were only concerned with their own club."

Sercel never attempted to join either of the sororities on campus. She found the selection process at odds with her personal beliefs.

"The whole Greek system is kind of like purchasing your friends," she said.

At Waynesburg, both town and college executives had been chipping away at fraternities and sororities for years.

College administrators placed Waynesburg's three fraternities and two sororities on probation in the spring after five members from each took part in the Greek Games, a series of drinking and eating contests that a beer company sponsored at a Waynesburg tavern.

Waynesburg students who are 21 or older are free to drink off campus. But the school, whose roots are in the Presbyterian Church, does not permit any organized promotion of alcohol, and the campus itself is dry.

While on probation, fraternities and sororities were banned from recruiting new members. Participation fell to about 55 students, or four percent of the college's total enrollment.

The town of Waynesburg also had made life difficult for fraternities and sororities.

Zoning amendments approved during the 1990s prohibited more than two unrelated people from living together in a home. The law made it almost impossible for off-campus fraternity houses to survive financially, and they were closed and sold to new owners.

Fraternity members felt under siege.

"This was bound to happen. Ever since I've been here, they've been trying to get rid of us," said Jason Cupac, a junior management major from Beaver Falls and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

He said he enjoyed being part of a fraternity because it gave him mentors and friends as close as brothers. That alone, he added, should have mattered to the college.

But Richard Noftzger Jr., a Waynesburg vice president and acting dean of student life, said fraternities and sororities were out of step with the school.

"We want a campus that affirms the unity of what we're doing. We want organizations that affirm that we are an educational institution. We want student activities that affirm that we are a Christian college," he said. Fraternities and sororities, Noftzger said, were not contributing to those goals and "the chasm between us was growing wider."

Robert Showman, a senior from Uniontown who is president of Tau Kappa Epsilon, said he believes the administration was shortsighted. He predicted that the demise of Greek life will hurt the college.

"They really don't look at the whole picture and see what we do in terms of helping people," Showman said. "They label us."

He complained that fraternity and sorority members were held to a higher standard than other students, even those with a public profile in Waynesburg, a town of 5,000.

"If football and baseball players wear Waynesburg College T-shirts while sitting in a bar, nobody tries to punish the whole team. When it happened with a few fraternity people, entire organizations were punished," said Showman, himself a catcher on Waynesburg's baseball team.

Waynesburg's police chief, Tim Hawfield, said fraternity and sorority members had caused no more problems for his department than other groups of students.

That is not to say the college population has always been easy to handle.

Hawfield remembered times when drunkenness, fights and rowdiness would flare, putting a huge strain on his seven officers. But under the leadership of Waynesburg College President Timothy Thyreen, he said, the '90s have been mostly calm.

Maybe things will be even quieter without active fraternities.

"I've got nothing to judge it by since school has just started. But this might save some skin off my nose down the road," Hawfield said.

Waynesburg's decision not to recognize fraternities or permit them on campus was made relatively fast. Other schools are being more deliberate.

A wide-ranging review of how to improve student life at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., was reported in the national press as a move to eliminate fraternities. That angered some Dartmouth graduates and the college itself.

A committee of students, trustees, alumni and administrators probably will offer recommendations for changes by spring, but the notion that the work was directed against fraternities was wrong, said Roland Adams, a spokesman for the Dartmouth administration.

Many who participated in Greek life at Waynesburg talk of reversing their administration's decision against fraternities and sororities.

But John Capobianco, a junior graphic design major from Vero Beach, Fla., is one fraternity member who believes Waynesburg has had its last rush.

"You can't draw blood from a rock," he said. "We have to respect the college's decision on this and move on."

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Barley and Brightbill unveil new plan

MANHEIM, Pa.. Joined by local farmers and other officials, state Rep. John E. Barley (R-Lancaster) and state Sen. David J. Brightbill (R-Lebanon) today unveiled Preservation 2000 - a new plan to preserve Pennsylvania's farmland and open space and support changing environmental concerns in communities throughout Pennsylvania.

Speaking at a farm operated and owned by Kevin Rohrer of Manheim, Barley and Brightbill explained their legislative proposal.

``Preservation 2000 will preserve the way of life we all love in Pennsylvania,'' said Barley. ``This plan will preserve Pennsylvania's precious farms, protect our open spaces and help promote smart land use across the state.''

``Preservation 2000 addresses the changing environmental needs of the new century, '' added

Brightbill. ``Our proposal is an excellent illustration of intergovernmental cooperation and government helping communities solve their own growing environmental needs.''

Barley and Brightbill are each sponsoring bills in the House and Senate to establish Preservation 2000. They plan to introduce the legislation officially when legislators return to session.

According to the lawmakers who represent neighboring counties, Preservation 2000 is a funding partnership between the state and county to preserve farmland, encourage sound land use, protect open space, guard watersheds, reclaim abandoned mines, support sewer infrastructure and invest in parks.

Barley and Brightbill explained that through Preservation 2000, the state will commit $500 million over 20 years, enabling all 67 counties to float bonds to alleviate farmland preservation waiting lists and help with other environmental needs.

Both men emphasized that Preservation 2000 is flexible to each county's changing concerns and ``puts the money they need directly into their hands - not in the hands of bureaucrats.''

Funding from Preservation 2000 will enable Pennsylvania's counties to address their most pressing environmental needs. Counties are required to offer a 25 percent match to state funds. Statewide, all 67 counties would share $20 million annually based on a capped distribution formula determined in part on their population.

Through Preservation 2000, Lancaster County would get an additional $19 million over 20 years, enabling the county to preserve the preservation waiting list in several years. Currently in Lancaster County, about 225 farms await preservation. About 1550 farms are waiting statewide. Lebanon County would see an additional $4.8 million to help preserve farms on the waiting list.

Brightbill and Barley were joined in Manheim today with support from other state and local officials.

On hand today were Lancaster County Reps. Katie True (R-37), Art Hershey (R- 13), Rep. Tom Armstrong (R-98), Rep. Jere Strittmatter (R-97), and Lebanon County Rep. Ed Krebs (R-101). Rep. Chuck McIllhinney, from Bucks County, Rep. David Argall, from Schuylkill County, and Lancaster County Commissioner Paul Thibault also attended.

Officials with the Lancaster County Agriculture Preserve Board including Jere Swarr, Denny Drager, Paul Whipple, Chairman Gene Garber and Director June Mengel also attended.

Executive Director of Lancaster County Farmland Trust Tom Stouffer, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry Government Affairs Director Mark Richards, Agricultural Services Coordinator Brent Landis and State Farmland Preservation Board Member Ken Rutt were on hand as well.

Barley and Brightbill have been working on Preservation 2000 with the Ridge Administration and the Department of Environmental Protection. Over the next few weeks, the lawmakers will take Preservation 2000 to other areas of the state.

The Rohrer farm has been in their family for more than 30 years. Their 140-acre farm has been on the county's waiting list since 1995.

Study shows seven in ten drug users work full-time

WASHINGTON (AP) - About 8 percent of full-time workers - or 6.3 million Americans - have used illegal drugs in the last month, the government reported today. Workers in restaurants, bars, construction and transportation were more likely than others to use drugs.

Nationwide, seven in 10 drug users were full-time workers in 1997, according to a new report that officials hope will dispel notions that most drug users are burned out and disconnected from the mainstream.

``The typical drug user is not poor and unemployed,'' Barry McCaffrey, the White House drug policy director, said a statement. ``He or she can be a co-worker, a husband or wife, a parent.''

The report, issued every few years by the Department of Health and Human Services, found 7.7 percent of workers aged 18 to 49 had used illegal drugs in the past month, a figure that has been steady since 1992.

HHS officials were using the report's findings to encourage businesses to establish treatment programs. Increasingly, drug users are working in medium-sized companies, which have the resources to establish these programs, they said. Still, 44 percent of drug users were working for small businesses - those with fewer than 25 employees, down from 57 percent in 1994 but still the largest category.

``Whether you are corporate CEO or a small business owner, you need to know that simple, low-burden, effective steps ... can increase workplace safety and productivity and lower substance abuse and its human and economic effects,'' said a statement by Nelba Chavez, administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the HHS agency that produced the report.

The report also found that in 1997:

-Young adults, men, whites and those with less than a high school education were more likely to use drugs than other workers.

-Nineteen percent of food preparation workers, waiters, waitresses and bartenders used illegal drugs. For construction workers, it was 14 percent; for transportation and material moving workers, it was 10 percent.

-Workers who used drugs were more likely to have worked for three or more employers, to have left a job in the past year and to have skipped a day or more of work in the past month.

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Family members arrested in child abuse

NORCO, Calif. (AP) -- A 6-year-old girl wearing only a diaper was found chained to a bed in a filthy home, and her mother and grandfather were arrested, authorities said.

Acting on a tip from an anonymous caller, Riverside County sheriff's deputies found the girl Tuesday in a house filled to the ceiling with trash and feces.

"Officers stepped into the house and were immediately overcome by the stench of trash from the floor to ceiling," Sgt. Perri Feinstein-Portales said.

Deputies found the emaciated girl in a filthy bedroom, wearing a diaper and tethered to a bedpost by a thick chain attached to a harness around her waist.

The girl curled up and cowered in a corner when deputies opened the bedroom door, Ms. Feinstein-Portales said.

"The child was not able to speak ... she was able to moan and make small sounds," Ms. Feinstein-Portales said.

The girl's mother, Cindi Sue Topper, told authorities her daughter had been chained to the bed off and on for five years, she said.

The girl, whose name was withheld, was taken to Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment of mal-nourishment and was in serious but stable condition today, nursing supervisor Brook Stuck said.

Ms. Topper, 39, and the girl's grandfather, Loren Bess, 76, were arrested and booked for one count of felony child endangerment.

Authorities are seeking to place the girl in the custody of child protective services, Ms. Feinstein-Portales said.

Scripps Howard Foundation establishes new fund

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) -- The Scripps Howard Foundation and the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism have established the Jack R. Howard Fellowships in International Journalism, providing scholarships to four international students a year beginning this fall.

"The journalism school extends its deepest gratitude to the Scripps Howard Foundation for its generous contribution to our international student community," said Tom Goldstein, dean of the graduate school of journalism. "The challenges journalists face are taking on global dimensions, with reporters called upon to understand and interpret the rapid political, social and economic changes taking place internationally. It is our hope that generations of reporters worldwide will graduate from the school equipped with the knowledge and skills to contribute to and advocate for free press practices."

Judith G. Clabes, president and CEO of the Scripps Howard Foundation, said the fellowships in international journalism are "a fitting tribute to Jack Howard, a man whose intensity and dedication to a free press were known the world over. I know Jack would be proud that the foundation that bears his family's name is helping journalism students from around the globe embrace the ideals to which he devoted a lifetime."

The students selected to receive scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year are Nguyen My Ha, Vietnam; Yiva Norberg, Sweden; Alfredo Sepulveda, Chile; and Alieu Sheriff, Sierra Leone. The journalism school's international program admits about 40 students a year from more than 20 countries.

In recent years, the popularity of the journalism school has increased abroad, but many qualified candidates are unable to attend due to limited financial aid. The Jack R. Howard Fellowships (a total of more than $40,000 a student) will provide full tuition and living expenses for four students a year.

The initial grant covers the next three years. The Howard Fellowships are expected to benefit especially students from developing countries, who often do not have the money to study abroad. Students will study the techniques of fact-based reporting and the practices of a free press, the mainstay of the journalism school's curriculum.

The expectation is that graduates will return home and make substantial contributions to the development of journalism in their own countries. To qualify for the fellowship, candidates must reside outside the United

States. Recipients will be selected on the basis of financial need, academic promise, and a desire to make a significant contribution to journalism.

Dedicated to excellence in journalism, the Scripps Howard Foundation is a leader in industry efforts in journalism education, scholarships, internships, literacy, minority recruitment/development and First Amendment causes.

The fellowships honor the late Jack R. Howard, a founding trustee and past president of the Scripps Howard Foundation. Howard also served as president and general editorial manager of The E.W. Scripps Company, parent company for the Scripps Howard newspapers and television station group.

"The Scripps Howard Foundation has made a visionary grant that will enormously assist the Journalism School in addressing the issues of global journalism and journalism that serves an international social concern," said Anne Nelson, director of the international program.

SAT scores may take into account disadvantages

To help colleges and universities with the sticky admissions process, the Educational Testing Service, the company behind the SAT, may soon label high-scoring students who have overcome adverse social backgrounds as "strivers."

The system still is in the research stages, but anti-affirmative action activists fear the acceptance of a model which takes into account a student's race.

Using survey questions at the beginning of the test, the system would consider 14 factors in determining a student's environment.

Issues such as parents' education level, family income amounts, attendance of inner-city schools, speaking English as a second language and having economically disadvantaged classmates all would be factors surveyed on the SATs.

Students who scored at least 200 points higher than the average student with a comparably disadvantaged background would merit the title "striver" on their scores.

University of Virginia Asst. Dean of Students Glenna Chang said the SATs have been criticized in the past for racial bias, and now it sounds as though they are trying to equalize.

Chang said she was unsure exactly how the University would handle the new information.

"My guess is that we would not take on this program unless it was proven widely successful by other schools," she said.

Karen Holt, Office of Minority Programs director, said it was unlikely that the system would have much influence on University admissions.

"We have a holistic process that takes so much into account during the application process that it probably won't affect us much," Holt said.

She said the tool would be more helpful for colleges and universities "that don't have the staff or the time to do what we do here."

"Many selective colleges already take into consideration the backgrounds of applicants, but this new system would provide profiles of students on a scale never before seen," said Joyce Smith, executive director of the National Association of College Admissions Officers.

"Can you imagine having a database of one million students annually?" Smith said. "From a perspective of having rich data, it's kind of exciting."

As an admissions officer, she said she would be more interested in acquiring socioeconomic information from the tool rather than information on race.

"We may get a more meaningful profile that we may use instead of our intuition or our gut," she added.

Black Student Alliance Co-President Fabienne Nicaisse said the tool may be beneficial, but that it could cause problems if race was one of the factors considered in the new survey. "It's a good idea to spotlight students [for whom] it was more difficult to get a good education, but if you add race in, it will just be targeted as a minority preference system," Nicaisse said.

ETS will continue to research the proposed addition to the SAT, and a detailed study will be released in the fall.

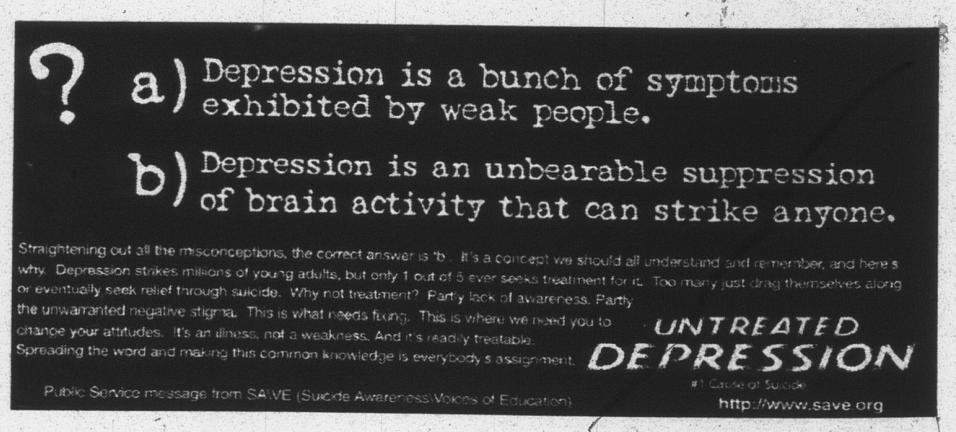
Topless woman incarcerated

SEATTLE (AP) -- A fire-breathing woman danced topless on an electrical tower beside a freeway bridge for more than an hour on Wednesday, snarling rush-hour traffic and forcing a power outage to 5,000 homes and businesses.

The 37-year-old Olympia woman donned a halter top and descended at the urging of police shortly before 9 a.m. She was arrested for investigation of criminal trespass and indecent exposure, police spokeswoman Carmen Best said.

The woman was first reported at 7:26 a.m. on a tower that carries electrical lines next to an interstate bridge over the Lake Washington Ship Canal. Wearing only shorts, she was gyrating, drinking vodka, spitting the liquor out of her mouth and lighting it on fire, Best said.

Seattle City Light cut power to protect the woman, leaving 5,000 customers without electricity.



INTERNATIONAL

Overseas bases become a worry for the Pentagon

WASHINGTON — Having declared itself ready to deal with any computer glitches as the year 2000 arrives, the Pentagon is now worried that 500,000 American troops and military dependents stationed overseas may face problems if foreign power grids, water systems or phone lines go haywire. With less than four months to go before computers around the world have to cope with the Year 2000 software flaw, senior Pentagonofficials say about 40 percent of the130 key foreign bases that the military is monitoring meet American standards of assurance that essential services will remain unaffected.

But the officials say that number is expected to climb rapidly as more information is gathered from local officials. The American military uses more than 300 installations worldwide.

The questions commanders are asking include: Will foreign air traffic control systems work? Will seaport cargo handling equipment function properly? Will automated security networks go down? Will civilian hospitals suffer power outages?

"We anticipate there will be some disruption, but we don't think it'll affect our warfighting ability," Deputy Defense Secretary John J. Hamre said in an interview. "We are concerned about what happens to dependent living on the economy overseas."

By mid-October, Hamre said, the Pentagon will decide where it may need to send backup equipment, like auxiliary generators, water purification machines and air traffic control systems, as a hedge again possible problems.

The Pentagon effort has touched some raw diplomatic nerves, as some countries or local officials have been reluctant or unable to give American officials technical details about safeguards against the problems that could arise because some computer software cannot recognize that the two-digit date 00 means 2000, not 1900.

"Most countries aren't going to tell you they have a problem, so you have to read between the lines of what they say," Hamre said.

To improve the reliability of their overall assessment, the Pentagon began dispatching teams of experts late last month from the military, American embassies, the Energy, Commerce and Transportation Departments and the Central Intelligence Agency to Europe, the Middle East and the Far East. Those experts are meeting with their foreign counterparts to fill gaps in information about specific bases and to ask about scores of ports, airfields and other overseas sites that the American military relies on but does not control, like the Suez Canal.

Most European countries, including Britain and Germany, are passing with flying colors, as are Japan, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, officials familiar with the assessments say. But the essential services provided to large numbers of American troops and dependents by some key allies, like Italy and Turkey, require greater scrutiny, the officials say. The military, of course, plans for all kinds of contingencies. Pentagon officials say the point of their review is not to demand computer safeguards or provide corrective measures, but to identify where the military may need to step in with help.

"In the end it's not important whether a foreign port works or doesn't work, but that we have a plan for that situation," said Peter F. Verga, a senior Pentagon troubleshooter for overseas issues.

Important bases in Italy, like Aviano, from which allied warplanes flew missions in the air war over Kosovo, are mostly self-sufficient, military officials say. But officials are less confident about services outside the gates.

"The concern is between the bases," said Maj. Jim Dudley, a logistics specialist for the Year 2000 computer issues for the military's European Command. "We use leased communications lines mostly from in-country utilities. They seem to be doing well, but we don't have a complete picture of where they are."

American officials express concern that the major earthquake in Turkey last month could set back that country's efforts to assess its potential computer problems. The military is also worried about outposts in South America and Africa, because many countries in those continents were late in addressing the issue, officials said.

The military's European Command is planning a major drill at Ramstein Air Base in Germany in early October to test routine operations, such as sending an electronic computer message or making a secure telephone call to another base, in situations where problems could occur.

Using information gathered by Government teams and from other sources, the State Department plans, later this month, to issue country-by-country travel advisories of possible problems.

The Pentagon and its regional worldwide commands have created taskforces to examine the issue of compliance by host nations. Hamre has ordered monthly briefings on the subject, beginning this month, and top military aides to the Joint Chiefs of Staff will brief the four-star regional commanders in Washington on Sept. 23.

To assess its progress, the Pentagon is using a rating system for the 130 key installations, using stoplight colors as benchmarks. The system evaluates seven variables: communications, energy, finance, safety, sewage, transportation and water.

A green light means that the Pentagon is confident that a service will be unaffected. A yellow light indicates that the military has yet to be persuaded that the system will function properly. A red light means that the country acknowledges that it will have problems.

"By and large, we have very few cases where it's red," Hamre said.

A sampling of the assessments provided by the Pentagon reflects how much the review is a work in progress.

As of last week, for example, most lights were yellow on the chart for the Navy base in Rota, Spain. Camp Humphries, an Army helicopter base in South Korea, showed a mixture of yellow and green. An Army garrison in Hanau, Germany, showed solid green. None of the briefing charts provided had any red lights.

There is also an important fourth category: white lights, which means that the information is unknown. Right now, many installations' charts are filled with white lights, and coloring in those blanks will be a top Pentagon priority.

"We don't want to be surprised," said Rear Adm. Robert F. Willard, who is overseeing the Year 2000 computer assessment for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Dozens injured in Athens earthquake

ATHENS — The strongest earthquake to hit Athens in nearly a century toppled buildings Tuesday afternoon, sending hundreds of thousands of terrified people into debris-littered streets. At least 30 people died, and nearly 100 were reported missing.

Dozens were injured by falling glass, concrete and marble slabs shaken loose by the 10-second quake, which had a preliminary magnitude of 5.9.

State television reported at least 27 people dead, including several children. Most victims were crushed. A few suffered fatal heart attacks.

The exact number of missing was not known. But the state news media said that 24 people were trapped in flattened apartment buildings and that 70 workers were unaccounted for at a collapsed factory that made foam products north of the city.

More than 100 buildings crumbled, including apartment houses and older stone dwellings, the state news media said. The most serious damage was in the Menidi district and other immigrant and working-class areas north of central Athens. Ancient sites including the Acropolis and the columns of the Temple of Zeus were apparently not damaged

Aftershocks as strong as 4.5 swayed buildings and kept people outdoors. Chunks of concrete and marble fell from buildings, landing on cars and bursting on streets and sidewalks. Windows shattered and sprayed glass shards on sobbing crowds. People at an afternoon concert at an auditorium screamed and raced for the exits.

Power and telephone service was out in many places of this city of more than five million.

The strongest quake in the area this century was a magnitude 6 in 1914 said Vasilis Papzahos, a leading earthquake expert in the region.

According to the Athens Seismological Institute, the quake, at 2:56 P.M., was centered 12 miles north of the capital. The epicenter was between Menidi and Mount Parnes, a sparsely inhabited national park area. The quake was felt 180 miles across the Aegean in Izmir, Turkey.

In Athens, people sought safety clear of buildings, on road medians, in parking lots and in the National Garden. The garden is near the site of a concert planned for later in the day to aid victims of the big quake last month in Turkey that claimed more than 15,000 lives. That quake had a magnitude of 7.4.

"Everyone panicked, especially because of the recent Turkish quake," said Dimitris Lalas, head of the Seismological Institute.

Since Athens experienced a strong quake in 1981, most buildings have been built and reinforced to withstand earthquakes. The area most damaged today was a lower-income zone where contractors tend to use less expensive building materials, officials said.

AP filePhoto

The 5.9-magnitude earthquake that rocked Athens Tuesday was the most powerful to hit the sprawling city of more than 5 million in nearly a century.

SPORTS

Volleyball team dominates pool play

By Meghan Duda
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The Lady Titan volleyball team sparked pool play with a perfect 4-0 record and a third place finish in the Mount Union Invitational this past weekend. Increasing their overall record to 6-2, the Titans lost just one match to Walsh in the 10-team tournament.

"It was a very well run invitational, with a lot of talent and good competition," Coach Tammy Swearingen said. "We played well all day until the last match."

Senior Shadra Kendall led the Titans to their first victory of the day against Shawnee State (15-5, 15-7, 15-3) with an impressive 11 kills. Freshmen Monic Asher and Suzanne Fitz both added to the offense with seven and five kills, respecively. Senior Danielle Kean tallied 19 assists and eight digs for an impressive all around play. Junior Sarah Verhoff piloted the Titans defense with eight digs and sophomore Shannon Simmons added three solo blocks to earn the win.

In their win over Mount Union (15-3, 15-1, 14-16, 16-14), Kendall, Fitz and senior Jessica Furman posted an outstanding 12 kills apiece. Fitz also added five solo blocks and Furman tallied three. Simmons added eight kills and five solo blocks, while Kean set up a season-high 52 assists.

Kendall and Furman again led in kills with 10 each against Siena Heights, with Furman also posting five solo blocks. Simmons and junior Andrea Cronie added six kills each in the win. Kean set up 33 assists, while Fitz posted six solo blocks. Verhoff again stood out defensively with 23 digs.

In their match against Carnegie Mellon (15-8, 15-11, 13-15, 15-2), Kendall set a new season-high record with 16 kills. Furman had a solid all-around game with 11 kills, two solo blocks and eight assists. Cronie and Verhoff tied for team honors with 22 digs apiece, while Kean recorded 45 assists and a pair of service aces. Simmons (six kills) and Fitz (four solo blocks) also contributed to the victory.

In the four game loss to Walsh (2-15, 10-15, 17-15, 7-15), which left the Titans with a third place finish, Simmons took team kill honors with 12. Kendall and Fitz each tallied eight and sophomore Meredith Etcher solidified the offense with six kills. Kean added 31 assists and 23 digs, while Furman posted four solo blocks.

"I really think that our team chemistry is beginning to gel together," Cronie said. "I think that is going to make a huge difference in our play."

Cross country teams host Fisher Invitational

The Titan cross-country teams kicked off their season by hosting the Fisher Invitational last Saturday. The men's team won, beating Gannon and Washington & Jefferson, while the Lady Titans came in second behind Gannon.

In the eight-kilometer men's race, sophomore Jake Gleason paced the Titans with his first-place finish of 27:08.

"He ran a great race for this early in the season," said Ron Galbreath, the Titans' coach. "I'm very pleased with his effort...proud of him really. "The Titans swept places 4-7 in the race. In 4th was senior Keith Schrag followed by sophomore Scott Fabry and freshmen Bryan Mackrell and Don Beckwith. They all finished in times between 28:09 and 29:04.

"Schrag's our captain, our leader, and he's right where he should be," Galbreath said. "And as a team, we've been training a little stronger."

The men finished with 19 points, beating Gannon's 43 and W&J's 69. Individual runners from Thiel and Pitt-Bradford also competed in the race.

Other Titans in the top 20 were sophomores Matt Rodjom (11th) and Brian Wilson (14th).

In the women's five-kilometer race, the Lady Titans finished with 40 points, behind Gannon's 26. They beat Thiel (114), Seton Hill (153), Washington & Jefferson (161), and Waynesburg (174).

Junior Jen Bennett won the women's race with her time of 20:32, 11 seconds ahead of Gannon's Jen Blose. Senior Julia McGlumphy finished in 4th place with a time of 21:13.

"They're both good strong runners," said women's coach Dr. Gary Lilly. "I'm definitely looking for them to lead the team again this year."

Three freshmen from West Middlesex High School finished in the top 20 for the Lady Titans. Kelly Schmidt finished 10th, Nikki Flickinger was 19th, and Briana Palko was 20th.

Also in the top 20 were sophomores Desiree Henry (14th) and Beth Butcheri (16th).

"Last year's team ran as a pack, and that's why they were successful," Lilly said. "Gannon did that today [11 of the top 17 runners] and that's why they won."

The women's race also featured individual runners from Pitt-Bradford.

Both cross-country teams continue their season this Saturday at the Thiel Invitational.

Photo by Brandon Cleary
The women's team placed 2nd in the annual Fisher Invitational.

Photo by Staff Photographer
The women's soccer team will play their first GLIAC game on Sept. 18.

Women's soccer drops two tough non-conference

The Lady Titans soccer team now stands at 0-3 after dropping two non-conference games to Slippery Rock and West Virginia Weslyan this week.

Though the The Rock was outshot 9-1 in the first half of play, a penalty kick put the Lady Titans at a 0-1 halftime disadvantage. SRU added an insurance goal five minutes into the second half to seal the win.

In their 1999 home opener against nationally ranked West Virginia Wesleyan, the ladies were defeated 4-1.

Wesleyan took control of the game early, scoring a pair of goals in the first five minutes for a 2-0 advantage. Freshman forward Katie Krone put the Titans on the scoreboard with an assist from sophomore forward Ashley Pyle. It was the first goal of Krone's collegiate career, while Pyle posted her second assist of the season. WVWU retook control, adding a pair of insurance goals for a 4-1 halftime advantage they would not relinquish.

The Titans were out-shot in the contest by WVWU 12-7. Lady Titan sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Morrison made seven saves in the loss.

The Lady Titan soccer team is back in action this Sunday, Sept. 12, as they travel to Moon Township to face NCAA Division I opponent Robert Morris College in a non-conference game beginning at 1 p.m.

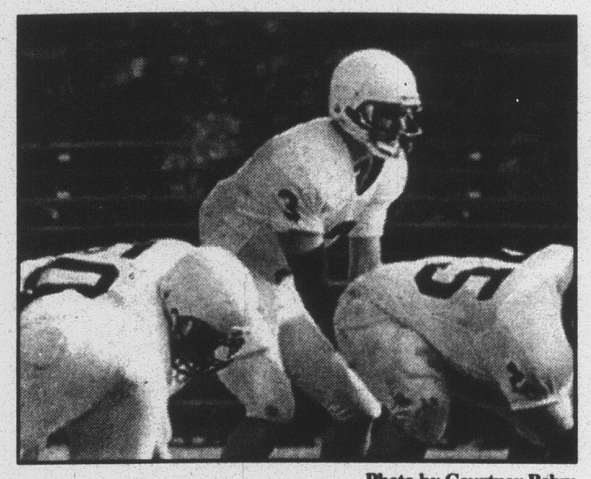

Photo by Courtney Behm
Senior QB, James Graham, takes calls out the play at the line of scrimmage.

Football falls to Michigan Tech

In a disappointing season opener, which was highlighted by five turnovers, the football team fell to Michigan Tech 10-0.

"Everybody gave a good effort," senior Don Kelley said. "We turned the ball over five times. You can't win games with that many turnovers."

The game started off on a bad note in their first possession of the game when the Huskies drove 51 yards on 13 plays before completing a 40-yard field goal by Todd Werner to take the opening quarter lead of 3-0. The Titans then answered with a long drive of their own, moving 74 yards on 14 plays, only to see the drive stall with a missed 25-yard field goal.

Again coming out strong in the second quarter, MTU's running back Jeff Dettwiler snagged the game's lone touchdown after a 55 yard, nine play sweep. This left the Titans at a 10 point disadvantage going into halftime.

In the second half, several scoring opportunities were unable to be executed with four fumbles in MTU territory. A nine-play, 65-yard drive in the third quarter resulted in another missed 25-yard field goal in the third quarter, and a Titan fourth-quarter attempt was stalled by a goal-line interception.

The offense was led by Titan senior quarterback James Graham who completed 18-of-30 attempts for 168 yards. Junior wide reciever Dan Detwiler showed his talent with four receptions for 49 yards. Senior tailback Jason Long led in rushing with 33 yards on 13 carries, while senior wideout Matt Dvorsak tallied five catches for 62 yards.

Defensively, R.J. Pabis, a senior linebacker, lit up the field with 10 tackles, including three for losses and one sack. Junior defensvie end Andy Soltes also posted a sack and a fumble recovery in the loss, while junior cornerback Aaron Stamp hauled in an interception, the 13th of his collegiate career.

Titans drop two at West Chester

The men's soccer team opened their 1999 season with two losses at the West Chester Tournament and a failed attempt at LaRoache this past week.

Opening up their season at the West Chester Invitational, the men who are 0-3 overall, were defeated by nationally ranked Davis & Elkins 1-0 in opening-round play and then fell 3-2 to West Chester in the consolation round.

"Even though we didn't get the results we wanted we played well as a team," junior forward Matt Nichols said. "It was a good step towards our season goals."

The opener against David & Elkins was climaxed by D&E's lone goal in the first half. The Titans dominated play throughout the second half, but could not score an equalizing goal.

"We created the opportunities to score," Coach Girish Thakar said. "We just couldn't execute."

Against West Chester, the men took a 1-0 lead into halftime on a goal by Nichols which was assisted by freshman midfielder Braeden Mathieu. West Chester answered with a pair of early second half goals for a 2-1 advantage. The Titans then knotted the score at 2-2 late in the game on a goal by freshman forward Luke Simon assisted by fellow freshman Pasquale Reino. However, West Chester rallied to score the game-winning goal with less than five minutes remaining in regulation.

"Overall, I was very pleased with their performance," Thakar said. "We had six freshman that saw playing time; everyone performed very well."

The weekend's extensive play may have taken the toll on the Titans, as they fell to La Roche College on Tuesday 1-0 in a non-conference game.

"We didn't play well," Thakar said. "It might have been too many games in four days but we just started out slow."

Despite their slow start, the Titans held LaRoche scoreless going into halftime. Going into the second half, the Titans dominated play but LaRoche scored the game's lone goal on a breakaway and long shot in the game's 70th minute. LaRoche won despite being outshot by the Titans 17-11.

The Titans look to break into the win column at their home opener Saturday when they host California University of PA in a non-conference game beginning at 1 p.m.

Photo by Courtney Behm
Men's soccer hopes to break into win column Saturday.

Women's tennis unsuccessful against Grove City

After a disappointing 0-14 finish in their first GLIAC experience, the women's tennis team is looking forward to using last year as a building block for the future.

Veteran Lady Titan coach S. Kipley Haas returns for her eighth season at the helm of the program, while Gerda Bretton starts her first season as Haas' assistant.

"While last year was a difficult one for us, our team kept their heads up and battled in every match," Haas said. "I think that experience will serve them well as we enter our final GLIAC season."

Four returning players are leading the squad this year. Senior Lynn Zolkowski and junior Ellen Johnston are joined by sophomores Shannon and Brenda Rowland. Haines led the 1998 squad with five singles wins as a freshman. Newcomers looking to make an immediate impact are freshmen Molly Householder, Suzanne Leyden, Anne Muir and Vicki Vroble.

Unfortunatly, in their first match of the year, a non-conference bout against Grove City, the Lady Titans were unable to score in the nine matches of the day.

"Though there is no excuse," Coach Kip Haas. "We only had five days of practice as compared to Grove City having already played three matches."

Though Coach Haas had hoped they would have done better, she is pleased with their performance.

"The returning players did well," Haas said. "We had a little case of the freshman jitters, but that will pass. Also, the doubles teams are just getting to know each other."

Haas believes that more match play will increase their performance.

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The CLEVELAND BROWNS

By J.P. Maszczak
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The wait is finally over. The Cleveland Browns will once again take the field on September 12th against an old foe, the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Browns' return to the NFL has been a heavily anticipated affair since former owner, Art Modell, decided to move the team to Baltimore in 1996. The rebuilding process has been slow, but President and Chief Executive Officer, Carmen Policy, has done a fine job rebuilding the Browns. Under the guidance of head coach Chris Palmer, one of the most respected offensive minds in the NFL, the Brown's 1999-2000 campaign will be filled with high points.

It may be somewhat strange to see the brown and orange out on the football field again, but there is no doubt the Browns will be an immediate threat to their opponents. The preseason was certainly a success for Cleveland, despite the number of questions and issues raised about player personnel. Of course, all eyes were on the Browns' number one draft pick from Kentucky, quarterback Tim Couch. But the guy does deserve some credit; he has done all the right things. He relocated to the Cleveland area as soon as he could, attended three minicamps and all the voluntary practices, and he seems genuinely dedicated to being a student of the game. He also showed impressive poise in the preseason. Although veteran Ty Detmer will probably start Sunday versus the Steelers, there will certainly be pressure on the Browns to throw Couch into the mix early.

The Browns' running game may be the one major problem facing the offense. Though he hasn't shown much giddy-up through the hole and beyond, Terry Kirby appears to be the number one guy. A running back who runs better after a catch, Kirby will make a good pass receiver out of the backfield. Fortunately, fullback Marc Edwards has shown some effectiveness running the ball, but will only be used in short yardage situations. Regardless, don't expect to see the Browns pounding the ball up the field on the ground very often. The offense is definitely going to rely on the passing game.

The success of the passing game is going to depend heavily on wide receiver Leslie Shepherd, who has recovered quickly from a groin pull that sidelined him early in the preseason. However, Shepherd clearly looks like the go-to wideout for the Browns. Although he is not grand in size, Shepherd is not afraid to go over the middle and challenge those hard-hitting safeties. His speed and athleticism will help to stretch defenses and make him a major contributor to Coach Palmer's big-play offense.

Despite the loss of middle linebacker Chris Spielman, the Brownies' defense is still filled with some big time veterans. Cornerbacks Corey Fuller and Antonio Langham, as well as strong safety Marquez Pope, put together an impressive secondary for the Browns. Due to the loss of Spielman, 13-year veteran, defensive tackle Jerry Ball is certainly going to have to fill the leadership role. Fortunately, linebackers John Thierry and Jamir Miller played well in the preseason. and they are arguably the two best players on the defense. The team chemistry is going to take some time to pull together, but overall the Browns have a good defensive base, filled with some prospective up-and-coming players. In addition to the 11 players on the field, one defensive veteran will play just as large a role for Cleveland - the new and improved Dawg Pound.

There is no doubt the Browns are facing an uphill battle this season, but with the combination of a new stadium and a new beginning, one can only imagine what they may accomplish. One thing is for certain: millions of Browns' fans have been anticipating this Sunday night for a long time. Even though Major League Baseball's inter-league play has featured the Indians-Pirates match-up, let's face it, the Bucs are not much competition...but then again, maybe the Steelers aren't either.

THE FACE OFF BEGINS at 8p.m. on ESPN

The Steelers

By Andy Porter
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

[illegible]s that time again. The professional football season is almost upon [illegible], and fans all over Western Pennsylvania can not wait for the opening kick off of the Pittsburgh Steelers '99-'00 season, which is less than a week away.

Hopes about the season are running high, especially after some dismal losses in the first couple preseason games. The rebounding Steelers preseason has been less than stellar. In fact, some fans are beginning to doubt their team even before the first regular season game is played. However, they should be reminded of the 1995 season when the Steelers won all five preseason games and were destroyed by Dallas on opening day. The preseason is nothing more than exhibition. Some still say that the team looks poor.

However, a few flashes of brilliance could improve the team dramatically. The team's number one draft choice, Troy Edwards, will be a key player in the Steelers newly revamped offense. He has great speed, something the Steelers have lacked ever since Yancey Thigpen went to the Tennessee Oilers. He gives the Steelers a formidable deep threat, which will keep opposing defenses on their toes. It may take some time before quarterback Kordell Stewart can get used to Edwards, but when he does the results should be excellent.

Another plus for the Steelers this year will be a healthy Jerome Bettis. Last season, the star running back was hounded by injuries. He was never able to break out and have a good and productive season. But with two strong knees, he should be ready to bang up the opposing team's defensive line, which will be good for Stewart who was sacked too often last season.

The Steelers have also dealt well with the problems of the offensive line, which gave them countless problems last year. The Steelers have secured many key players who will add depth to last year's tattered line. That depth increases Stewart's life insurance.

Evidence indicates that the Pittsburgh offense should improve this year. Not only did the Steelers' front office add key players at lacking positions, but they also hired a new offensive coordinator. Kevin Gilbride should be the perfect ingredient to remedy the Pittsburgh offense. His new system features deeper routes for receivers and more focus on passing to the tight end.

Finally, Pittsburgh has an offensive coordinator with some common sense. There will be no more fans grinding their teeth and screaming at the television when on third down, The Steelers throw the ball to the receiver behind the first down marker.

The Steelers look to be definite playoff contenders this year. The offense has greatly improved and the defense is as strong as ever. Last year the defense had few problems. The Steelers simply could not put the ball in the end zone. This year's promising changes and new additions should hopefully remedy that situation.

In just a few days the Steelers will show off their new team when they take on the Cleveland Browns. This rivalry goes back years before most college students were even born. This nationally televised event is Cleveland's first game in their new stadium. A nation-wide game against a hated enemy is the perfect place for the Steelers to show off the new players and new zeal that they now posses.

Even though every true Steelers fan harbors no sympathy for the Browns, many Steelers fans are glad to see the Browns return to football. Rivalries add great excitement for the sport, and this rivalry is one of the best in football. Afterall, every good guy needs a bad guy to beat up on.

The BROWNS *at a glance*

Head coach: Chris Palmer (firstseason).

1995 record: 5-11 (fourth in AFCCentral).

Key acquisitions:
DE Derrick Alexander (from Vikings)
DT Jerry Ball (from Vikings)
OT Lomas Brown (from Cardinals)
QB Ty Detmer (from 49ers)
CB Corey Fuller (from Vikings)
DT John Jurkovic (from Jaguars)
RB Terry Kirby (from 49ers)
CB Ryan McNeil (from Rams)
LB Jamir Miller (from Cardinals)
S Marquez Pope (from 49ers)
G Jim Pyne (from Lions)
WR Leslie Shepherd (from Redskins)
LB Chris Spielman (from Bills)
C Dave Wohlabaugh (from Patriots)

Key draft picks:
QB Tim Couch (first round
WR Kevin Johnson (second round)
LB Rahim Abdullah (second round)
DB Daylon McCutcheon (third round)
S Marquis Smith (third round)

You should know: That DT Jerry Ball, TB Orlando Brown and CB Antonio Langham all played for the old Cleveland Browns.

The STEELERS *at a glance*

Last year: 7-9, third place in AFC Central
Key returnees: QB Kordell Stewart
RB Jerome Bettis
LB Levon Kirkland

New faces:
OT Wayne Gandy(Rams)
WR Alex Van Dyke (Jets)
OT Anthony Brown (Bengals)
S Travis Davis (Jaguars)
WR Troy Edwards (first round)

New places:
WR Charles Johnson (Eagles)
S Carnell Lake (Jaguars)
S Darren Perry (Chargers)
NT Oliver Gibson (Bengals)

Watch out: Can Kevin Gilbride help Stewart return to '97 form?

Better than '98: Only if Edwards becomes a big-play wideout.

Worse than '98: Team lost valuable leadership in Lake and Perry

YOUR HEALTH

Head injuries cause long-term problems

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Researchers reported this week that two or more significant blows to the head received while playing sports can harm teen-agers' thinking abilities for years, and young athletes with learning disorders appear to suffer even worse long-term problems.

The findings, in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, are buttressed by two other new studies that found such injuries to be more serious and common than some coaches and parents might think. One study found that nearly 63,000 high school athletes a year suffered mild concussions.

"This is a major public health issue that has been given short shrift," said Michael W. Collins, a neuropsychologist at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit who examined the effect of multiple mild concussions.

Most people still believe that a concussion means getting knocked out, Collins said. But a concussion is any alteration in mental function after a blow to the head. Symptoms may be subtle: a headache, dizziness, difficulty with balance or memory, confusion or a personality change.

It has long been known that multiple mild concussions are more likely than a single episode to lead to long-term problems, and Dr. Collins tried to measure the difference.

His research involved 393 college football players and found that about 1 in 3 had suffered a concussion and 1 in 5 had two or more.

Those who had suffered two or more were significantly more likely to report continuing problems with headaches, sleep and concentration, and they scored significantly worse on paper-and-pencil tests of the ability to learn words, to think quickly and to handle complex tasks.

In another report, researchers explored how often concussions occurred in football, wrestling, soccer, basketball, softball, baseball, field hockey and volleyball at 235 high schools nationwide from 1995-96 through 1997-98.

There were 1,219 concussions, and 99 students suffered two or more, said researchers led by John W. Powell, a professor of kinesiology and an athletic trainer at Michigan State University.

A third article in the journal reported that amateur soccer players scored lower on tests of memory and planning than other amateur athletes did and that repeated blows to the head might be the culprit.

FDA investigates creatine's effects

Hyped by professional athletes and heavily trumpeted in glossy health and fitness publications, creatine's marketing hoopla and word of mouth among jocks has made it one of the fastest-growing sports nutritional supplements of the 1990s.

But creatine's status as the new muscle candy could soon change.

With use becoming widespread among high school and college athletes, the Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday issued a warning that anyone planning to use creatine should first consult a physician or health care professional. The FDA disclosed to USA TODAY that it is exploring whether creatine is linked to grand mal seizures in two users and a tumor in another.

The FDA and the National Collegiate Athletic Association also are investigating whether creatine played a role in the deaths of three college wrestlers, although NCAA investigators note that creatine may not have been a factor because all three were also on intense training or weight-reducing regimes. And despite widespread use among pro athletes, the Association of Professional Team Physicians said that 85% of its members won't recommend creatine until more studies are done on its effects.

Creatine supplements, initially marketed to weight lifters and bodybuilders, have been around for nearly two decades.

Considered a safer, legal alternative to steroids, creatine is taken by athletes in a variety of sports as a perfomance-enhancing supplement in the belief that it builds muscle mass, strength and endurance. A month's supply typically costs $15 to $50.

Overall, the sports community's acceptance of creatine is mixed.

Bill Bryan, senior team physician for baseball's Houston Astros said, "Creatine improves your ability to work out. (But) it does cause you to retain fluid, and most of the weight gain you experience is from the water you retain, not muscle mass."

There's no club policy banning its use, however.

"Some of the guys like it because it gives them a boost when they go back to the weight room. That's both physically and psychologically beneficial," Bryan said.

William Straw, team physician for the San Francisco Giants, doesn't recommend creatine because of reported side effects, such as dehydration, muscle cramping and intestinal problems.

"There have been some scientific studies that seem to show that in some events, such as sprints and swimming, there may be very, very slight improvements of performance," Straw said. "Other studies have not shown any significant difference. And at this point, I don't think there's enough information to say it's beneficial."

Straw isn't sure which players use creatine, but acknowledges its use could be pervasive. "If you tell someone that something is going to help them break out of a slump, they get desperate," Straw said.

In January, the NCAA awarded grants for three creatine research projects, but they won't be completed until July 1999.

The NCAA doesn't ban creatine. But in lieu of the FDA warning, Randall Dick, the NCAA's assistant director of sports sciences, said: "We're making precautionary statements that if you choose to use supplements you have to realize there are risks, and we don't know the long-term side effects."

The National Federation of State High School Associations has no plans to issue warnings to its 17,600 member schools.

"As far as we know, the jury is still out on the high school level. We don't have a sense of how widespread it's being used, but nobody has died from it," said spokesman Bruce Howard.

John Cordaro, CEO of the Council for Responsible Nutrition, the largest trade group for supplement makers, said when creatine was discussed in connection with the wrestlers' deaths, the council warned members they should make all scientific data they had available to retailers. A scientist with the group also reviewed creatine and concluded that "there was no need to come up with anything more specific."

"We're quite willing to be open and self-regulate when it is in the best interest of consumers," Cordaro said.

Marketing experts say an FDA caution is likely to have little impact on creatine sales. "There's a natural tendency of Americans to say if a product is available and there's no warning label, it can't be bad for you," said Alvin Schecter, chairman of brand and identity consultant Interbrand.

"And even if there is a warning label, it can be quite benign. The FDA will have to go further if they want to curtail it."

Learning to calculate a healthy diet

To calculate a healthy diet, dietitians start by keeping the fat percentage under 30, as recommended by the American Heart Association. Then, they plan a minimum of 10 percent protein. After that, they adjust the carbohydrates on the remainder of the calories.

Some people prefer more protein, less fat and a carbohydrates percentage closer to 50. All of these are within normal ranges and provide a healthy diet. Harshly restricting any of these three components of the diet may limit nutrients from those food groups, such as vitamins and minerals, as well as cause possible metabolic disturbances. The American Diabetes Association recommends the following breakdown:

protein — 10 to 20 percent
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carbohydrates — 50 percent

The minimum recommended daily protein intake is 10 percent of your total calories. This is what is used on food labels as the Daily Value. The amount of protein you need, determined by the RDA of the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences is, for a healthy adult, 0.8 grams per kilogram of desired body weight per day. Recommendations can go as high as 1.4 grams of protein per kilogram body weight (for athletes and people trying to increase body weight). This may work out to be 25 percent protein for total calories.

Let us say that you are an adult female, 5 feet 8 inches, and your desired weight is 150 pounds. Converted to kilograms (divide by 2.2 pounds), that is 68 kilograms.

If you are trying to lose weight, and you limit yourself to 1,500 calories per day, then 55 grams of protein is about 15 percent of 1,500 calories.

If you plan the appropriate protein level and keep the fat below 30 percent, the carbohydrates will fall into the 50 to 60 percent range.

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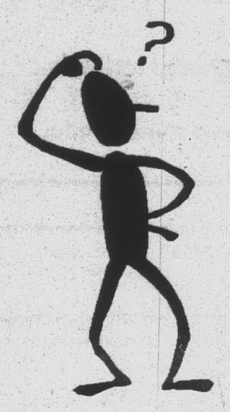

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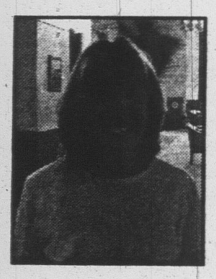
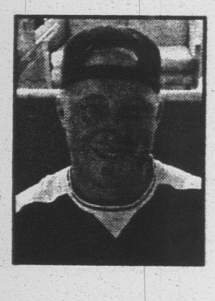


Senior Karen Mashuda "The dining hall is a big change and a lot of people are complaining, but I don't think it is that bad."

Amy Young, junior "Basically it's more variety, but it's crowded and confusing."

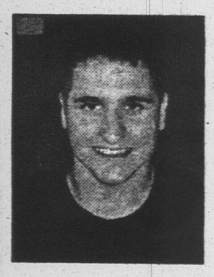
Annie Kalik, junior "The change in the TUB was a good idea, but prices seem a little high."

Crystal Kelly, senior "Overall quality of food is better. I like the pizza, but nothing else has changed that much."



Brian Rigby, junior "I thought the cafeteria food was good during football camp-it was better than last year. I didn't think there was that long of a wait, either."

Chad Phillips, junior "I like the changes. I especially like the pizza-it is nice to have the variety."



Matt Martin, junior "I thought the variety was good during camp, but it just took too long."

Holly Drum, senior "The TUB should use equivalency for everything like they did for the convenience store before. But I like what they did in the dining hall."

OUR VIEW: STOP COMPLAINING

Think back to last year.

Students were complaining about the quality of the dining service and disappointed with the student union (or lack thereof). Hillside residents were reporting drafty windows and a leaky roof. Jeffers residents were upset with the poor condition of the furniture. Students passing Old Main complained about the mysterious steam rising near the parking lot.

Now consider the past two weeks.

Students complain about the presentation of the food as well as long lines in the dining hall. They were upset that the TUB wasn't finished when they arrived on campus. Hillside residents were upset that the new windows weren't completely finished upon their arrival. Students talk about the inconvenience of the quad being filled with construction.

Complaining has become quite a campus trend. Students complain about the quality of life on campus. Then they continue to complain when improvements are made.

The cafeteria now has slightly longer lines. But students fail to realize they are longer because last year, there were complaints that the meals were not specialized to individual tastes. It may take longer to find a particular food, but now there are more options to choose from. It will only be a matter of time before students are used to the new design.

This year, Marriott has arranged for the food to be cooked for each individual. It may take longer for preparation, but students should be more satisfied with the quality of the meal. The burgers, grilled cheese sandwiches, and fries available are cooked when needed to ensure the freshness. Again, this makes preparation time longer, but the food produced is of a better quality.

Students are not the only ones inconvenienced by the wait. In order to have fresh food cooked to individual specifications, it is necessary to control the number of students entering the cafeteria at once. It comes down to one decision: Would you rather wait a few extra minutes at the door or revert to the buffet style dining where you had a limited choice of options?

The TUB Grille area was not finished when students arrived on campus. It was, however, complete for the first day of classes. While it is conceivable that students would anticipate the completion of remodeling, was it really an inconvenience to wait one, maybe two days at the most, to take advantage of the changes? Those who did find it an inconvenience assumed it was lack of planning on the school's behalf when in reality the renovations were directed by Sodexho Marriott and completely separate from the school.

Consider the improvements made to Hillside. One would think that the temporary hassle of construction workers finishing the windows would be overshadowed when considering the long-term improvement of new windows. Perhaps the grumbling will cease when the temperature drops or the rain falls, and the residents are warm in their dry, draft-free rooms.

Why couldn't this project have been completed over the summer? Students fail to see that during the summer, while the school is not filled to capacity, various sports camp and convention participants often occupy the dorms.

The replacement of the steam lines was not started earlier in the summer because the college does not close its fiscal year until June. Therefore, administration could begin the project without reviewing the books to see if it fit the budget. This temporary inconvenience is not due to lack of planning. Not all money can be spent to benefit students directly. However, all money spent benefits them indirectly. The steam lines may not be a remodeled student union building, but their replacement is a necessary expense in the improvement of the campus.

Students complain about that which the college is not doing, but at the same time they are critical of the condition of campus during the transition phases.

The improvements are not going to happen overnight, or even over a summer. Strides are being taken in order to improve the campus. That is what the students asked for, and that is what is happening. So have patience. Transitions, while at some points slow, bring about change, and change is what you, the students, have demanded.

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Arizona University athletes get special treatment

Arizona Daily Wildcat

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. - Thursday's Arizona Daily Wildcat Police Beat column featured two students who were arrested on suspicion of shoplifting from the University of Arizona Bookstore. One student stole batteries, the other took a wallet. Both made stupid mistakes and police cited them for it. But it appears that at the University of Arizona - and Pima County for that matter - athletes are held to a different standard.

The Pima County Attorney's Office confirmed Wednesday that three athletes who admitted to stealing money from a UA CatCard office worker will be sent to the Dean of Students Diversion Program. The Aug. 19 incident, which resulted in UAPD naming about 14 football players as "investigative leads," ended with the police identifying three athletes as actual suspects in the case. What generally happens to suspects? They could be re-interviewed and sometimes arrested on site. In this case, university police finished their investigation and passed the buck to a higher power, saying the case was "high-profile" and should be handled by the Pima County Attorney's Office.

And the county attorney decided against charging the players with theft, opting to send the three athletes to the dean's program.

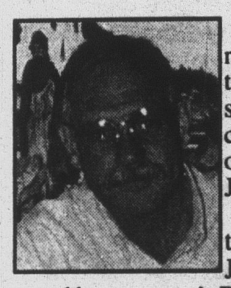
Granted, freshman Bobby Wade, sophomore Zaharius Johnson and junior Anthony Banks are not hardened criminals. Furthermore, it's absolutely time to let this issue die because, in reality, we're talking about a couple of young punks clowning around and pilfering all of $20.

But one problem remains: why do three athletes get to walk away from a theft when two ordinary students do not? Why weren't the athletes cited like the alleged bookstore thieves? Because, as we have seen time and again, athletes are treated differently. It happens everywhere. Too often, celebrities do the crime but don't do the time. Their crimes are dismissed, laughed off as easily forgivable pranks. And that's fine, as long as other people are afforded the same luxuries.

The 18-year-old who stole the wallet and the 19-year-old who stole the batteries were not afforded those luxuries. Police were called to the bookstore and in front of hundreds of spectators, those students were "cited and released" by UAPD. The two might even see the Diversion Program sometime down the road.

It would be foolish to try to change the world and call for equal treatment for all UA students. In fact, any thinking person would realize that football players will always have the run of the campus. However, the least head football coach Dick Tomey could do is bench the three players in tomorrow's game against Texas Christian University. We have asked Tomey to punish the athletes before in this space. At this point, however, it is crucial that he take action. These athletes have been dismissed to the dean's program, but that should not excuse them from repercussions on the team. If Tomey truly wants to "ream these guys out," he should make up for the county attorney's error.

Chapel Corner: "Wilderness Jesus" effects many lives



Some of you will remember an article that appeared last spring in the Holcad. It concerned the coming of the "Wilderness Jesus" to my office.

In that article I mentioned that "Wilderness Jesus" had been kidnaped by a women's Bible study in Fairview, PA. Since that writing I have received communication from the abductors along with various pictures of the "Wilderness Jesus." Apparently He has had a busy time in His captivity.

Even as the Son of God, His trials have been many. Pictured among various flowers, with a fishing rod, on a luggage conveyer belt at an airport, "Wilderness Jesus" has had a very busy incarceration.

I miss the "Wilderness Jesus." I know...I know...I'm a Protestant and should know better. My sensibilities tell me that it's just a piece of olive wood carved into the shape of the Messiah. My Iconoclastic tendency says, "the whole point of Christian revelation is to move beyond infantile dependence on things and into pure spirit" (Patrick Henry, The Ironic Christian's Companion).

I guess I'm unwilling to accept the premise that God (or Jesus) can only be found in the mind. My most profound moments with the Divine have been overwhelmingly emotional moments. I know divinity does not reside in an icon or a religious statue like "Wilderness Jesus." In a playful and practice way, "Wilderness Jesus" brings to remembrance not only my God - but it reminds me of myself - who I am and whose I am. In the words of Saint Theodore of Studios, "Is there anywhere, among rational or irrational, animate or inanimate being, where divinity is not found?" Amen

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"Wilderness Jesus" with Romanian family.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Bash and Ash movie review: *The Astronaut's Wife*

AS BASH " THE KID SPARKEL" SEES IT

If a movie could succeed on looks alone, The Astronaut's Wife would be the Ethan Hawke of the film world. With more style than a Details magazine and a coolness factor rivaling that of Samuel L. Jackson's, the movie is a visual splendor of perfection. From clothes to interior design, it's a world everyone should want to live in.

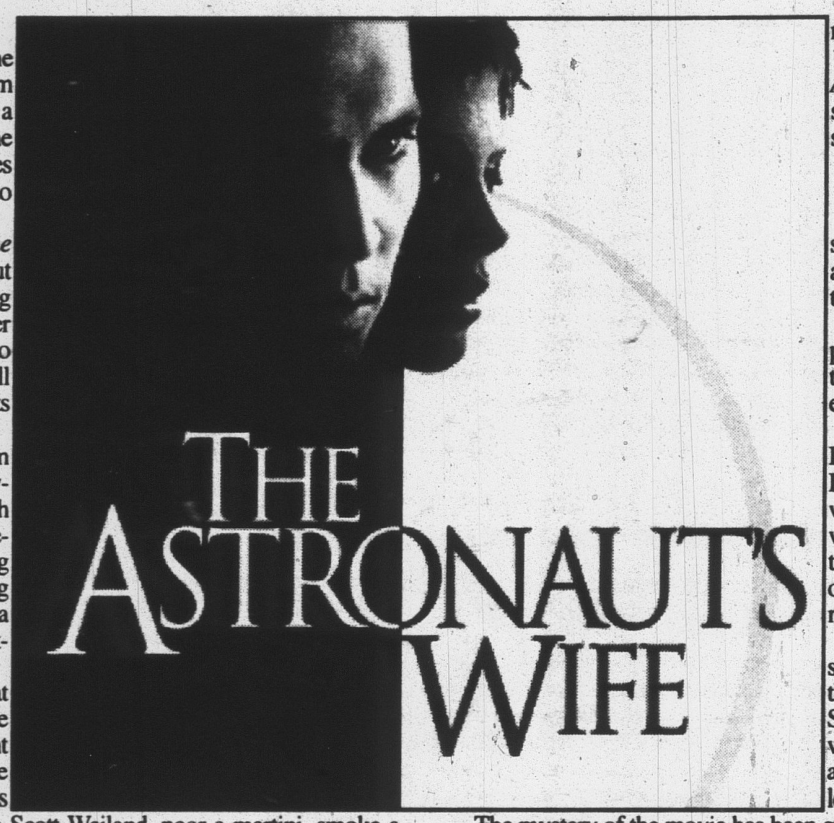
Starring Johnny Depp, and Charlize Theron, T*he Astronaut's Wife* is writer/director Rand Ravish's debut film. Basically Rosemary's Baby with aliens replacing witches, the film centers around astronaut Spencer (Depp), and his wife, Jill (Theron). Spencer goes to space, aliens take over his body, he impregnates Jill with twins that turn out to be aliens and everything gets all wacky.

While the story line isn't overly original, the film retains enough phat qualities to make it worthy of viewing. Depp's southern, almost white trash drawl, devilish stare, and superb wardrobe (apparently astronauts prefer Calvin Klein and Claiborne), make Spencer a strong character. Charlize Theron is as excellent as the spelling of her first name is cool. Looking extremely Serena Altschul, she sports a blonde butch hair-cut and a bloated twin enhanced stomach. But she's still hot.

The film also offers a plethora of one liners that someone should remembered if he wants to fool large groups of people fool into thinking he's witty, or in front of members of the opposite sex he'd like to kiss on the lips. Once again, the film's impeccable style reigns supreme. Watching it made me want to dress up like Scott Weiland, poor a martini, smoke a cigar, call Rebecca Romijn Stamos, take her for a ride my black Lincoln Continental with suicide doors, listen to the From Dusk to Dawn Soundtrack, and hold court at the Viper Room.

Unfortunately, all I got was a ride in a red Ford with Ashley Webb in a sweaty shirt from Foot Locker, and a pair of pants I borrowed from my little brother.

While the style of the film may conjure up visions of super models and designer clothes, The Astronaut's Wife is not without it's dark side. Involved are murder, suicide, abortion, strokes, violence, and heart attacks. Those elements make it the most disturbing (in a good way, of course) movie I've seen since *The Corrupter*. Utilizing Quentin Tarantino's less is more approach, Depp's slap in the face to Theron is more powerful than if someone squeezed off a thousand rounds into a sea of flesh.



While it's not going to change your life, *The Austronaut's Wife* is worth the money. If for no other reason than it has style; and as we all know, it's all about style. Yeah, style.

AS ASH SEES IT

The Astronaut's Wife, amazed me with classy stage sets, mind-blowing cinematography and commendable acting. The tenor of the movie made the audience sit on the edge of its seat.

Writer/director Rand Ravish created an extremely powerful movie. The audience is hooked and dragged through an enigmatic maze of sporadic scenes-both electrifying and disturbing.

The acting portrayed by main characters Johnny Depp, and Charlize Theron came off smooth and classy. Depp portrays his character Spencer as a demure man with a low-key southern drawl. His draws out every word as if he's almost too relaxed. However, it seems that something foreboding hides behind his calm exterior. Depp gives the movie the wonderful suspense it needs.

Charlize Theron plays her character Jill to the opposite extreme. High strung and emotionally worn down, this heroine tries to conquer the evil that possesses her. She comes off as a very emotional person in crying, weeping and flailing scenes. Searching to find the truth, all she wants is to free herself from her seemingly hopeless situation.

The mystery of the movie has been greatly enhanced by its setting. Much of the action takes place in an apartment in New York City. Within its dark sterile walls and cold stone floor, Jill comes to learn about her husband's secret and her own dire predicament. The set is perfect - giving a melancholy, dreary and menacing feeling to the movie.

The only area in which the movie lacked greatness was the ending. The suspense builds throughout the film, but ends in a rather disgruntling letdown.

Overall, *The Astronaut's Wife* was an entertaining and highly suspenseful movie. It kept my attention with great special effects and disturbing psychological thoughts and images. It reminded me of Sodexho-Marriott's desserts. They look good, but the final taste is a disappointment.

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4 Oral
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12 Southern state (abbr.)
13 Against
14 In the middle
15 Give in
17 Vigor
19 Egyptian sun god
20 Boy
21 Inferior
22 Edge of cloth
23 Always
25 Create current of breeze
26 Leave
27 Small rug
28 Heat source
29 Courtesy title for woman
32 Exist
33 Sand build-up on shore
35 4th muscial scale note
36 Law
38 Sick
39 Tap gently
40 Actual weight (abbr.)
41 Morning breakfast item
42 Cut
43 Fall behind
45 Pertaining to (suf.)
46 Small, temporary bed
47 I am (cont.)
48 Employ
49 Not awake
52 Bastion
54 S.E. Asia bird
56 Recent form (pref.)
57 Great lake
58 12 months
59 Three (pref.)

DOWN
1 Blacktop
2 Beer
3 Wooden hammer
4 Grit
5 Picnic pest
6 Indefinite pronoun
7 Couch
8 Water barrier
9 Be
10 Disastrous
11 Cheese
16 Listening organ
18 Division of the psyche
21 Wound cover
22 Built to transport bricks
23 Send forth
24 Holds flowers
25 Good time
26 Fish
28 Sit (p.t.)
29 Bad (pref.)
30 From a distance
31 Spouse
33 Repair with thread
34 Large
37 Pester; annoy
39 Inventor's sole right
41 Foe
42 Poland (abbr.)
43 Living organism
44 Love
45 Exist
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50 Ever (poetic)
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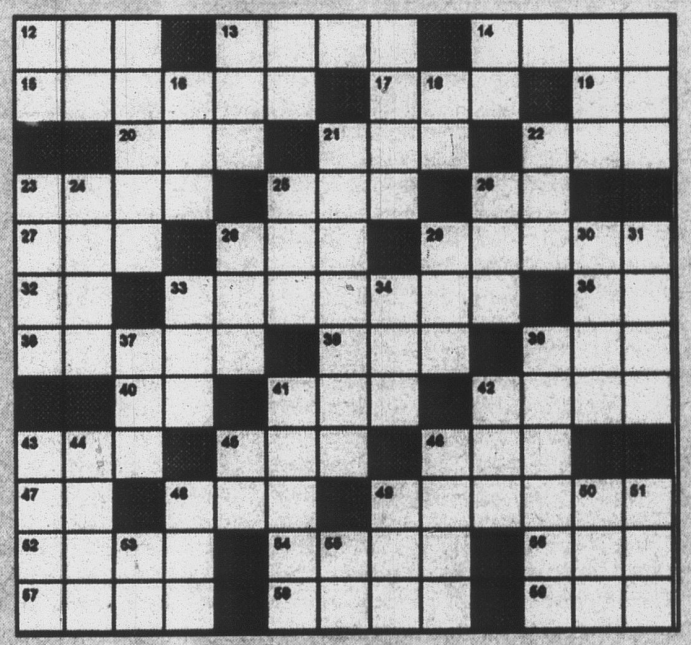

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J.T's Cafe features GATTACA debute

Photo by Meghan Duda

Gattaca makes their first campus premier tonight at J.T's cafe.

Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

Ordering pizza, watching a movie, and going to a frat party are great things to do on a Friday night, but no matter how fun these weekend options may be, they get old rather quickly. If you'd like to give them a rest, check out JT's Café this Friday night at the Down Under from 10p.m. to 2am.

Juniors Jacque Duncan and Tim Shelenberger came up with JT's Café last semester, when they decided that the Down Under was being neglected.

"We just wanted to create a place where students can hang out with friends, hear good music, and enjoy free food," Duncan said. With Student Affairs picking up the tab, cookies, pop and coffee are free to all who stop by. According to Duncan, "Free stuff is what college is all about."

In addition to an open mike and a variety of board games, the new band Gattaca, comprised of three Westminster students, will be playing for the first time this Friday from 10 to 10:30pm.

Senior Derrick Bash will sing and play guitar, Sophomore Mike McPeak will be on guitar, and Junior Ashley Webb will be on drums.

"The three of us have only been together a week, but a lot of the originals come from a tape I recorded this summer," Bash said. "We're also working on writing together, so it should be pretty good."

The band collectively chose the name Gattaca because of their extreme admiration for Ethan Hawk and the movie Gattaca.

"I have two words: style and Ethan," Bash explained.

He also said the band's ultimate goal is to create an original sound with inspiration from Black Sabbath, REM, Placebo, Smashing Pumpkins, Journey, Blur, and David Bowie.

Though Gattaca is just debuting, those who have heard them practice have nothing but praise.

"The passion for their music really shines through," said Sophomore Molly Weaver.

Don't miss this new band or a chance to do something new at JT's Café. The café will be featured at the Down Under every second and fourth Friday of the month from 10pm to 2am so don't miss out.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES This week's scenario is highlighted by impulsive urges to lash out at others. Fight the urge to say things that you may regret later. Hold your judgments until all the results are in.

TAURUS This week's scenario is highlighted by exciting social or professional events that may show you new ways to expand your horizons. Show off your talents. As long as you don't get distracted, you'll do great.

GEMINI This week's scenario is highlighted by domestic changes & your need to pay attention to detail. Events this week may help you to streamline procedures & make things run smoothly. Go over recently finished business & double check your figures. Important not to misplace or lose important papers.

CANCER This week's scenario is highlighted by family & domestic issues that seem to be getting out of hand. Others may get a little nosy about your personal business. Time to get everything out in the open, see if you can't find a compromise. Let everyone clearly explain what they want & why.

LEO This week's scenario is highlighted by your ability to shine in communication & entertaining endeavors. Allow the attention you receive to be funneled into creative projects. Your ability to unite others in the face of adversity will win over friends & foes. Take the time to listen to ideas & new concepts.

VIRGO This week's scenario is highlighted by your need to be confident in making your own decisions. Your seemingly simple request may be more complicated than you anticipated. Make sure this is really what you want to do. If not, you could feel resentful and end up saying something you'll regret.

LIBRA This week's scenario is highlighted by your realization that you're really "not" perfect. No one is. Stop being so self-critical. Share your secret fears with someone close to you. If you do, you'll create a bond that'll never fade or go away. You don't need to have the answers; you just need to communicate your feelings.

SCORPIO This week's scenario is highlighted by a shifting of moods. Some pretty wild ideas may be running through your mind. You'll feel like cracking jokes one minute, then like hiding away from everyone, the next. Don't panic, there may be brilliance among your intuitive feelings.

SAGITTARIUS This week's scenario is highlighted by friends, family & partnerships. You'll be very popular at everything you do, this week. Go ahead, laugh, play and enjoy the pleasure of working with interesting people.

CAPRICORN This week's scenario is highlighted by secrets, mysteries & your ability to get answers. Just because something is true doesn't mean that it will be well-received. You, too, may be vulnerable to the comments of others. Keep your cool exterior while you're steaming inside.

AQUARIUS This week's scenario is highlighted by your need to follow the rules. Show your ability to keep things on fair grounds. Keep up you positive attitude & you'll make your life ever so much more pleasant.

PISCES This week's scenario is highlighted by a raging battle between two friends that you care for deeply. You may not like what you hear. A gentle approach on your part will go a long way to avoid bruised feelings. Play the diplomat, it'll help blow things over. Your input will play a major role in how things work out.

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Organic Chemistry text and lab manual, both for $80. Call Jill (330) 448-4112.

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The Center for Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is looking for volunteers to tutor. All areas of study are needed, and a short orientation program is offered before starting. Time and location of tutoring sessions are as follows: Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Human Services Center, New Castle; Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., New Castle Public Library; and Saturdays, 9:30- 11 a.m., New Castle YMCA. For more information, call (724) 658-3578, Roger Smith at ext. 107, or Gretchen Panella at ext. 212.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is looking for junior accounting major interns and successful applicants will be considered for full-time employment after graduation. This 37.5- hour per week internship pays $9.34 per hour. For more information, contact Benito Martinez, State Civil Service Commission, P.O. Box 569, Harrisburg PA 171-8-6127 or call (717) 787- 6127.

Local government agencies, such as Children and Youth and Mental Health/Mental Retardation Units, have county social casework internships available. Interns will receive compensation, valuable work experience, and consideration for full-time employment after graduation. Juniors in behavioral sciences who are Pennsylvania residents may apply. Contact either Beniot Martinez or Steve Lazur, State Civil Service Commission,Division of Recruitment, P.O. Box 569, Harrisburg PA 17108-0569, or e-mail bmarinez@scsc.state.pa.us.

The Hopewell School District is looking for a part-time certified music teacher to teach fifth- grade music two to three hours a day. The school is located 15 minutes from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport in Aliquippa. For more information, contact Joe Sullivan at (724) 375-7765.

The U.S. State Department has a variety of internships in many different places all over the world. Deadlines to apply are in November, so check out the Website at www.state.gov, click on "search" and type in "internships."

The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships has a Nov. 4 deadline for applying in the 2000 competition. Fellowships are awarded for graduate study leading to research-based graduate degrees in the fields of science, mathematics, and engineering supported by the NSF. For more information, contact Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338.

Fox Hollow Stables needs barn help. Duties in this position includes stall cleaning, feedings turnouts, grooming and tacking. Applicants much have experience with horses to apply. This minimum-wage position has flexible hours, and is located approximately 30 minutes from campus. For more information, call Linda Stevens at (724) 846-7799.

The First National Bank located in the Giant Eagle on Route 18, is looking for part-time help on the weekends. The candidate for this position should be outgoing, energetic, and sales oriented. This 10-15 hour-per-week position pays $6.29 per hour, but may be higher depending on experience. A representative will be on campus to interview for this position Wednesday, Sept. 15 in the Career Center. For more information, call Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338.

The Pittsburgh Penguins, UPMC Horizon, Allegheny General Hospital, and WQED each have an internship available for a public relations major. For more information, call Janet Waugaman at ext.6338.

Amazing Music World has internships available for students majoring in computer information science, business/marketing, public relations and/or music majors with plans to work in the music industry. A new Internet-based music publishing business located only one mile outside New Wilmington seeks students with writing and computer skills to assist in research and marketing. Knowledge of and interest in music, especially classical, jazz, and new age, is highly desirable. This 10-hour-per-week position includes responsibilities such as Internet research, library research, writing/editing brief bios and music reviews, and web page design. Car is helpful, but some work my be done on a students off-site computer. For more information, call Evann Garrison at (724) 946-2224, fax (724) 946-2509 or e-mail evann@amazingmusicworld.com or garriseg@westminster.edu.

Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E.) is seeking members. Benefits include course credit, travel opportunities, career opportunities, interviews with top business executives, and resume building. All majors welcome. For more information, contact either Emily Baker at bakerek@westminster.edu or Tara Keith at keithtl@westminster.edu.

Phonathon positions available. Students who are interested in working in Westminster's telemarketing campaign can earn $5.15 per hour. This nine-week position includes every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m. beginning Sept. 20. For more information, contact Merrianne McGill at ext. 7008 or e-mail mcgillmh@westminster.edu.

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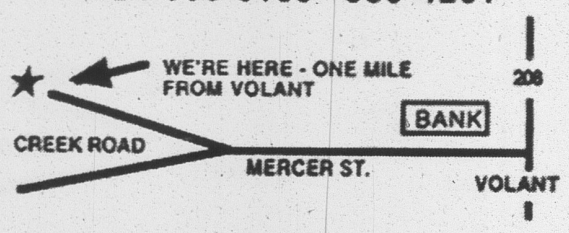

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11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
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SATURDAY 11
ROSH HASHANAH
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Senior Saturday - Various locations in Patterson Hall
9:00 am Volleyball Tournament (H)
10:00 am Cross Country Invitational @ Thiel
11:00 am Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Children's Library
1:00 pm Men's Soccer vs. California of PA (H)
2:00 pm Football @ Indianapolis, IN
7:00 pm Mass — Chapel
8:00 pm CPC Presents Frank Caliendo (comedian) - Down Under

SUNDAY 12
1:00 pm Women's Soccer @ Robert Morris
1:30 pm Women's Tennis vs. Ferris State (H)
7:00 pm Vespers - Chapel
9:00 pm Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 13
Last day to ADD ($15 Fee)
11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
4:00 pm Men's Soccer @ Slippery Rock
5:30 pm Panhellenic Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 pm Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
6:15 pm Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112-113
6:30 pm Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 pm Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 pm Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230

TUESDAY 14
11:00 am Council of Chairs Meeting — TUB A/B
5:30 pm First Class in Continuing Education Introduction to Computers — PH 214
6:00 pm First Class of Continuing Education Scrapbooking — OM 310
7:15 pm Volleyball vs. Carlow (H)
8:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Rush Informational — TBA
TBA Volunteer Orientation - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 15
9:00 - 11:00 am Campus Club Coffee with Jean Williamson — President's Home
10:00 am - 3:00 pm Josten Ring Day — TUB Grill
11:30 am Faculty Forum: Ed Cohen, "Globalization or Globaloney?" — PH 131
4:00 pm Men's Soccer vs. Geneva (H)
6:00 pm First Class of Continuing Education Math, Beginning Level — PH 113
6:30 pm Westminster Fund Phonathon Training - Place TBA
7:00 pm SGA Meeting - TCF 116
8:00 pm CPC Meeting - TCF 116
8:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Rush Informational — TBA
8:30 pm SAVE Meeting - TCF 111
9:30 pm Seekers Meeting - TBA
TBA Phi Mu Open House

THURSDAY 16
10:00 am - 3:00 pm Josten Ring Day — TUB Grill
5:00 pm Women's Soccer @ California of PA
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Car theft causes concerns

By Christopher Campbell
STAFF WRITER

At least four vehicles were broken into on or near the campus last week. As of yet, no leads exist, according to New Wilmington Police Chief Richard Hanna.

On the night of Sept. 8, three vehicles were unlawfully entered. The owners of the vehicles, all Westminster students, were freshman Candice Ludkiewicz, and juniors Andrew Johnson and Matt Van Ormer.

Junior Kelly Reyer found her vehicle was also victimized while parked in Ferguson parking lot. According to Reyer the crime may have occurred anytime between Wednesday and Friday night. Reyer's stereo system was stolen, and her glove box broken. She discovered the crime on Saturday.

Freshman Ludkiewicz left her Galbreath residence Thursday morning to find that the dashboard and console of her soft-top Jeep Wrangler had been demolished and her Alpine CD player stolen. As if to mock her, the perpetrators laid her insurance card wide open on the passenger seat.

"Everyone talks about what a wonderful little utopia we live in, and then something like this happens," Ludkiewicz said. "I had just finished hooking up my stereo this summer, and it was all for nothing. I guess you can't be too careful no matter where you live."

Johnson and VanOrmer's vehicles were both parked off campus on the night of the robberies.

The thief or thieves let themselves into VanOrmer's unlocked vehicle. They stole his JVC CD player as well as some CDs.

"It's kind of humbling to New Wilmington in a way," VanOrmer said. "A town this size seems so safe. If it can happen here, it can happen anywhere."

Johnson's vehicle was parked beside VanOrmer's at the time of the robberies. The passenger side door window was smashed, but nothing was stolen.

"I'm kind of lucky that my stereo and CD's weren't lifted," Johnson said. "I don't know why they weren't taken. Maybe something drove them off."

Chief Hanna agreed, speculating that a car may have driven by and scared the thief or thieves.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs John Lechner says that campus security has been briefed on the incidents and will be very conscious of people loitering in parking lots and around campus.

The crime scene is not limited to New Wilmington. Chief Hanna, who is in contact with the Lawrence Emergency Operation Center (which handles 911 calls and virtually all police, fire, and ambulance incidents in Lawrence County) said that several similar incidents have occurred in New Castle.

The incidents leave some students wondering how safe the campus really is.

"I am outraged that these events could occur on this campus," said senior Chris Comtois. "One of the reasons I came here, and I bet plenty of others, is the so-called safe environment. I just hope that campus security and NWPD make the crooks pay dearly."

But some students are questioning whether campus security and the police are prepared to handle these incidents.

Senior Andy Schneider thinks the answer is no. He believes the police have become so used to patrolling a virtually crime free area that when something does goes wrong, they aren't ready.

"Maybe Robo-Cop will have to stop sitting outside of people's apartment's looking for underagers and actually do some real police work," Schneider said.

Sophomore Laurie Sampson agreed that more needs to be done.

"Security needs to do more as far as looking out for this type of thing, instead of just

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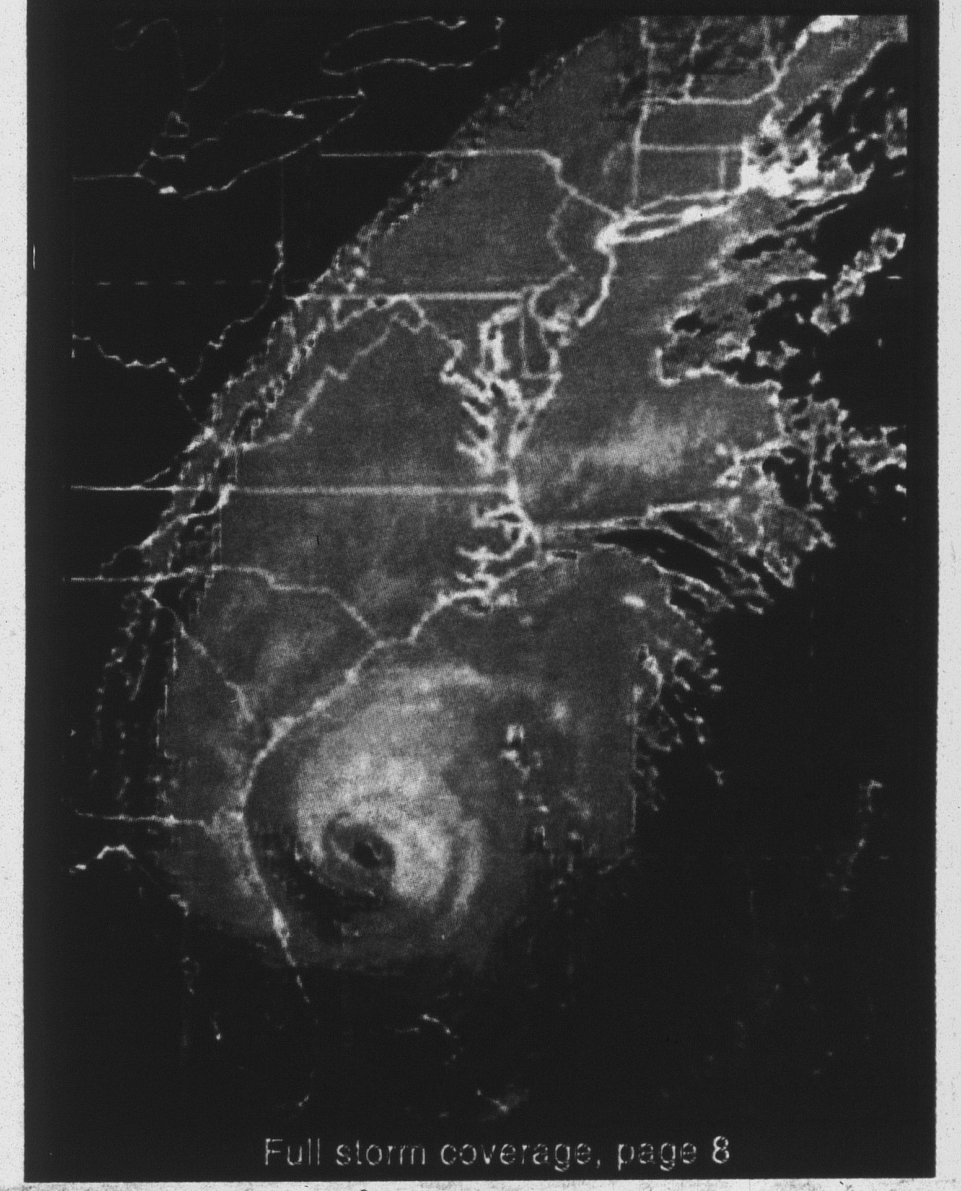
Hurricane Floyd blankets East Coast



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Grant to create Cultural Arts Center on campus

By Brad Dell
COPY EDITOR

If approved by Governor Ridge, a 4.2 million-dollar state grant will provide funds for major renovations of campus buildings in order to establish the college as a Western Pennsylvania Cultural Arts Center.

President R. Thomas Williamson, the primary visionary of the plan, called it "a marriage of dreams." A K-12 children's music camp will parallel a music and arts festival that will be a summer extension of the Celebrity Series.

"This will be another feather in Westminster's cap," Williamson said.

Developer for Foundational Relations M. Thomas Taylor wrote the college's grant. He explained that the 330 million dollar "Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant" fund was created to accompany the Plan B stadium tax, which is providing the revenue for sports stadiums in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

According to Williamson, the state Senate and House of Representatives have approved funding for multiple projects throughout the state, including the 4.2 million-dollar Westminster expenditure. However, because there is not enough money for all the projects that the legislature approved, Governor Tom Ridge can only authorize a certain few.

Taylor is optimistic that Ridge will approve the Westminster plan.

"It is a good project," he said. "And there is strong support both in Harrisburg and locally."

According to Williamson, even if the grant is received, none of the money will go toward the programming of the summer events.

"It is strictly for bricks and mortar," he said. "[It will provide] the things we need to become a first rate performing arts center."

Improvements include the installation of air conditioning in Orr Auditorium and Beeghly Theater; a refurbishing of the stage, lights, fly space and loading area of Orr; the renovation of the music department; the addition of bathrooms, parking, seating, handicap access and a more open-aired atmosphere to Anderson Amphitheater.

"These facilities will not only be directly useful to the students," Williamson said, "but they will draw performers to interact with the students as well."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Senior Saturday prepares future grads

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

Over 100 Westminster Seniors attended Senior Saturday '99 this past Saturday. During the day, students attended four different workshops all related to life after graduation.

The workshop topics included Resumes and Cover Letters, Interviewing Skills, Networking and the Job Search, and Technology and the Job Search.

Shawn Graham from the Career Center gave the presentation for writing resumes and cover letters. This workshop gave all the steps to writing a successful resume, and how to write a cover letter to send with the resume. Graham gave several tips to the seniors, and defined the proper etiquette for communicating with potential employers.

Another workshop, "Preparing for the Interview", was given by Paige Sant, a human resource professional. Sant began by advising the seniors to start early in their job search. "Don't wait until April or May. Find out if company you're interested in has Westminster alumni. Utilize your parents and parents' friends as contacts. Watch closely for industry trends and competition," said Sant.

Sant gave the seniors many hypothetical-interviewing situations, and urged them to take questions with them to the interview to ask. Possible questions are about the industry, overall mission and philosophy of the company, etc.

Other topics discussed in the interview workshop were behavioral interviewing, researching companies and yourself, and determining what companies are looking for in employees.

Seniors learned about networking and the job search from Jackie Meade, Assistant Director of the Career Center. Meade talked about career center programs, specifically the on-campus recruiting program. The recruiting program allows students to interview with companies right on campus. She also informed seniors about networking. "Networking is the way most people get a job. Being at the right place, at the right time will get you a job," said Meade.

The last workshop was technology and the job search, given by Kristen Volpe and Adam Forbes, both Managers of Campus Relations. This session gave students the opportunity to learn about the web's most popular jobs and careers, electronic resumes, and online resources available on the Internet.

Volpe and Forbes explained how to research a company on the Internet, using various web sites.

The seniors enjoyed a luncheon in Russell dining room, where President Williamson and other keynote speakers talked with seniors.

The response from the majority of seniors who attended Senior Saturday was extremely positive. "I really benefited from the sessions and it got me motivated to pursue my job search earlier than I had planned," said senior Lauren Dewey.

Another senior, Colton Donegan agreed, "I had no idea that today would be so useful to me. The workshops were very informative as well as entertaining."

Veteran's memorial to be dedicated Homecoming weekend

By Katie Brentzel
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Veteran's Memorial, located on the center of the campus quad, will be dedicated by the class of 1949 on September 25 at 11 a.m. The college is one of the few campuses in America that has such a memorial.

The memorial, featuring a flagpole in the center of a flower garden, is a stone monument bearing the Great Seal of the United States. Six stone benches representing the branches of the Armed Forces frame the flagpole and monument.

Included is the inscription "We honor the men and women of Westminster College whose courage and sacrifice in serving their country helped preserve freedom and democracy."

Eugene DeCaprio, director of the Celebrity Series and a member of the class of '49, will emcee the ceremony.

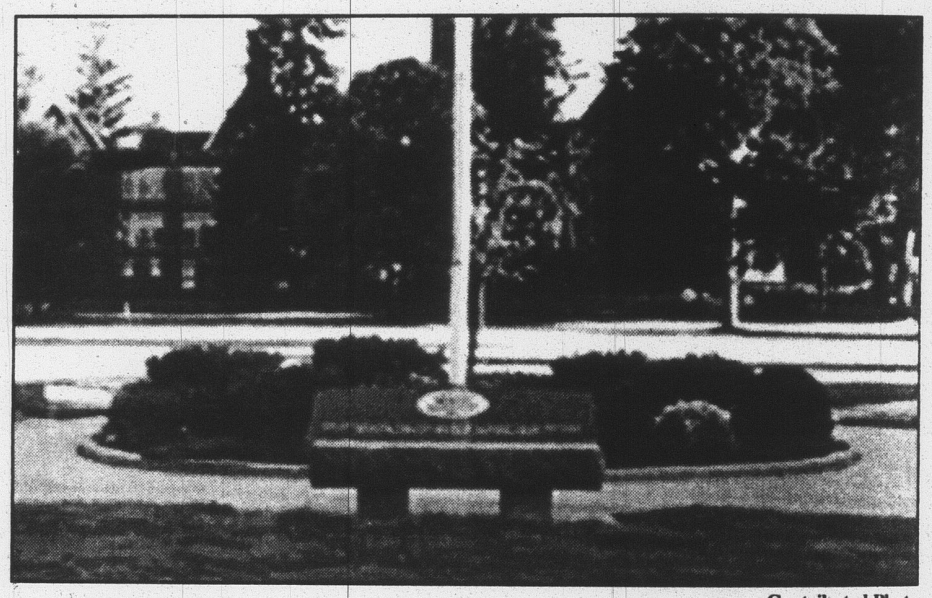
"The people of our class, particularly those that were in World War II, retained it as one of the great defining moments in the lives of those who participated," said DeCaprio. "The [purpose] of the monument is then to remind, and if it reminds, it will also serve to instruct in certain values and actions."

The Rev. Joseph Hopkins will provide the invocation and benediction. Hopkins, a 1940 graduate, has spent 40 years teaching at the college and holds emeritus professor of religion honors.

President R. Thomas Williamson will add to the ceremony by speaking on service to country and college, and Professor of History Dr. Eugene Sharkeywill will share stories of the college and its veterans from his book When Titans Truly Were.

Chet Claire will provide a welcome on behalf of the class '49. He and his wife Hilda will assist President Williamson in unveiling the monument.

The 28th Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard will provide a Color Guard to raise the flag and perform a seven-gun salute. During the raising of the flag, the United State's Air Force Band of Flights "Wright Brass Quintet" will play the national anthem.



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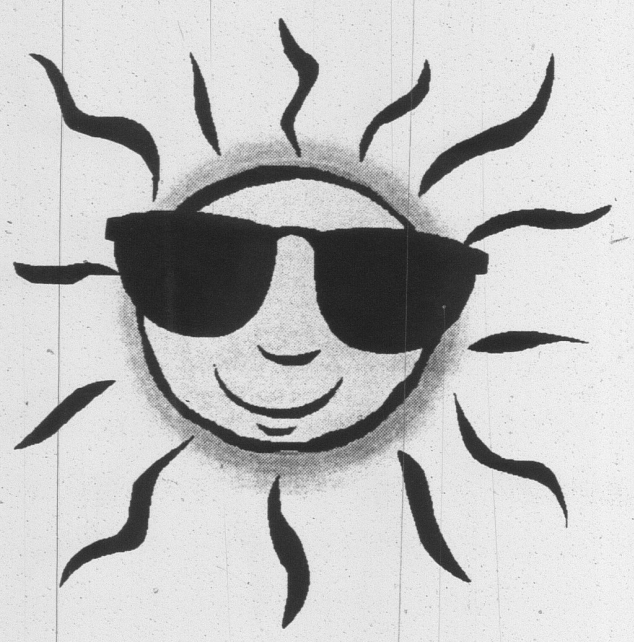

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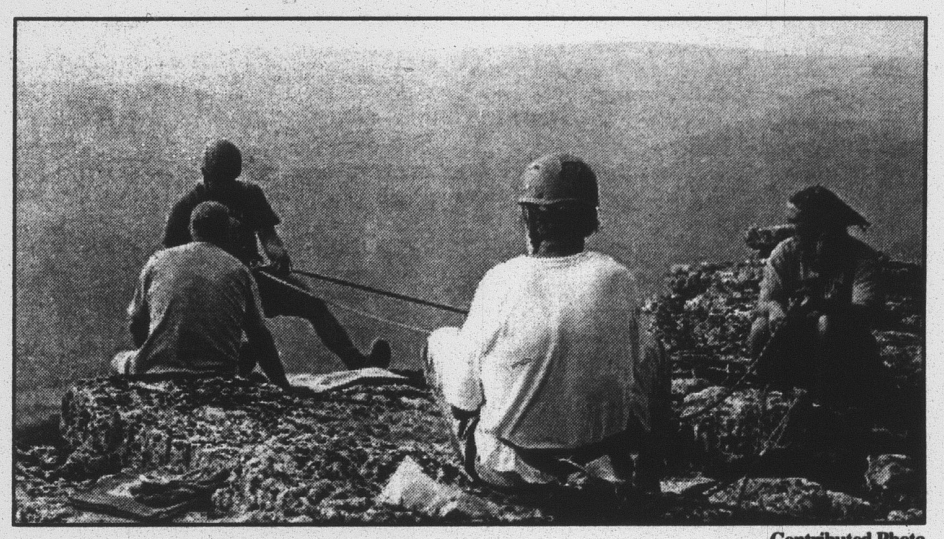

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Rapelling is one of the elements facilitators used in their training.

Self-discovery and freedom are found through Titan Traverse

By Katie Brentzel
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Titan Traverse, a program developed to build and strengthen group cooperation through personal action in an outdoor environment, provides an intense atmosphere of recreation as well as self-discovery.

The program, headed by Steve Montgomery, has its facility located on the property behind Hillside and Jeffers.

Those participating generally go through an icebreaker period at the beginning of the session that allows for the group to become more relaxed with each other.

Tim Little, assistant director of Titan Traverse is now participating in his second year with the program.

"When students come out, we hope that in the process of the experience they find the freedom to see things differently, learn something new about themselves, and how that plays in to a group process," Little said.

The activities in the Titan Traverse include two high-ropes course elements, a thirteen-foot wall to ascend, a 'spiders web' to pass through and a series of cables and balance beams one must maneuver without falling off in order to get from one point to another.

The learning takes place not only in the midst of the activity but also in the process of debriefing where participants are given time to reflect on and assess the many insights that may have come as a result of working together in the group.

Joy Barron is beginning her first year as assistant director of the program.

"When we learn from what we're doing, we're taking the nugget of truth and applying it to what we learn," Barron said. "That is the difference Titan Traverse can provide. It is experiential learning versus the class room learning that students are familiar with."

In addition to the staff leaders, students are encouraged to become facilitators. This is done through a two part training process.

"Titan Traverse facilitator training was about finding out who we are individually at the deepest cores of our true selves. From this knowledge, we will gradually learn our own leadership styles and skills and apply that to the ins and outs of the fun games, serious questions and great obstacles groups are presented with at the Titan Traverse site," said junior Jacque Duncan, facilitator training participant.

The program is open to any group. In the past, sports teams, fraternities, sororities, various classes, residence hall staffs and administration groups have taken advantage of the opportunity to work together in a group setting where they can make themselves known.

All groups participating are encouraged to abide by the full value contract. The contract confirms that all taking part agree to commit to physical safety, emotional safety and to giving and receiving honest feedback.

Other events falling in the Titan Traverse schedule include a rock climbing trip, a caving trip, Titan Traverse facilitator training and cave facilitator training. More information about these events as well as Titan Traverse can be found at:www.westminster.edu/staff/montgosr/TitanTraverse.htm.

Quad-A-Thon held to raise awareness of homlessness

By Katie Brentzel
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To raise awareness of rural homelessness, Alpha Phi Omega will sponsor the third annual Quad-A-Thon this weekend. At least 20 participants will sleep in the quad between McGill and Old Main in cardboard boxes, on tarps and benches.

"We are a group that likes to hang out and have fun," said junior Lielah Borycki, brother of Alpha Phi Omega. "We get to help the community while we do it".

The event will officially begin tonight in the chapel at 8:00 p.m. with a speech by Sister Clare Marie Beichner.

Alpha Phi Omega plans to aid local area shelters by having participants seek sponsors from students and other organizations. A portion of the proceeds from T-shirt sales will donated as well.

"The Quad-A-Thon gives us an opportunity to get out of the luxuries of our rooms and provide a better understanding of what the homeless go through," sophomore brother of Alpha Phi Omega Chris Brinker said. "It is an example of our fraternity teaching by example."

The Quad-A-Thon was originally created by alumna Carrie Fowler. Fowler's primary goal was to reveal the existence of homelessness in Lawrence and Mercer Counties.

SIFE teaches business skills through service

By Darcie Yobp
STAFF WRITER

SIFE, Students in Free Enterprise, has been searching for new recruits. SIFE is an on-campus organization dedicated to teaching others business and economic skills through community service.

Business Jeopardy and Dress for Success are two of SIFE's best-known activities. SIFE has also worked in neighboring high schools teaching kids how to open bank accounts and balance checkbooks. Westfield, a farm in Polasky run by six physically and/or mentally challenged young adults, began its own business with the help of SIFE.

Every year, SIFE members travel to Cleveland for a regional competition. There they present their year's work to judges. These judges are executives from SIFE's sponsor-companies like Black 'n Decker, Hallmark and Walmart. Advisor Tom E. Rosengarth said that through their contact with these professionals, SIFE members are able to build strong networks that can lead to jobs after graduation.

In the four years of its existence at the college, SIFE understandably has been composed mostly of business and economic students. Rosengarth, however, thinks SIFE and students from other majors could benefit from each other. Education majors, for example, could improve SIFE's methods used to teach the economic principles while gaining teaching experience. Public relations and broadcast communications majors could help construct SIFE's competition presentation.

This year the college is offering one credit hour per year of participation in SIFE.

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SIFE offers students the opportunity to learn through service.

This campus' SIFE won the regional rookie of the year award its first year in the Cleveland competition. Since then, its members have earned two first-runner up awards. This year Rosengarth said he hopes to win regionals and attend the international competition in Kansas City.

Founded in 1975 by Texas lawyer Robert T. "Sonny" Davis on the philosophy "tell me and I will forget, show me and I might remember, involve me and I will understand," SIFE is now on nearly 700 college campuses in 10 countries.

For more information about SIFE, contact Rosengarth at rosengte@westminster.edu or visit the official SIFE website (www.sife.org).

IKON expands staff in order to better serve students

By Gwendolyn Safran
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The words IKON and help desk probably make most students on campus cringe. Even though students blame their computer problems on the help desk and IKON workers, it is not completely their fault.

There are five to six hundred students that need to have their personal computer upgraded by IKON. All students were sent a paper in May that allowed them to become one of the first few hundred to be worked on. The college does not allow IKON to start working until the first day of classes. This year four IKON workers were hired, which is two more than last year, and there is not enough room for anymore.

But many students think that something should be done to prevent the back up of students that need to be hooked up.

Last spring, an email was sent offering fifty students the opportunity to hook-up their own computers. That system is being tested and hopefully will cut back on the waiting for IKON. After following written instructions on how to upgrade their computers, they turned in their sheets and the ports were turned on. This seemed to have worked for most of the students but there were a few problems such as computer incompatibility.

"For the most part (the self hook-up) went well," Desktop Systems Manager Jeff Knapton said. "We had a few problems but nothing we haven't been able to resolve."

Students need to remember that the help desk is a free support group that is run by students. Despite the many computer and port problems, they are working as quickly as possible.

"We are processing everything just as fast as it comes to us. It is a little busier now, but it's always busy at the beginning of school," said junior Dave Sexton, help desk worker. "I think it's going fairly well."

Many believe that if the college changed from Novell to another server, the problems would be eliminated. However, the current server offers a variety of things that Windows NT does not such as a one-time sign on. Otherwise, students would have to sign onto the library network, then sign onto the Internet, then sign onto the e-mail access, ect. For students that cannot remember passwords, this system would be a huge problem, not to mention it would also create more sign-on problems. Novell also offers better security and the ability to save information into shared folders, which is not offered at many other schools.

For those students who are waiting to be signed on, be patient. There is no one that can be blamed for this situation. IKON is pushing through fifteen to eighteen people a day, and unless Westminster creates more space and money, this situation will have to work. The help desk's first priority is connecting faculty then connecting the students.

IKON has more than two hundred and fifty computers done and they hope to have the rest finished before the end of September or beginning of October. With two more people working for IKON, they are further than they were at this time last year. Though there are people trying to find a more efficient way to hook up computers at the beginning of the year, the best advice is that when IKON sends out the blue sheet over the summer-fill it out and send it back right away.

Chapel Corner: Fall Retreat promises to be an adventure

By Jill Boreman
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Imagine yourself strapped into a harness hanging halfway down a 200-foot rock face surrounded by the beautiful and vast wilderness of God's creation in West Virginia's mountains. Imagine yourself sleeping under the zillions of stars that create countless constellations. Imagine yourself deep within a cave exploring every nook and cranny as if you were exploring your own soul. Imagine spending quality time with your friends and new faces, far away from any thought of tests and papers.

Well, if you are feeling adventurous, what are you waiting for?

Every year approximately 40 of the college's students spend a weekend challenging themselves on the North Fork Mountain of West Virginia. The annual Fall Retreat is a wonderful way to put stress away for a few days and to concentrate on surviving in the wilderness.

Sponsored by the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), this event is something you don't want to miss. You can choose between caving, rappelling, rock-climbing and traversing. A large staff of experienced CCO members will guide you through your challenges.

This year the Fall Retreat will be October 1-3. Sign ups will begin on September 24, beginning at 7 am. The cost is a mere $25. Food and all necessary equipment are included.

The courage is up to you.

Take it from someone who is rather afraid of heights facing a challenge like rappelling down a 200-foot rock face is one of the greatest thrills in life. If you are even remotely interested, go for it. It could be one of the best experiences of your life.

This week:

Friday-September 17 (Chapel 11:40) Karl Geiger 00'

Saturday-September 18 (Mass 7pm) Father Bob Miller

Sunday-September 19 (Vespers 7pm) Keturah Laney

Monday-September 20 (Chapel 11:40) Meditation and Prayer.

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Propelling is just one adventure experienced on the Fall Retreat.

Wellness board to discuss mind, body and spirit

A panel of the region's leading health, education and media professionals will convene today to discuss the newest trends in keeping people well in body, mind and spirit.

The Changing Wellness Paradigm program runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Russell Hall and is sponsored by the college and local business leaders.

"The goal of the program is to share cutting edge info among the providers financers, policy makers, communicators and the consumers of health services about wellness in body mind and spirit," said Patricia A. Schultz, Esq., event chairman.

Dr. Ron Galbreath, professor of physical education and wellness, will be one of 14 wellness panelists. He has over 30 years of experience in teaching physical education at the college level.

The program supports the idea that wellness is not only physical, but comes from improving the mind, body, and spirit, Galbreath said.

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OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Finding an answer to what life's best memories are

By Kim Schroeder
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

More than once I have been asked the question, "what has been the most memorable part of my life ?" I have always had trouble answering. After my experiences this past summer, however, I now know exactly what to say.

My experience began on June 8 when I left my home in Pasadena, California, for a six-week venture to the Middle East. Four of the six weeks would be spent on an archaeological project in Israel. Along with thirty-five other volunteers, I traveled to HaSolelim Kibbutz (the small community in which we were housed near Tel Aviv, Israel) to begin the greatest adventure of my life.

Vision Foundation, an organization associated with the Church of God, sent 15 students from the US and 10 international students to participate in the dig. The diversity in culture and background presented the opportunity for amazing learning experiences. A typical day began with an awakening at 4 a.m. After breakfast, the vans departed for the dig site at exactly 4:30 a.m. By 5 a.m., we reached the site, retrieved our tools and began to dig. (The Middle East gets extremely hot, especially during the summer, so starting at 5 a.m. allowed us to work when the day was at its coolest.)

The excavation site was the city of Sepphoris, once the capital of the Galilee area, approximately four miles northeast of Nazareth and about 20 minutes east of the Sea of Galilee. We were able to take intermittent breaks in morning until we returned to the Kibbutz for lunch. After lunch, we had personal time to spend however we pleased.

Every day at 4:30, Dr. Tom Longstaff and Dr. James Strange, the directors of the dig, read the pottery found during the day. A reading consists of dating the pottery found and determining what the pieces were: a bowl, a cup, etc. After the readings, the artifacts were sent to an antiquities shop and then to a museum, both located in Jerusalem.

One-hour lectures after dinner finished the days' events. The topics of the lectures included the history of the area and biblical events from a historical point of view.

I applied for the dig not because I was particularly interested in archaeology, but because I thought it would be an incredible experience. I was not disappointed. Though I was unsure of exactly what we would be digging, I soon found we were literally uncovering a city.

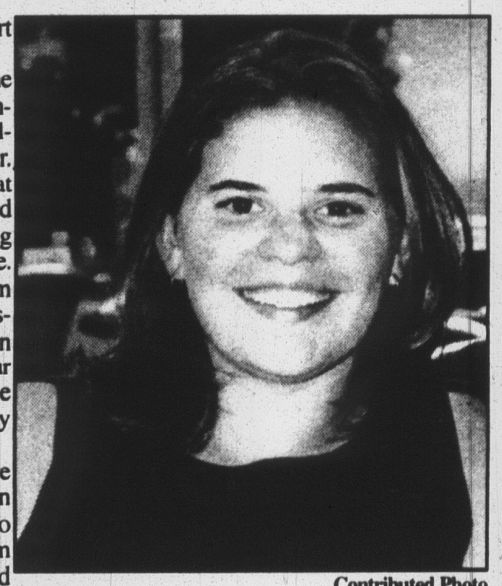
The work could be very tedious at times and extremely taxing but the findings made all the work worthwhile. It took me two days to find the first piece of pottery in my area—an early Roman-period handle of a water jug. Later that same day, I found a fully intact Byzantine coin. I found more coins throughout the weeks, as well as cow and chicken bones and the jaw of a goat or sheep with teeth still attached. Due to the amount of money and number of animal bones found in my particular area, Dr. Strange assumed it was part of the town market place.

Others had significant findings also. One friend found a fully intact bowl in perfect condition. Another found a large jug that initially looked as though it may have held water. The jug, however, was discovered under what once was the floor of a house, and contained coins. Dr. Strange believes the family living in that house probably used the jug as a safe. In another area, diggers found a musket from Napoleon's time. A couple of rings were discovered in Sepphoris; one even had a gem in it. The jewel was not identified during our stay, but it was determined to be from the eighth century and the stone was clearly engraved.

When the four weeks of digging were completed, those of us sent by the Vision Foundation toured Jordan and Israel for two weeks. In Jordan, we visited Pella, Um Queis, Jersah, Amman, Petra, Mt. Nebo and Wadi Rum, the site for the filming of Lawrence of Arabia. From there we reentered Israel, visiting Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba, Beersheba, Masada, Qumran, Jericho and finally Jerusalem.

By the end, I knew this had been the trip of a lifetime. I learned so much about the Hebrew, the Arabians, and the various other cultures of the volunteers. The friendships made are ones that will never die and the memories will be with me forever.

If anyone is interested in participating in the year 2000 Sepphoris Dig, information is available on the Century One Foundation web page. The address is www.centuryone.org. Various links can be found on that page that will guide you to an application and information about the dig at Sepphoris. You do not have to be an archaeology student or know much about it. You simply have to be willing to work hard. I urge anyone with the slightest interest to apply. It is the trip of a lifetime.



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Kim Schroeder experiences a new culture.

Jenn Moberg travels throughout Scotland on missionary trip

By Meghan Duda
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A large group of college students, including sophomore Jen Moberg, spent six weeks in Scotland on a missionary trip. The group of students from a variety of Reformed Presbyterian Churches travelled southern Scotland from mid June until the end of July.

Moberg and the other volunteers raised support money to help two churches. Their duties included participating in a Bible School, along with a variety of other community services. While there, Moberg was also able to take a Scottish Reformation History class which she found "very interesting." Their studies covered the church and Scottish history.

Moberg was able to tour the Highlands, Endiboro and Galasgo, in addition to classroom and daily work activities. On many different occasions they went hiking to view monuments along with other extraordinary sites.

"When we were in the Highlands, we climbed up a cliff and were able to see the sun rise over the city below," she said. "It was incredible."

Moberg found it difficult to pick one favorite moment from the trip, commenting that "everything was awesome." She finally settled on the memory of a trip to the Highlands.

"When we were in the Highlands, we met guys from Sweden and our group and theirs spent the entire night talking about philosophy and religion," Moberg said. "It was intense."

"It definitely was a wonderful experience," she said. "It was very rewarding to help people and to see what we saw."

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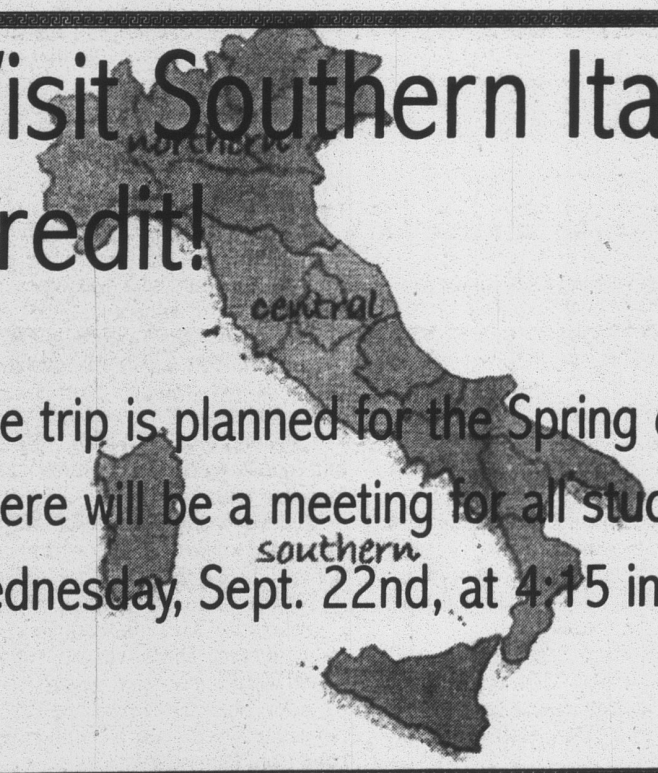
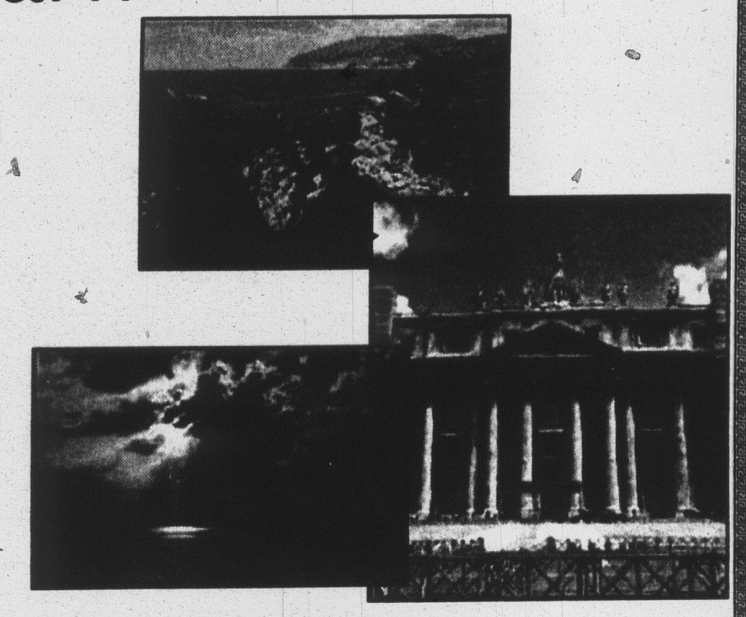


The trip is planned for the Spring of 2000.

There will be a meeting for all students interested Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, at 4:15 in PH 215.



AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

One killed and four were injured in recent I-79 crash

By Cindi Lash
POST-GAZETTE

Tooling south along Interstate 79, Dr. Bob Hamilton figured he'd ease into the weekend of September 11 with a light day of paperwork and meetings in his office at Allegheny General Hospital.

As he passed the Warrendale exit, the traffic in front of him slowed and his truck came upon what he briefly thought was the aftermath of an airplane crash. Ditching his truck on the roadside, Hamilton waded into the wreckage strewn by a minivan that, seconds earlier, had cartwheeled across the interstate and hurled four of its five occupants onto the pavement.

"Stuff was everywhere, bags and shoes and all kinds of belongings," Hamilton said after the morning's crash, in which an Indiana man was killed and his wife, two children and a family friend were seriously hurt.

"Every inch of the van was dented. Debris and people were all over the road. I just looked around and said, 'Oh, my God.'"

The dead man, who authorities said had suffered massive internal injuries, was identified as Manuel Henriquez, 32, of Indianapolis.

He was pronounced dead at 2:10 p.m. at Allegheny General Hospital, where he was flown by helicopter to undergo surgery after the crash.

Officials said Henriquez had been a front-seat passenger in a 1987 Toyota minivan driven by his wife, Solangel Henriquez, 29. She was the only person in the van who was wearing a seat belt and was the only one who was not ejected.

Solangel Henriquez was listed in fair condition at AGH. She was treated for a broken wrist and cuts, hospital spokesman Dan Laurent said.

Also hurt in the crash were the couple's 10-year-old daughter, Jennifer, their 6-year-old son, Jose, and a family friend, identified as Denzel Gomez, 13, also of Indianapolis.

The Henriquez children suffered multiple injuries and were taken by helicopter to Children's Hospital, where they were both in fair condition.

Gomez, whose legs were broken, was in serious condition at Mercy Hospital after undergoing surgery there, spokeswoman Linda Ross said. State police said they had not determined where the group was going.

Police said the 9:15 a.m. crash occurred about 1.5 miles south of the Warrendale exit in Franklin Park. Witnesses told police the Henriquez family's van was in the left southbound lane of the highway when it veered eastward into the grass median that separates the northbound and southbound lanes.

The van began to roll, tumbling over and over several times before landing on its wheels in the center of the northbound traffic lanes, witnesses and police said. Its passengers were thrown out as the van flipped over and were found lying on the road and the berm, state police said.

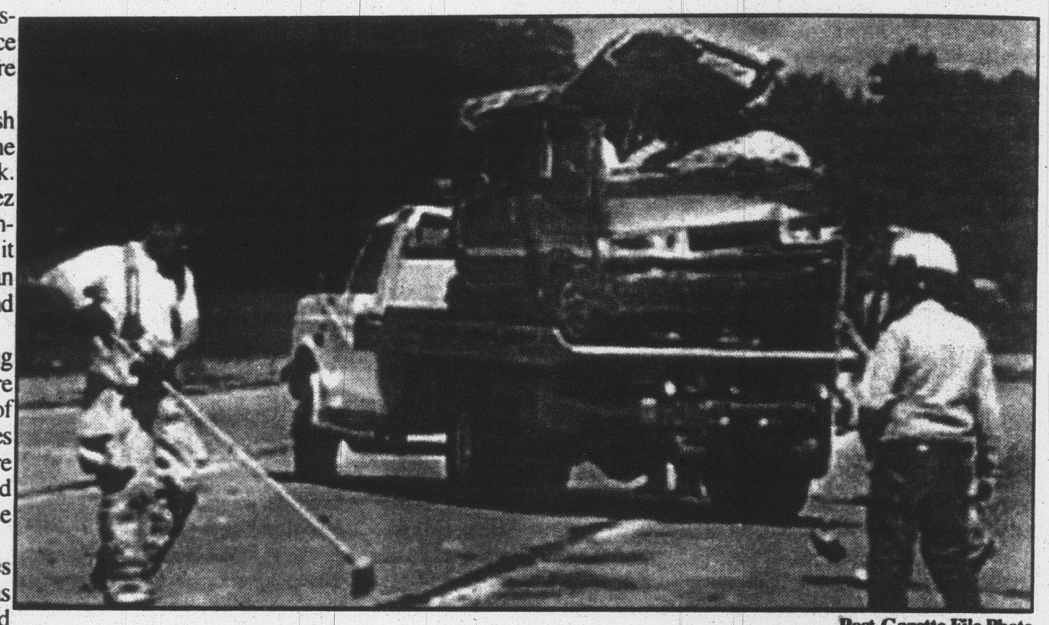
One passenger — authorities believe it was Gomez — also was struck by an oncoming northbound pickup truck. The driver of that vehicle, identified as Gary Seaman of West Alexander, Washington County, told police he swerved away from the crash but could not avoid striking a body that was lying on the eastern berm.

As the crash occurred, Hamilton, 42, was on his way from his home in Mars to Allegheny General, where he is vice chairman of the emergency department. His route south on I-79 put him at the crash scene less than a minute after it occurred.

Wreckage from the van and its contents were scattered for several hundred feet and the victims lay as far as 50 feet apart. No police and no paramedics were there, only gawkers and would-be Good Samaritans.

Hamilton, whose job requires him to both teach and practice in the hospital's emergency department as well as oversee its administration, looked around and, for a second, was nearly overwhelmed.

"I've worked in emergency medicine for 17 years and I'm used to dealing with emergencies. I've had five trauma victims on my doorstep in the hospital at the same time. But I've never come across a situation like this outside the hospital with so many potentially serious injuries all at once," he said. "It really



Post-Gazette File Photo
Firefighters clear debris from Interstate 79 after a fatal crash near the Warrendale exit.

pointed out the need to wear seat belts every day, all the time."

His training took over, even though he lacked adequate equipment or supplies to treat the injured. He quickly looked over each victim and assessed their conditions, then grabbed his cellular telephone and dialed AGH to order three medical helicopters into the air.

Manuel Henriquez was the most seriously hurt, yet despite his injuries he was briefly conscious and trying to get up, Hamilton said. He drafted bystanders to hold Henriquez' arms to prevent Henriquez from moving and hurting himself further before Henriquez lapsed into unconsciousness.

Other passers-by were directed to cover the injured children, to keep them still and to calm them as much as possible. Solangel Henriquez had the least serious injuries but she was trapped in the mangled van.

Within minutes, state police and crews from McCandless, Cranberry and other area ambulance companies began arriving, bringing with them supplies Hamilton needed to treat and stabilize the injured.

Hamilton inserted a tube in Manuel Henriquez' throat to help him breathe, started an intravenous line to treat him with drugs and immobilized him on a backboard. While he worked, he and David McWilliams, the operations coordinator for McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority, assigned paramedics to the other victims and briefed them on their needs.

One by one, three medical helicopters arrived and landed on the highway, which by then was blocked in both directions. Manuel Henriquez was loaded onto the first helicopter and rushed to AGH.

The two boys, whose injuries were not as grave but still severe, were airlifted next, followed by Jennifer Henriquez. Emergency crews used power tools to shear off the roof of the battered van, then lifted Solangel Henriquez into an ambulance.

Ambulance crews and police were hampered somewhat because some victims spoke to them in Spanish and could not explain what had happened or where they hurt.

Ohio family murdered, suspect detained while trying to flee US

By Jan Ackerman and Diana Block
POST-GAZETTE

A Belmont County, Ohio, physician and her estranged husband were supposed to be in court Monday for a hearing on the final decree for their divorce and custody of their two children.

Nawaz Ahmed is being held in connection with the slayings of his estranged wife, Lubaina Bhatti Ahmed, and three of her relatives.

But on Saturday afternoon, police went to the Richland Township home of Dr. Lubaina Bhatti Ahmed and found the body of the 39-year-old physician along with the bodies of her father, Abdul Majid Bhatti of Canada, her sister, Ruhie Ahmad, 35, and Ruhie Ahmad's 2-year-old daughter, Nasira Ahmad, both of California.

"The throats of all four victims had been slit in the home on a rural street just outside St. Clairsville, Ohio," Belmont County prosecuting attorney Frank Pierce said yesterday.

Several hours after the gruesome discovery in a downstairs recreation room, Dr. Ahmed's estranged husband, Nawaz Ahmed, 44, was detained by U.S. Customs officials at Kennedy International Airport, where he was awaiting a flight to Pakistan.

Ahmed, a naturalized U.S. citizen originally from Pakistan, was preparing to board the jet with the couple's two sons, Tariq, 7, and Ahsan, 4. Pierce said Ahmed had three valid Pakistani passports for himself and his sons.

Ahmed, a computer technician for MCI WorldCom in Columbus, Ohio, had been living there. He was to be charged today with four counts of aggravated murder, Pierce said.

Belmont County Sheriff Tom McCort and Chief Deputy Olen Martin flew to New York City yesterday morning, where an extradition hearing is expected to be held to send him back to Ohio for prosecution.

Police said the couple's sons were safe. They are believed to be in the custody of the children's services agency in New York City.

As police pieced together the tragedy, said it appeared that Ahmed killed his wife and other relatives in order to gain control of his sons before he had to appear at the Belmont County court hearing today.

Dr. Ahmed, a doctor at East Ohio Regional Hospital in Martins Ferry, Ohio, began filing domestic violence reports against her husband in August 1994, said Grace Hoffman, a St. Clairsville lawyer who was representing Dr. Ahmed in her divorce case.

Her client filed reports twice in West Virginia in 1994 and 1995 but didn't pursue the cases and wouldn't prosecute, Hoffman said.

"She was afraid of him but the thought of him murdering her never crossed our minds," Hoffman said.

Ahmed routinely insulted his wife and threatened to have her deported since she was not yet a U.S. citizen, Hoffman said.

Nawaz Ahmed's divorce attorney, Eric Costine of St. Clairsville, could not be reached for comment. There was no answer at the phone listed in his name yesterday.

After filng for divorce in February, Dr. Ahmed received a court order barring her husband from their house.

Mount Washington woman charged in robbery

By Tom Barnes and Kristen Ostendorf
POST-GAZETTE

A Mount Washington woman was in custody last night in connection with an 8 1/2-hour robbery spree yesterday in which Mount Washington and Allentown stores were struck, one of them twice.

Tammy Demsky, 29, whose last known address was on Mount Washington, was under arrest in connection with the five robberies. She had not yet been arraigned last night.

Sgt. Paul McComb of the city police investigations branch said officers were interviewing a second woman last night who they suspect may have acted as a getaway driver. She had not been arrested.

Police said the robber didn't display a weapon during the five holdups.

"She gestured as if she had a gun, but none was seen," said Detective Robert White. No shots were fired in any of the robberies, and no one was hurt.

The bandit, who wasn't wearing a mask, got away with an undetermined amount of money.

"The motive was money; it appears that she did have a drug habit," McComb said.

The suspect struck first, at about 5 a.m., at a CoGo's convenience store on Virginia Avenue in Mount Washington; about an hour later, she robbed another CoGo's less than a mile away at Bailey Avenue and Ruth Street, police said. She stuck that store again yesterday, just after 11 a.m., police said last night.

Then, at about 12:20 p.m., she robbed a small neighborhood grocery, the Southern Avenue Market, in Mount Washington, and finally, at about 1:30 p.m., took money from an Eckerd Drug store on Warrington Avenue in Allentown, just a couple of miles from the other stores.

Clerks at the two CoGo's and the Eckerd store wouldn't talk to a reporter yesterday afternoon. CoGo's corporate spokesman Joe Donas couldn't be reached.

The elderly couple who have owned Southern Avenue Market for the past 25 years did agree to describe the incident, but only if their names weren't printed.

The woman owner said she was at the cash register at about 12:20 p.m. when the robber entered the small store.

"She said, 'This is a holdup. Give me your money.' She had something pointing from about her waist, under her blouse. She said, 'I'm not kidding. I'll shoot you,'" the owner said.

The owner opened the cash register drawer and let the woman take what was in there, and then the robber fled.

"I think I was too much in shock to be scared," the owner added. She shouted "Holdup," and her husband came out of the back room and began chasing the woman down Southern Avenue.

He said he wasn't able to run very far and lost sight of the robber. He didn't see her get into a car and didn't know how she got away.

The couple said they'd owned the store on Southern Avenue for 25 years, and only in the past year have they had any trouble.

They were robbed for the first time in April, and then again yesterday.

Police said it was rare to have a female robber hit several locations within a short period of time - including one place twice in the same morning.

"I think it's very rare to have subsequent robberies by the same female," McComb said. "I think it's quite rare."

Post-Gazette file Photo
Tammy Demsky

Mayor Murphy looking to allocate $52 million to city projects

By Timothy McNulty
POST-GAZETTE

Mayor Murphy might want to take some of the $10 million he promised last week to the city's neighborhood groups and hire Jesse "The Body" Ventura as a referee. The battle over the money could resemble one of the World Wrestling Federation bouts the Minnesota governor has officiated.

Murphy announced Thursday that he is taking the money out of the city's $52 million savings account and giving $1 million to each of the city's nine council districts to spend on neighborhood improvement projects. His office will spend another $1 million citywide.

The projects could include street repaving and repairs to walls and fences, buying up dilapidated properties and cleaning vacant lots, or other plans. Much of that work is already paid for by the city's capital budget, but Murphy said the funding for his initiative - called the "Neighborhood Needs Program" - will be in addition to regularly funded projects.

Neighborhood groups are salivating over the money, and rightfully so. There are always more projects than money to complete them, and Murphy's offer is a rare opportunity to finally get things done. But city officials warn that expectations should stay realistic in the city's 88 neighborhoods, or else they're sure to be dashed.

"You can't just go out into the neighborhoods with a wish list or 90 percent of the people will end up mad. It has to be done the right way," said city Councilman Bob O'Connor.

Murphy plans to schedule meetings in each of the council districts this fall where he'll talk with council members and community leaders to prioritize what projects they want to be funded. After those decisions are made, bids will be prepared over the winter and spring to complete the work and construction will be done next summer, Murphy said.

The process could resemble the fights the mayor's office and council have at the end of each year with community groups while the city's budget is being finalized. Boisterous hearings, rallies and demonstrations are common; the mayor takes money away from the groups, council gives some of it back, and by the end of the year everything is resolved.

And those fights are over less than $2 million.

In the 1999 budget, city government gave community groups about $1.6 million in federal Community Development Block Grant funds. Half was doled out by Murphy's office and the other half, about $780,000, was cut into nine $86,000 pieces and given out by the nine council members.

Another $225,000 from the city's operating budget was divided into $25,000 pieces among the nine city council members to allocate at their discretion to community organizations.

Murphy's offer last week could multiply by almost 10 what every council member gave to community groups last year. If that will cause a feeding frenzy, the mayor didn't seem fazed.

Councilman Dan Onorato of District 1 on the North Side called Murphy's offer "definitely a step in the right direction" and said the money should be used to tear down buildings, clean vacant lots, repair city-owned walls and steps, and buy up problem properties.

In council District 2, which covers neighborhoods in the West End, Susan Brandt of the Mount Washington Community Development Corp. already knows her group can expect only a portion of the district's money.

"When you have eight active community organizations, every group is going to get about $100,000," she reasoned.

With the money, she hopes to get street-level improvements such as new trees and lighting around Shiloh Street and Boggs Avenue, some of them near new parking facilities near Shiloh and Virginia Avenue.

"We want to update the look of the street from the 1950s range to the millennium," she said.

Station Square seeks to raze riverfront site to develop a park

By Tom Barnes
POST-GAZETTE

The owner of Station Square wants to raze the old Lawrence Paint Co. building and turn the riverfront site into a temporary park until a national casino company's option to buy the land expires in 2007.

Forest City Enterprises of Cleveland has told Pittsburgh's Historic Review Commission that it strongly opposes a city historic designation for the paint company building, as sought by a local preservation group.

The review panel is expected to vote on the paint company building's nomination in early October, said Chairman John DeSantis. Then, the city Planning Commission and City Council must vote, a process that could take up to six months.

The historic designation makes no sense, Forest City officials argued on Friday. The building is in deplorable shape and can't be economically rehabilitated, they contended.

Also, the purchase option held by Harrah's Casinos will hang over the property for eight more years and make it impossible to create a permanent new use for the land, contended Forest City lawyer Dusty Elias Kirk and William Voegele, the firm's regional director.

Forest City officials said they've ruled out renovating the old warehouse into upscale loft apartments, a small hotel or an office building. All such projects would require adequate parking adjacent to the building, and that land can't be committed to parking as long as the Harrah's option remains in effect, Kirk said.

Preservation Pittsburgh, a local group devoted to saving buildings with historical and architectural significance, is pushing for the historic designation.

John Axtell, a member of the group, said the paint company building is "a landmark that helped define the Point" and is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

But City Councilman Alan Hertzberg, whose district includes the Lawrence Paint site, called the vacant building "an eyesore" and sided with Forest City in opposing the historic designation. He fears such a designation would merely leave the building standing for eight more years and interfere with a $71 million expansion project that Forest City wants to start at Station Square.

Those plans include a new riverfront boardwalk; additional restaurants in Bessemer Court; a new tunnel to be dug beneath the railroad tracks leading down to a boat dock; improvements to the Freight House shops and to the two hillside inclines; and additional parking.

Forest City's engineers and real estate experts told the historic review panel Friday that they don't think the Lawrence Paint Co. building can be turned into offices, apartments or hotel rooms that local people could afford. Offices would have to rent for at least $24.50 per square foot, and apartments could run as high as $4,000 a month, which is too expensive for the local market, they said.

They said the roof is in terrible shape, and there are environmental hazards such as old paint residues and 18 inches of pigeon droppings that have built up inside the building over the years. Forest City officials also said the ground floor of the warehouse floods when the river rises, making it impractical to park cars there. The building has been vacant since 1971.

"There are so many risks involved here that this is property that can't be developed," Kirk said.

Two local husing redevelopers, Joedda Sampson and Eve Picker, support the historic nomination, however, saying they think the old paint company building could be turned into spectacular riverfront housing.

"I would kill for that building," Picker told the commission Friday. "It's a wonderful building - an asset, not a liability."

She said that despite doubters, especially local banks that wouldn't give her loans, she has been able to renovate other old, warehouse-type buildings in Pittsburgh into attractive loft apartments.

Sampson has suggested moving the paint building 250 feet to the west, just off the Station Square property, and turning it into upscale apartments or condos. She also has extensive experience in turning older structures into handsome new housing, much of which is in the North Side, Shadyside and the South Side.

NATIONAL

Hurricane Floyd makes landfall

East coast cringes as high winds and angry seas devastate

AP File Photo

Longbeach pier falls victim to Floyd, Oak Island, NC.

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) - Hurricane Floyd tore ashore Thursday near Cape Fear with winds of 110 mph, flooding the coasts of North and South Carolina as tens of thousands of people huddled in shelters.

The eye of the huge storm arrived on the U.S. mainland at about 3 a.m. ET, receded by hours of violent weather that included more than a foot of rain and several tornadoes. More than 480,000 utility customers in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia were without power.

"I've never been in nothing like this before," said Norma Childers, 62, a retired Rustburg, Va. nurse who came to North Carolina on vacation and was in Wilmington's Marriott Courtyard Hotel when it lost power Thursday morning. "I'm getting too much fuss from my children. They're at home. They think that's where I'm supposed to be."

At 8 a.m. ET, the storm was centered 40 east of Greenville and moving at 23 mph to the north-northeast.

The hurricane is expected to churn across southeastern Virginia, then out to sea along the coasts of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey before nearing New York's Long Island early Friday. Disaster preparations were being made in New York City, Massachusetts' Cape Cod and along the coast of Maine.

Hurricane warnings were posted as far north as Plymouth, Mass. Public schools were closed for the day across New Jersey and in New York City.

In Portsmouth, Va., flooding from the storm and power failures combined to shut down the city's water supply system early Thursday, police Sgt. Elizabeth Romero said. The system supplies 110,000 customers.

The rain had stopped near Wilmington. There were still brisk gusts, and black clouds floated quickly overhead, but the sun already was poking through.

Along the Intercoastal Waterway in Wilmington, porpoises gently swam seaward past a 34-foot fishing boat that was thrown onto land across from Wrightsville Beach island. Surprisingly, there appeared to be little other damage on the mainland, aside from some road flooding and buckled piers.

Authorities had urged more than 2.6 million people along the southern Atlantic coast to clear out of Floyd's path - the biggest peacetime evacuation in U.S. history.

"It sounds like people are taking this seriously indeed, and we're quite pleased with that," said forecaster Jack Beven at the National Hurricane Center.

While the storm delivered only a glancing blow to Florida and Georgia on Tuesday and Wednesday, it still forced the cancellation of hundreds of airline flights. Amtrak suspended all train service south of Washington.

One death was attributed to the storm in North Carolina - a person died when a car hydroplaned on wet roads Wednesday afternoon and crashed.

A second person was presumed dead after being swept away by flooding near Greenville. One person was missing in the Bahamas.

When Floyd hit the coast near Cape Fear - about 25 miles south of Wilmington - the Category 2 storm was moving north-northeast at 20 mph. Floyd's winds were down from a peak of nearly 155 mph at its core when it battered the Bahamas and were expected to weaken as it moved over land.

By nightfall Wednesday, areas of the North Carolina coast had up to 16 inches of rain. Wilmington got 13 inches of rain, flooding streets and low-lying areas.

Two twisters damaged homes and churches, but no injuries were reported.

As the storm passed, there were a few trees down and limbs on roadways in Wilmington.

Calvin McGowan smoked a fat cigar as he checked to see how his 34-foot fishing boat, the Monitor, weathered the storm. In 1996, during Hurricane Fran, the boat was thrown several hundred yards and wound up upside down in a neighbor's yard.

"It was an exciting night. The sun's coming up now, so it'll be an exciting day," he said. "Today's the day. Well, yesterday was the day."

Hurricane-strength gusts of 80 mph earlier buffeted Charleston, S.C., and more than 200,000 people in the area lost power. More than 15 inches of rain fell on Myrtle Beach by midnight, and authorities said they had never seen such severe flooding.

Earlier, in northern and central Florida, Floyd snapped power lines, smashed piers into driftwood and knocked out electricity to 300,000 people. About 350 miles off the coast, the Navy and Coast Guard rescued eight people whose tugboat sank in 30-foot seas churned up by the hurricane.

But Floyd made a northward turn that spared Florida and Georgia the catastrophic damage many had feared. NASA's Kennedy Space Center and its four shuttles were largely unscathed.

Terry Hurley, checking into a Wilmington shelter with his wife and two children, said his family stayed home for Hurricanes Fran and Bertha in 1996, but not for Floyd.

"They talk like this one is going to be pretty mean," he said. "It's got everybody shook up."

Myrtle Beach authorities imposed a 3 p.m. curfew and turned off the water supply. The hospital sent its patients inland but kept a doctor and three nurses on emergency duty.

South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges banned price gouging on essential items, threatening fines up to $100 or 30 days in jail.

The last time South Carolina took a direct hit from a major hurricane was almost exactly 10 years ago, when Hugo struck near Charleston with 135 mph winds. The storm killed 29 people and caused $5.9 billion in damage, the most costly hurricane to hit the U.S. mainland until Hurricane Andrew hit Florida in 1992.

At the Wilmington Marriott, Lynn and Gail Wilmer of Lynchburg, Va., sat with Ms. Childers as the storm roared outside. The three friends had arrived for a vacation on the beach, only to be forced into Wilmington on Wednesday.

Wilmer, 54, in his stocking feet, was recharging an oxygen concentrator on the generator lighting the lobby - the hotel's only power.

"As soon as this is over with, I'm heading back up to Raleigh to spend some time with some friends," the retired restaurant manager said as he gasped for air. "I've had enough of the beach."

"We like 'F's,'" added Wally Jones, a security guard for the hotel. "Fran ruined us, so Floyd had to come."

Anti-abortion groups open new fronts in nation's abortion battle

By Karen MacPherson
POST-GAZETTE

WASHINGTON. Anti-abortion groups have opened a new front in the nation's battle over abortion, promoting legislation to provide tough penalties for injuring or killing an unborn child during the commission of a federal crime.

The issue was highlighted recently when a Little Rock, Ark., man hired three youths to kill the 9-month-old fetus of his ex-girlfriend. The three youths, plus the man who hired them, have been charged with capital murder under the state's new Fetal Protection Law.

Ten other states, including Ohio and Pennsylvania, have similar laws making it a crime to injure or kill a fetus, while allowing for exceptions for abortions. Fifteen more states have laws that recognize the unborn child as a victim only during a pregnancy's later months.

There now is no such protection for a fetus in federal criminal law.

The "Unborn Victims of Violence Act," sponsored by Rep. Lindsay Graham, R-S.C., would change that by establishing that unborn children are human beings who can be victims of federal crimes - separate and apart from any harm done to their mothers.

Groups such as the National Right-to-Life Committee say the legislation is solely intended to ensure that the death of a fetus doesn't go unpunished. It is not an effort to do an end-run around laws protecting the right to an abortion, these groups contend.

Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, agreed that the nation should "strive to prevent these heinous acts against women and prosecute those who commit them. But we must not proceed in any fashion that provides a foundation on which anti-choice lawmakers can build a future case for tearing down the legal right to choose abortion."

Crimes in which a fetus is injured or killed should be punished with "enhanced penalties," or stronger punishments, recognizing the additional harm a woman suffers due to the loss of her pregnancy, rather than endowing the fetus with independent legal rights, Engustian said.

The proposed Unborn Victims of Violence Act separates the woman from her fetus in the eyes of the law, Engustian said. "And we believe that such separation is merely the first step toward eroding a woman's right to determine the fate of her own pregnancy.," he said.

Johnson called the idea of enhanced penalties "completely inappropriate."

"They [abortion-rights groups] want to define this as a property crime. It is not a property crime; it is a crime against a member of the human family," Johnson said.

INTERNATIONAL

Clinton looks to lift trade sanctions with North Korea

By David Sanger
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UCKLAND, New Zealand. President Clinton is preparing to lift some of the trade sanctions that have barred commerce with North Korea for close to half a century, senior White House officials said on Monday, rewarding the North for a tentative agreement to stop testing its new long-range missiles.

The move is the first concrete step by the Clinton Administration to begin lifting economic sanctions in place since the Korean War began in 1950. But the economic gesture raises the question of whether the Administration is rewarding the hard-line Communist Government in Pyongyang for defusing a crisis that it created only a few months ago, when American spy satellites detected that a launch was imminent.

The agreement announced Monday with the North is very limited and far from explicit. In talks in Berlin with Charles Kartman, the State Department's chief negotiator with North Korea, its government agreed to suspend long-range missile testing while negotiations are under way on a more permanent ban.

Nonetheless, White House officials, on the fringes of the Asian economic summit meeting that ended this evening, portrayed the accord as a modest but important victory in containing the North Korean threat.

"What we feared," one Administration official here said on Monday, "was a new crisis in Korea at the exact moment that there's heightened tension between China and Taiwan, and the insertion of peacekeeping troops in Indonesia. That would have been an ugly combination, and we may have ducked it."

Briefing reporters this evening, Samuel R. Berger, Clinton's national security adviser, played down the scope of the sanctions that will be lifted.

"Essentially North Korea would be in the same status as Syria," he said, meaning that the types and amount of commerce will still be strictly controlled. But the move would allow some American companies to invest in North Korea - a market few American companies appear very eager to enter.

The lifting of the sanctions appears to be the first step in carrying out a strategy developed by former Defense Secretary William J. Perry, acting as a special envoy to North Korea for Clinton.

Perry's report has never been made public. But those familiar with it describe a proposal for a finely-tuned series of moves to lift sanctions as North Korea begins to freeze its missile fleet and end sales of missile technology to other rogue nations.

A 1994 accord froze the country's biggest nuclear weapons plant, but did not deal with the missiles that could deliver small nuclear weapons. Berger suggested on Monday that if the North makes the moratorium on missile launches permanent, a greater easing of sanctions could follow.

"If we're going to embark on a different course," he said, "a course, which could conceivably lead to a long-term moratorium on a missile program, that suggests the possibility of a different kind of relationship with North Korea."

"Obviously, if that's the case, it's appropriate for use to take some steps, which would ease some of the sanctions that have that we have in North Korea."

He added that, "if they tested, obviously we would be going down a different path."

South Korea's President, Kim Dae Jung, also here for the conference, praised the North Korean commitment and characterized it as a victory for his own "sunshine policy," a series of modest economic openings for North Korea to the South.

"We view this as a sign of sincerity in the North," Kim said.

Japan has been by far the most concerned about another missile test because a previous test launched a missile over Japan. It was distinctly more muted in its reaction on Monday. Japan has said it would consider returning to the kind of economic relationship the two countries had prior to the 1998 launch — but have offered little else in the way of incentive.

Islamic militants accused of deadly explosion in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP). Dozens of people were missing and believed buried under tons of wreckage Monday after a suspected bomb pulverized an eight-story apartment building in Moscow, killing at least 73 people.

Authorities blamed terrorists for the predawn blast, and appealed for help finding a man who allegedly rented space in that building and another that was blown up four days earlier. More than 200 people have died in explosions in Russia during the past two weeks.

The government ordered a massive security operation in the capital and other cities. Police checked people's identity papers at metro stations and other crowded areas, and searched for stores of explosives in buildings across Moscow.

Russian leaders promised to deal harshly with whomever was responsible for the explosions, although no one immediately claimed responsibility.

President Boris Yeltsin said terrorists had declared war on the country.

"Terrorists are trying to scare the Russian people. They are trying to demoralize the state," he declared in a nationally televised address.

Yeltsin ordered tight security at airports, nuclear power stations, oil pipelines and other possible targets across the country. He gave Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov 24 hours to have all 30,000 residential buildings in the city searched for explosives.

Luzhkov said crowded areas such as markets and public transportation vehicles would be patrolled more tightly, and hinted that the capital's "guests," or travelers - especially those not registered with the police - could be evicted.

He linked the two latest blasts to fighting in the southern Russian region of Dagestan, where government troops are battling Islamic rebels who have occupied several villages. Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo said the explosions were linked to two warlords in Chechnya who are leading the offensive in Dagestan: Shamil Basayev and Khattab, a Jordanian who goes by one name.

"What happened in Moscow is the handiwork of their people," he told NTV television.

Sixty-two families, or 150 people, were registered as living in the building that blew up just before dawn Monday, but police said there were no estimates of how many were home at the time.

Rescue workers and firefighters picked their way through the debris, surrounded by choking dust and smoke, as cranes lifted large chunks of the concrete and bulldozers cleared away mounds of bricks mixed with singed photographs, tattered stuffed animals and clothes.

Monday's blast was the fourth major explosion in Russia in the past two weeks. Islamic militants also have been blamed for an apartment blast in the Dagestani city of Buinaksk about a week ago that killed 64. One person died in the bombing of a shopping mall near the Kremlin on Aug. 31.

None of the cases has been solved.

The latest blast increased concern that the government might use the situation to declare a state of emergency. Yeltsin's opponents have claimed for months that he is looking for a chance to assume emergency powers so he can suppress his foes and bolster his hold on power.

But Yeltsin stressed Monday that emergency rule was not imminent.

"All the activities in the near future will be pursued in strict compliance with the Russian Constitution and legislation," he said.

UN demanding deployment of international force in East Timor

AKARTA, Indonesia. The U.N. secretary-general and key U.N. members are demanding immediate deployment of an international force in East Timor now that Indonesia has agreed to let U.N.-backed troops help restore peace to the devastated province.

Indonesia's Foreign Minister Ali Alatas is due on Monday in New York to discuss the deployment. Secretary-General Kofi Annan made clear Sunday that he wants the arrangements finalized on an urgent basis.

Indonesia has not made clear whether it wants a U.N. peacekeeping force or whether it would accept an international force sent to East Timor with the blessing of the U.N. Security Council.

Recruiting and deploying a U.N. peacekeeping force usually takes several months, though it could be speeded up if troops were pledged quickly. An international force, however, could deploy immediately once the Security Council gives the authorization.

In capitulating to international pressure to deploy foreign troops, Indonesia's President B.J. Habibie made no mention Sunday of the withdrawal of Indonesian troops.

If they remain, key issues will have to be decided so Indonesian and international soldiers can work together, including, most crucially, command and control of the peacekeeping operation on the ground.

Welcoming Habibie's approval of a peacekeeping force, Annan said quick agreement is essential "so that the Security Council can take rapid action and the uncertainty and suffering of the East Timorese people will not be prolonged."

Five U.N. ambassadors on a Security Council mission, who met with Habibie after his about-face, echoed Annan's demand for quick deployment, as did Portugal, the former colonial power in East Timor.

President Clinton also said today in New Zealand that it was crucial to ``get the force in a hurry."

He said the United States would supply planes and pilots to transport troops from other nations and help with logistics, communications and intelligence. He also said U.S. officials might have a "command and control" role to play.

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SPORTS

Volleyball team boosts record to 9-3 in home tournament

Meredith Etcher
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The women's volleyball team won two out of three games, finishing second out of six teams at the Westminster Invitational last weekend. The Lady Titans are now 9-3 overall in the season.

Westminster opened the tournament with pool play victories over Thiel (15-6, 15-5, 9-15, 13-15, 15-7) and Alderson-Broaddus (15-8, 9-15, 15-12, 15-13). The Lady Titans were then defeated in the tournament championship by the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (15-9, 15-12, 10-15, 15-8). "We showed a lot of improvement from the last tournament, but we still have some things to work on," said junior defensive specialist Sarah Verhoff. "There is a lot of potential for us to do well this season."

Senior middle hitter Jessica Furman led Westminster against Thiel with 11 kills, while sophomore outside hitter Shannon Simmons added nine. "We didn't play like we can against them, but we pulled it off," said Simmons. "I'm glad we played better against the tougher teams throughout the day." Senior outside hitter Shadra Kendall and freshman outside hitter Monica Asher each recorded seven kills. Senior Danielle Kean set up 36 assists for the win, while Simmons recorded a team best, 22 digs.

In the Alderson-Broaddus match, Kendall and Furman were again the top hitters with 16 and 10 kills respectively. Kean set up 34 assists, while junior Andrea Cronie recorded a team best of 27 digs in the victory. "I purposely put Alderson-Broaddus in our pool because I knew they were going to be tough," said Coach Tammy Swearingen.

Kendall recorded yet another team best of 15 kills in the title game loss to IUP, with freshman middle hitter Suzanne Fitz adding 12 kills. "They were a tough, scrappy team," said Fitz. "We didn't win, but we played with our hearts and hussled a lot." Kean was again the top assist person with 38, while Fitz posted a team-high of five solo blocks. "We did some really good things at the tournament," concluded Swearington. "Some of the players really stepped up and contributed at key times. It was a long day and I think we just ran out of gas. But I did feel that the whole team was into it."

The team will be travelling to Findlay on Friday and Ashland on Saturday. The Titans return home on Tuesday with a GLIAC game against Mercyhurst at 7:15 p.m.

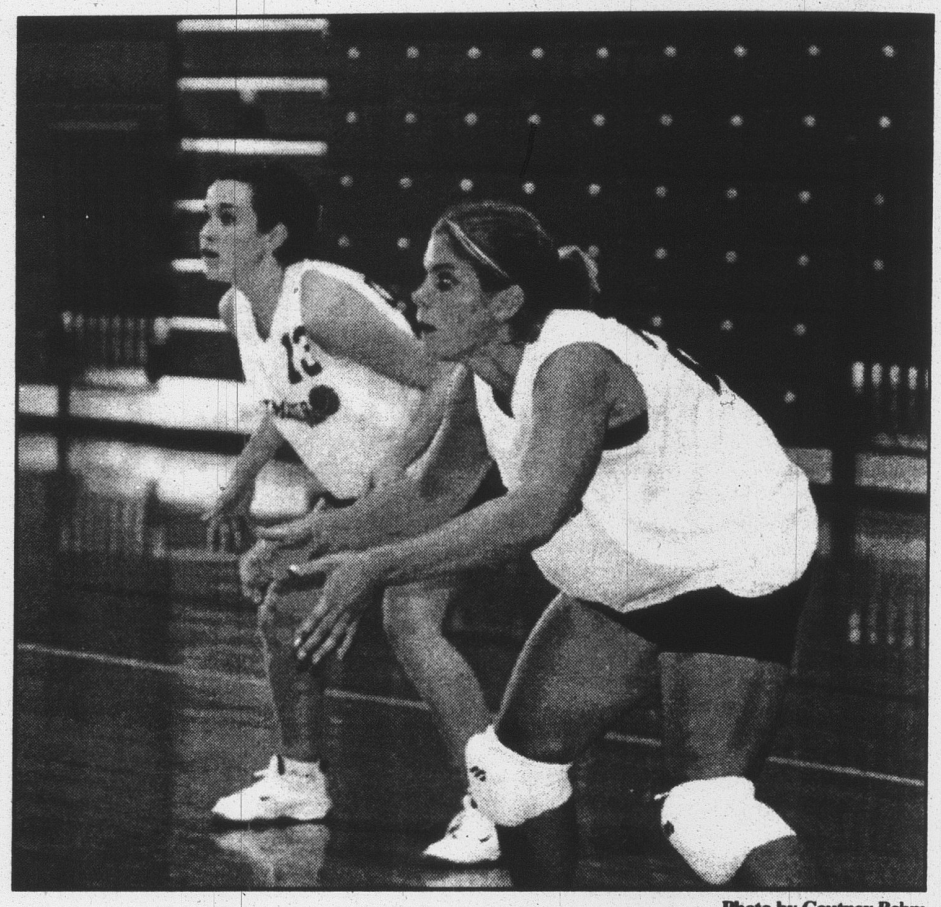

Photo by Coutney Behm
The lady Titans placed second in their home invitational.

Titans fall short in fierce battle with Greyhounds

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

The Titan football team headed to Indianapolis last Saturday looking to pick up their first win of the season. However, they couldn't quite pull it off, losing a tough game to the Greyhounds 9-3.

Most of the key stats favored Westminster. The Titans out-gained Indianapolis 308-207. They held the ball for over 36 minutes, or 13 minutes longer than the Greyhounds. They were inside the Indianapolis 20-yard line six times.

But the Greyhounds scored the game winning touchdown of the game with 1:42 remaining in the fourth quarter when freshman Chad Schulte rushed into the end-zone from five yards out, capping an eight play, seventy-seven yard drive.

Indianapolis opened the scoring on its first drive of the game. They marched 55 yards in 8 plays, culminating with a 33-yard Eric Smith field goal.

The Titans nearly tied the game at three at the end of the first quarter, but sophomore Jon McCartney's 42-yard field goal attempt hit the right upright.

The score remained 3-0 until junior cornerback Aaron Stamp intercepted a pass from Andy Owen. The Titans moved 26 yards in 7 plays and tied the game just before the half on a McCartney 28-yard field goal.

In the third quarter, the Titans continued to dominate the time of possession, but missed two chances to score with a pair of long missed field goal attempts, a 42-yarder and a 43-yarder.

Still, led by senior linebacker David Kern's eight tackles, the Titan defense held the Greyhounds offense in check. The Titans also had three sacks, one each by senior Shane Gordon, junior Mike Schuler, and freshman Joe Bianco.

And in the fourth quarter, the Titan offense mounted a monstrous 19-play, 70-yard drive. But it stalled at the one-yard line, and the Titans had to settle for an 18-yard McCartney field goal.

That would prove costly as the Greyhounds moved down the field to the winning score, most of their 77 yards coming on two big plays. On third and 20 from their own 35-yard line, juniors Andy Owen and Jean Claude Des Roaches hooked up on a 33-yard pass to keep the drive going.

Then on second and 10, the Titans were called with two penalties on the same play, a five-yard facemask as they sacked Owen and a 15-yard penalty for a late hit out of bounds. That set up the game-winning touchdown run by Schulte.

Senior quarterback James Graham finished 21 of 37 with a career best 248 yards, 39 of which came on a last-ditch drive by the Titans before time ran out.

Leading the Titan receivers was senior Matt Dvorsak, with six catches for 64 yards.

The Titans look forward to their next opportunity as they take on Northwood University at Midland, Michigan Saturday at 12:00.

Sports shorts

Women's soccer defeated in close match

By Meghan Duda
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The ladies soccer team let their record fall to 0-4 in a loss to NCAA Division I opponent Robert Morris 3-2.

Sophomore forward Ashley Pyle helped the Titans to come alive early, as they jumped on the board five minutes into the game. Robert Morris rallied to score a pair of goals before halftime to take a 2-1 lead going into intermission.

In the second half, RMC scored again to make it a 3-1 advantage.

The ladies cut the lead to 3-2 with a goal by freshman forward Tammy Newell off an assist by Pyle. It was Newell's second goal of the season and Pyle's third assist.

However, the Titans were unable to rally another score, as RMC claimed the non-conference victory out-shooting the Titans 3-2.

Sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Morrison posted six saves in the loss.

"We all played hard," freshman Krissy Edmonds said. "We might have lost but we all played with heart."

The Lady Titans begin their GLIAC season this weekend with home a game against Northwood on Saturday and one against Northern Michigan on Sunday.

Ellen Johnston led Titans with two game wins

By Meredith Etcher
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The women's tennis team dropped to 0-3 overall and 0-2 in GLIAC after losing to GLIAC rival Ferris State University 9-0.

The Bulldogs did not lose a set and lost only two games to junior Ellen Johnston en route to the conference victory.

"We played very well," Coach Kip Haas said. "Ferris State has won the conference for a number of years, so we were expecting a tough match."

The Lady Titan tennis team continues GLIAC play at home today, when they host Wayne State University at 3 p.m.

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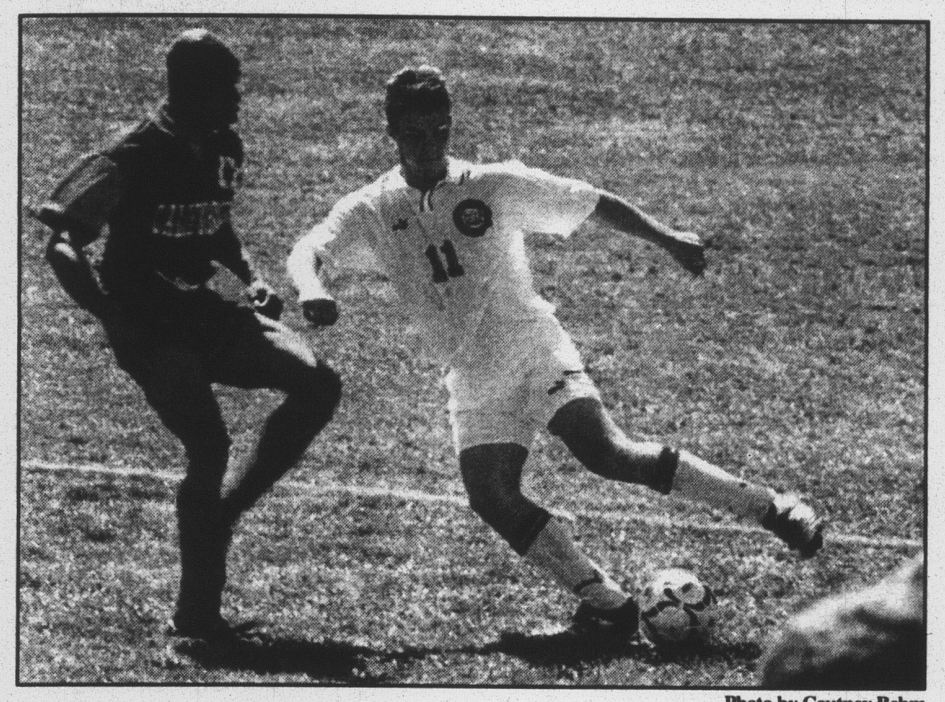

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Jake Joyce battles against opponent.

Men's soccer battles and takes two games into overtime play

By Meghan Duda
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After two battles that ended in overtime, the men's soccer team dropped their fourth and fifth straight losses to California University (Pa) and Slippery Rock University.

Against Cal U, both teams came out strong with a scoreless first half. Cal U, ranked fourth in the region, was first on the board with a shot five minutes into the second half. The Titans answered with an unassisted goal by freshman midfielder Braeden Mathieu to put the score at 1-1 when regulation time ran out.

The Titans took four shots to the Vulcans one, but Cal U's lone shot scored, which marked the board at 2-1 for Cal U's win.

"California got a lucky break and unfortunately they scored," head coach Girish Thakar said.

In a simlar showing, the Titans' faced another overtime bout on Monday night against Slippery Rock.

After a scoreless first half, Slippery Rock opened the scoring with a penalty kick to make it a 1-0 SRU advantage. Senior midfielder Rich Regelski's header, assisted by Derek Baumgartner, tied the score in the late in the game, which sent the teams into overtime. In overtime, a breakaway goal by Slippery Rock in the 102nd minute sealed the final score at 2-1.

Defensively, freshman Kevin Humberston stood strong, facing 17 shots and making 10 saves in the loss.

"We are a young team," Thakar said. "Sometimes we keep teams in games when we could have put them away early but [again] the team played very well in both games."

Both California University and Slippery Rock are regionally ranked. SRU is fourth in the region and Cal U is ranked nationally in the top 25 as well as fifth in the region.

Cross country teams rally for win agains W&J and Thiel

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday, the Titan cross-country teams rolled to victory at the Thiel Invitation in Greenville. Both the men and women defeated Washington & Jefferson and Thiel.

In the men's race, the Titans gathered 20 team points to cruise past both the Presidents (56) and the host Tomcats (60).

Sophomore Jacob Gleason won his second individual title in two meets (he won the Fisher Invitational on Sept. 4). He led all runners with his time of 27:59.

Other Titans in the top ten included senior captain Keith Schrag in third, sophomore Scott Fabry in fourth, freshman Dan Beckwith in fifth, sophomore Matt Rodjom in seventh, and freshman Bryan Mackrell in eighth.

After the Fisher Invitational, women's coach Gary Lilly said that good teams run as a pack. That would be the key to the Lady Titans' success this season. The team responded by sweeping the first five places and taking nine of the top fourteen in their race at Thiel.

Westminster totally dominated, finishing with a perfect score of 15 team points to crush Thiel (65) and W&J (83).

Junior Jen Bennett followed up her individual title at the Fisher Invitational with another victory in a time of 21:17.

The rest of the top five all finished within 40 seconds of Bennett. Senior Julia McGlumphy took second, sophomore Desiree Henry was third, freshman Kelly Schmidt finished fourth, and sophomore Beth Butchieri was fifth.

Rounding out the top twenty were freshmen Niki Flickinger in ninth, Lydia Humenycky in tenth, Briana Palko in twelfth, and sophomore Marie Myers in fourteenth.

Both teams continue their season on Saturday at the Penn State-Behrend Invitational in Erie. The first race is slated for 11:00.

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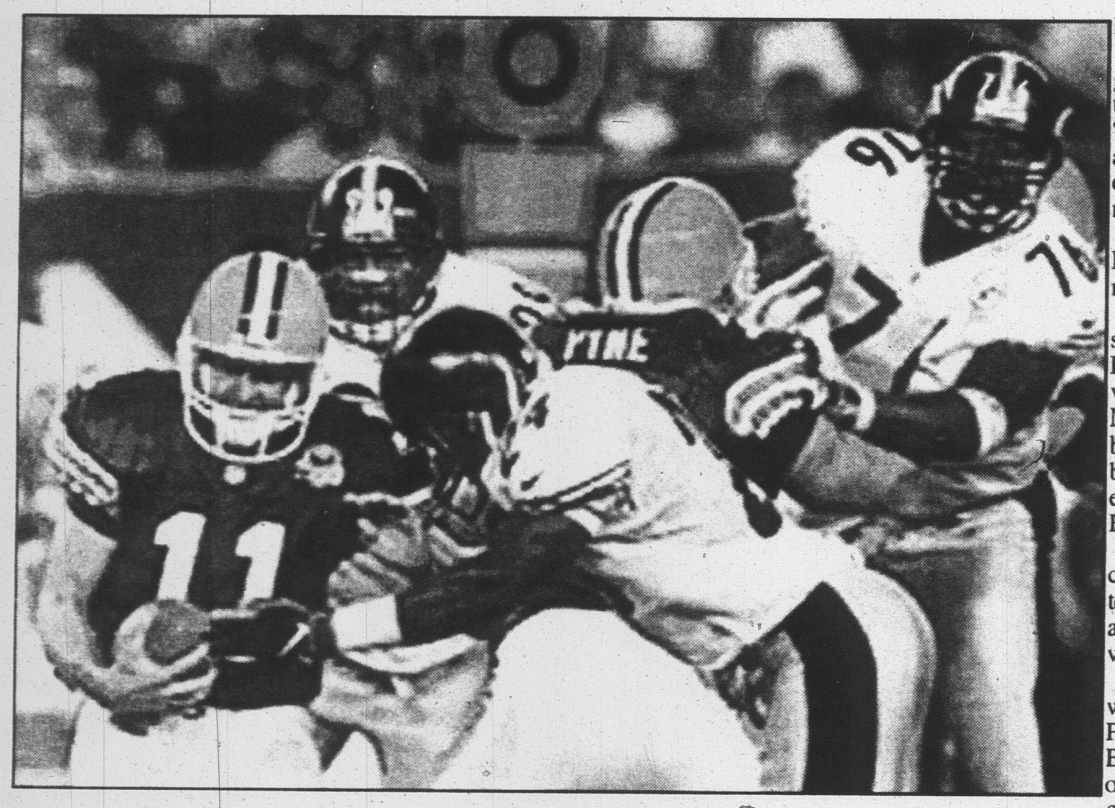
Fall Pick-Up 1999

Steelers dominate over Browns in home opener



The Pittsburgh defense held Cleveland to 40 total yards.

File Photo

By TOM WITHERS
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

BEREA, Ohio - The Cleveland Browns had this wonderful game plan in place for educating Tim Couch.

They wanted to bring him along slowly, grooming the young quarterback as Ty Detmer's understudy until Couch was ready to take over as Cleveland's starter.

And then the Pittsburgh Steelers came to town and knocked the Browns into next year.

Cleveland's humbling and humiliating 43-0 loss to Pittsburgh on national TV in their long-awaited NFL return was apparently enough to make the expansion Browns change their minds.

"I'm not disappointed, but I guess I'm realistic enough to know we've got to make some changes," Browns coach Chris Palmer said Monday. "Something wasn't in sync. When you get beat 43-0. You're looking for answers."

Palmer said there will be changes on both sides of the ball for Sunday's game at Tennessee, and among the switches he's considering is replacing Detmer with Couch, who faced with a blitz, threw an interception with his first pro pass Sunday night.

"I'm not saying what we're going to do as far as the quarterback situation," Palmer said. "I think I'd like to sleep on it another night and have a clearer vision and clearer decision in my mind."

It looked pretty clear Monday that Palmer's mind may already be made up.

Before the Browns began stretching Monday afternoon, Palmer and Detmer spoke privately for about five minutes. Not long after, Palmer, his head bowed and hands behind his back, walked by himself up an exercise hill alongside the Browns' training fieldhouse.

Later, Couch was behind center with the Browns' first-team offense as Detmer donned a red jersey to play cornerback with scout-team defense.

After arriving early for work Monday morning, Palmer told Dwight Clark, the Browns director of football operations, that he was considering making a change at quarterback.

Clark said the plan all along with Couch was to re-evaluate the situation every three weeks during the season.

"During our meeting this morning, he said he might accelerate the plan," Clark said. "I was a little surprised. We're a team that's in transition. We're growing and trying to fill holes. We're open for anything right now."

Couch was taken by the Browns with the No. 1 overall pick in April's NFL draft. Cleveland signed him to a seven-year, $59.4 million contract, which included a $12 million signing bonus.

The former Kentucky standout played well in his exhibition debut against the Dallas Cowboys in the Hall of Fame game, going 11-for-17 for 137 yards and rallying the Browns to a win.

He started Cleveland's home exhibition opener against Minnesota, and looked unsteady and confused. And despite getting the opportunity to win Detmer's job, he couldn't.

However, the Browns' anemic offensive showing with Detmer at the controls may have hastened Couch's ascension. Detmer was 6-for-13 for 52 yards and threw a costly interception when the Browns actually had a little momentum early on.

Among the Browns' offensive lowlights:

Cleveland managed just two first downs. Pittsburgh had 32 and got one on its first offensive play.

They had only 40 total yards, nine rushing.

And, almost unbelievably, they had the ball for just 12:11 to Pittsburgh's 47:20.

Palmer figures it can't get any worse, and that seems to be why he's considering making Couch the starter. He doesn't think making a switch this early sends any kind of signal to the Browns or anyone else that the team is giving up on the season.

"I hope it's not interpreted as we're putting up a white flag," he said. "It's just a situation where we're trying to get better. Somewhere along the line Tim Couch has got to play, whether it's tomorrow or next year, he has to play."

Cleveland awoke in shock and a bit hung over following Sunday night's pummeling by Pittsburgh. Beating the Steelers would have been asking too much, but a competitive game would have been acceptable.

After all, the town had waited nearly four years for the Browns' return.

"It's mind boggling the way we played," said offensive lineman Lomas Brown, a 15-year veteran. "That's the most lopsided game I've played in, not point wise, but statistics wise. I've never been a apart of anything like that. It was bad.

"I'm embarrassed. You can't play like we did. A good college team probably could have kept it close with us last night."

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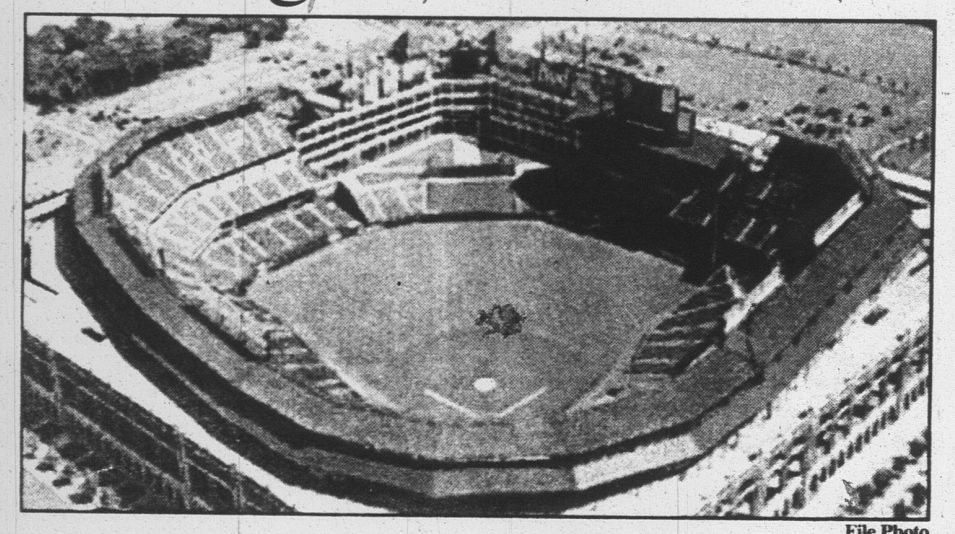


The home of the Rangers in Arlington, Texas

File Photo

For a team that's never won squat in October, the Texas Rangers sure do well in MVP voting. Jeff Burroughs won the award in 1974 and Juan Gonzalez claimed it in 1996 and '98.

That may not sound like a lot, but Boston (four) is the only American League team that has produced more MVPs in the last 25 years. The Rangers are in good shape to continue the trend this year, with the only question being, who deserves it more, well-rounded catcher, Ivan Rodriguez, or the hitting machine, Rafael Palmeiro?

"Both of them have had MVP years," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "I don't want to pick between those two. I just hope they don't split the vote."

Despite Gonzalez's slip from last year's MVP level, the Rangers are having the best season in their history. Rodriguez, Palmeiro, and the 1-2 bullpen combination of John Wetteland and rookie Jeff Zimmerman have Texas on track for 96 victories, surpassing the club record of 94 set in 1977.

With Oakland as the lone contender remaining on the schedule, it's not out of the question that the Rangers could win 100-plus and be the top seed in the AL. That might allow them to avoid a first-round series against the Yankees, who won six of seven playoff games against Texas in '96 and '98.

"We just need to peak at the right time," Palmeiro said. "We've had some stretches this year where we've played well. We just need to time it right. That's how you get through the playoffs. Those four weeks you've got to play your best ball."

It's hard to play better than Palmeiro and Rodriguez have lately. They shared the AL's Player of the Month Award in August.

Palmeiro, who was signed to a five-year, $45-million contract last November, climbed the charts in several offensive categories while hitting .318 with 15 homers and 39 RBIs in August. If he could get on another roll in the remaining 16 games, he could seriously stand to win the Triple Crown.

Palmeiro doesn't lead any of the triple crown categories, but has the leaders thinking about him. He's one behind Ken Griffey Jr. (43-42) in the home run race, 11 behind Manny Ramirez in the RBI race (144-133) and 12 points behind Nomar Garciaparra (.348-.336) in the batting race. His totals are staggering for a guy who missed most of spring training after two surgeries on his right knee.

"I was really worried because the right knee is the one a left-handed hitter hits against," Texas batting coach Rudy Jaramillo said. "As strange as this might sound, I think it's actually helped him. Because he had-that surgery, he did a lot of work hitting off a tee. He built up good habits, keeping his weight back."

Palmeiro was among the AL's toughest outs during a previous five-year stay with the Rangers. He emerged as a consistent power hitter while spending the last five years in Baltimore. But the power numbers came at the expense of a dropping batting average and rising strikeout totals.

That pattern has ended this year. Palmeiro's batting average is not just a career high, but a whopping 82 points higher than his mark in 1997. He has more walks than strikeouts for the first time since 1989.

Jamamillo says Palmeiro is getting home runs on line drives that would have hit off the tall right-field fence at Camden Yards. He no longer needs to try to lift the ball into the air.

Palmeiro loves hitting at The Ballpark in Arlington, which opened the year after the Rangers cast him aside to sign Will Clark. "Everybody said his swing was made for our ballpark," GM Doug Melvin said. "We've seen every indication that its true."

YOUR HEALTH

Smoking causes 400,000 deaths annually

There are more than 400,000 smoking-related deaths in the U.S. each year. Smoking greatly increases the risk for lung and many other cancers.

Among infants up to 18 months of age, secondhand smoke is associated with as many as 300,000 cases of bronchitis and pneumonia each year.

Secondhand smoke from a parent's cigarette increases a child's chances for middle ear problems, causes coughing and wheezing, and worsens asthma conditions.

If both parents smoke, a teenager is more than twice as likely to smoke than someone whose parents are both nonsmokers. In households where only one parent smokes, young people are also more likely to start smoking.

Pregnant women who smoke are more likely to deliver babies whose weights are too low. If all women quit smoking during pregnancy, about 4,000 new babies would not die each year.

Why Quit?

Quitting smoking makes a difference right away-you can taste and smell food better. Your breath smells better. Your cough goes away. This happens for men and women of all ages, even those who are older. It happens for healthy people as well as those who already have a disease or condition caused by smoking.

Quitting smoking cuts the risk of lung and many other cancers, heart disease, stroke, and other respiratory illnesses.

Ex-smokers have better health than current smokers. Ex-smokers have fewer days of illness, fewer health complaints, and less bronchitis and pneumonia than current smokers.

Quitting smoking saves money. A pack-a-day smoker, who pays $2 per pack, can expect to save more than $700 per year. The price of cigarettes will probably continue to rise in coming years, as will the financial rewards of quitting.

Getting Ready to Quit

Set a date for quitting. If possible, have a friend quit smoking with you.

Notice when and why you smoke. Try to find things in your daily life that you often do while smoking (such as drinking your morning cup of coffee or driving a car).

Change your smoking routines: Keep your cigarettes in a different place. Smoke with your other hand. Don't do anything else when smoking. Think about how you feel when you smoke.

Smoke only in certain places, such as outdoors.

When you want a cigarette, wait a few minutes. Try to think of something to do instead of smoking; you might chew gum or drink a glass of water.

Buy one pack of cigarettes at a time. Switch to a brand of cigarettes you don't like.

On the Day You Quit

Get rid of all your cigarettes. Put ashtrays away.

Change your morning routine. When you eat breakfast, don't sit in the same place at the kitchen table.

Stay busy

When you get the urge to smoke, do something else instead.

Carry other things to put in your mouth, such as gum, hard candy, or a toothpick.

Reward yourself at the end of the day for not smoking. See a movie or go out and enjoy your favorite meal.

Staying Smoke-Free

Don't worry if you are sleepier or more short-tempered than usual; these feelings will pass.

Try to exercise-take walks or ride a bike.

Consider the positive things about quitting, such as how much you like yourself as a nonsmoker, health benefits for you and your family, and the example you set for others around you. A positive attitude will help you through the tough times.

When you feel tense, try to keep busy, think about ways to solve the problem, tell yourself that smoking won't make it any better, and go do something else.

Eat regular meals. Feeling hungry is sometimes mistaken for the desire to smoke.

Start a money jar with the money you save by not buying cigarettes.

Let others know that you have quit smoking, most people will support you. Many of your smoking friends may want to know how you quit. It's good to talk to others about quitting.

Walking guidelines help maximize exercise time

By Nanci Hellmich
USA TODAY

The reason walking appeals to so many people is that it's easy to do, they have the skills to do it, and most people can simply walk outside the front door and start off, says cardiologist James Rippe, author of several books on walking.

To begin a walking program, experts say to make sure you have comfortable shoes. Many recommend buying walking shoes, not cross-trainers or running shoes.

"There are 20 good brands of walking shoes," Rippe says.

The shoe should have a fairly low, rounded or beveled heel, says Mark Fenton of Walking Magazine. A flexible shoe bends through the ball, not the arch of the foot. The shoe should fit well so it doesn't slip at the heel or pinch at the toes.

If your muscles feel tight before you begin, walk at a comfortable pace for at least 10 minutes to warm up, then stretch gently for five minutes before embarking on the core of your walk, Fenton says. Your muscles must be warm and compliant before you begin stretching.

He highly recommends stretching after a walk. The routine can be as brief as five to 10 minutes.

Fenton suggests starting a program by:

Walking daily, even if it's just for 10 or 15 minutes.

Walking briskly and with purpose.

Keeping a log of your walking time or distance every day to motivate you.

Rippe says the fittest people, the ones who are sticking with exercise programs, keep track of what they do. They keep a log, at least in their heads.

Once started, motivational method must be employed to stay on track. Motivational methods often fall into several basic categories, Fenton says. These include:

Involvement with others; working out with a partner.

Concrete rewards; cuts in health care costs, t-shirts, prizes.

Emotional rewards; the satisfaction of many miles in a log, lots of steps on a pedometer, completing a walking event.

"Medical necessity" may make some patients exempt from laws banning marijuana

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- A federal appeals court raised the possibility that clubs providing medical marijuana might be reopened, saying "medical necessity" could make some patients exempt from laws against pot.

In a rebuff to the Clinton administration, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals told a judge who had issued an injunction against such groups to consider exempting patients and doctors who could show "medical necessity." The injunction against six medical marijuana clubs had been issued at the request of the Justice Department.

The court did not order the exception, but said there was evidence that would justify it.

One of the six Northern California clubs, the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative, "has identified a strong public interest in the availability of a doctor-prescribed treatment that would help ameliorate the condition and relieve the pain and suffering of a large group of persons with serious or fatal illnesses," the court said in a 3-0 ruling.

The court noted that the "necessity" defense, showing that breaking the law was the only way to prevent a more serious harm, would be available if federal authorities prosecuted patients or club officials for violating federal drug laws.

Because the government sought an injunction against future lawbreaking instead of prosecuting anyone, the order should be worded to exclude conduct that likely would be allowed if a person cited the necessity defense at trial, the court said.

"The 9th Circuit is correctly recognizing that cannabis has medical efficacy to a large class of patients and that it should be recognized under federal law under the medical necessity defense," Raich said.

He said the ruling could lead to the reopening of the Oakland cooperative for the limited number of patients who could show medical necessity.

Medical marijuana clubs sprang up around California after the November 1996 approval of Proposition 215, which allowed patients with serious illnesses to obtain and use marijuana at their doctors' recommendation without being prosecuted under state law

The Justice Department responded by suing six Northern California clubs, saying the absolute federal ban on marijuana distribution overrode Proposition 215.

U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer agreed; issuing a contempt order last year that forced four of the clubs to stop distributing marijuana. Two of the clubs, in Fairfax and Ukiah, remain open because the government failed to present evidence that they were distributing marijuana at the time. Other informal organizations scattered around the state also continue to supply medicinal marijuana.

New tips on improving your memory

How many of us have been in the situation in which we are late for an appointment and as we are about to leave, we only need one more thing ... our keys, but where did we put them last? They only appear after a complete and frantic search (sometimes searching the same place twice!).

Consider another situation in which we are worried about an exam. Although we have studied for weeks before, we enter the exam room, look at a few questions, somehow know the answer, but are unable to recall it. The answer finally does come, but only as we are leaving the exam room.

There is a common factor evident in these examples: stress, fear or anxiety somehow represses the ability to recall.

How does stress inhibit remembering?

The mind has two parts, each with separate functions - there is the conscious part, which is 12% of the mind, and the subconscious part, which constitutes the other 88%. The conscious part is the one readily identified with, it is the "doing state" which is used to perceive the world and to make decisions such as "I need to find my keys". The subconscious part is responsible for storing memory ("the keys were left on the kitchen bench") and habits, personality and self-image. It also controls bodily functions (notice people don't have to consciously think about doing these things). Between these two parts of the mind is a filter called The Reticular Activating System (RAS).

A recent major scientific discovery identified the function of the RAS. When stress is experienced, this "filter" is closed and the ability to remember diminishes, blocking recall. Upon relaxation, the filter is opened and allows entry into the memory bank. Recall is then enhanced.

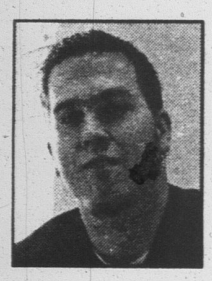
The ability to consciously relax and remove stress is therefore crucial in assisting the memory.

OPINION

Question of the week

What is your favorite activity on campus?

Jacque Duncan, junior
"I love being involved with Seekers."



Adam Kunkle, senior "I like to go to the volleyball games."

Kevin Bell, junior
"I always have fun at J.T.'s Café."

Sara Russell, sophomore "I love to play Frisbee in the quad with my friends."

Rob Fertelmes, senior
"I exercise by running campus at night."

Keith Dryburgh, junior "I like to participate in intramural sports."

Ken Rugh, junior
"I always like my fraternity's activities the best."

Ben Kelly, senior
"The Kung-Fu classes in the top of Orr were fun."

Elizabeth Spring, junior "I like to go to the pottery room late at night and throw."

Megan Sulsberger, sophomore
"I like to go to soccer games to support my girls."

John Hauser, junior
"I go to the fitness center to take a break from studying."

OUR VIEW: GO BLUE

Penn State fans are the epitome of school spirit. They cry at a loss and celebrate with the team when they win. A walk across their campus would show that many of the students are huge Penn State fans. Students are decked out in PSU t-shirts, shorts, sweatshirts; you name it, they have it. They know the fight song and actually sing it. Just one question. Does Westminster even have one?

Precisely the point. Where is the school spirit? Why aren't we proud of OUR blue and white?

Go to any sporting event and you'll be sure to find a seat. Why? Because no one is there. It's not because the teams aren't doing well—it's because students are uninterested. No one talks about "the big game on Saturday." Most students travel to Pitt or PSU for their football games instead of staying for ours.

Most students, if they do go to the games, barely make a peep. Though some might not understand the rules of the game, good plays are not hard to figure out. Just for some help, pick a player's parent (preferably from our team) and when they yell, yell along with them.

Why does it seem students have more pride for their high school teams than for the college? This college was the school that you chose to be your home for four years. Your parents, though influential, didn't make this decision for you. Be proud of your decision. Support activities that are going on around campus whether they are athletic, academic or social. It is pretty much impossible not to have a friend or two in some kind of organization. Support them.

How about trying to express your school spirit on the outside so other schools don't think we're apathetic. Wear Westminster gear, paint your face with a friend's jersey number, but above all else, GET EXCITED. This isn't a tough thing to do. Make plans to get a group of friends and go to the volleyball/soccer/basketball/baseball games.

Why does it seem students have more pride for their high school teams than for the college?

Almost everyone on campus is involved in some kind of organization. Don't you like to have your friends come and watch what you do? Definitely. It shows that your friends support you. As the saying goes, "Do unto others what you would have done unto you." That's right, get up and support your neighbor, friend, boyfriend/girlfriend; anyone you know will love it if they see your face in the crowd.

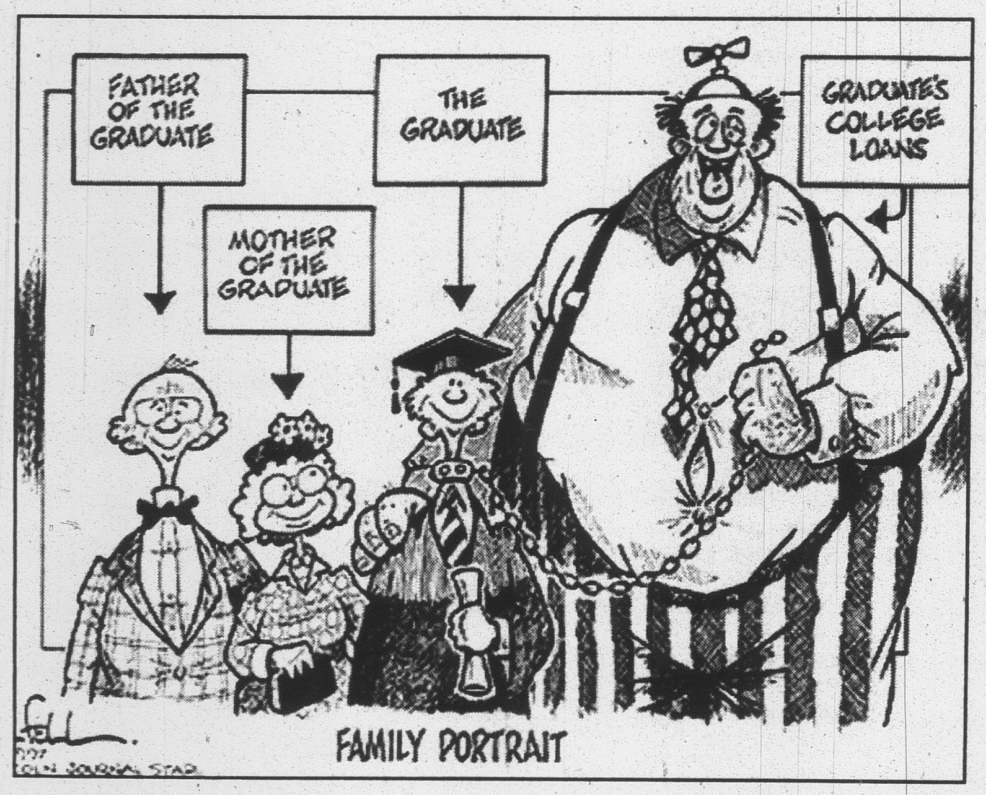
So what if you don't like sports? There are many avenues where you can show your school support. Go to a play or volunteer. Anything that you do on behalf of the college not only gets you involved but also shows that you care.

Start this week. Homecoming is approaching. For most schools it's the biggest weekend of the entire year. Students bring friends from other schools to watch the football game and partake in the weekend's activities. However, it wouldn't be surprising to see our football stands vacant with most of the students only enjoying the "after-game."

It's time for a change. Don't just come to see who wins Homecoming queen and king. Make signs for the Titans, paint your face, wear Westminster stuff, but most importantly, make an appearance.

Also, remember that there is much more to Homecoming than the football game. Get up early and go to the parade, go to the Memorial Dedication, go to other sporting events that day, tailgate and visit with the alumni.

Get involved and show school spirit. Whether it's wearing face paint or volunteering through Habitat for Humanity, the involvement and effort that students put forth is recognized and does help to better the college.



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Student lacks freedom to reveal himself to others

By Henry Y. Chung
U-WIRE EDITORIALIST

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. - I was recently asked in class to select two personal qualities and explain why I identified with these terms. How could I complete the assignment when I can't properly use a can-opener? Well, I followed the only valuable thing that I learned in my mostly unsuccessful Boy Scout career - I coped with it.

Perhaps it is difficult to evaluate one's self. For instance, sometimes I feel bold enough to compete in the semifinals of the "Titanic" screaming contest, uttering words like "I'm the king of the room" as loud as my lungs can endure. Other times I feel too embarrassed to envy the brown nosers in my Civil Procedure section. This inevitable combination of self-importance and timidity places human beings in a love-hate relationship of the self.

Incidentally, my ultimate strength and shortcoming are closely tied into this mystic phenomenon. I'm often proud of my gut reaction, which is my most exceptional quality. Though I have not calculated how many times my gut reaction was right at first, I'm confident enough to trust my instinct. For example, I predicted that the Berlin Wall would fall and that George Michael's popularity would end - these events actually occurred. Furthermore, whenever I contemplate ambiguous answers for multiple-choice questions, I always go with my first impression (That probably reveals a lot about my LSAT score).

Jokes aside, I'm also very good at forecasting people's characters during our premiere encounters. Of course, I fully understand that it's premature to judge; however, my innate perceptiveness sometimes compels me to pass "unnecessary" judgments. One night, my friends and I were harassed by half a dozen of smelly, drunken frat boys who were screaming insulting remarks while slurring words. I told my friends that these guys would spend their night in jail. The next day, those very same people were on the front page of the paper, confirming my prediction.

Anyhow, I owe the deepest apologies to those whom I have judged before, and I take this opportunity to show my remorse. Though I often enjoy making perverse observations about people, I am totally reluctant to engage in self-assessment.

That leads to the discussion of my weakness. I am hypersensitive to criticism. I don't like being judged in terms of my clothing, backpack color, cereal brand and choice of words, let alone exam grades. I'm often aware of people's reactions. Whenever I proclaim, "I don't care about what people think about me," it really means the opposite.

This shows, evidently, that I don't entirely know myself yet.

I believe that law school will only exacerbate this weakness. The past two weeks of competitive legal training have already made me breathless. The quintessential problem of law school is that students are either married or they have a terrible sense of humor.

For instance, in the midst of my immense workload and infinite assignments, I try to crack jokes hoping to provide comfort in the stressful environment. Nonetheless, few of my classmates seem to appreciate my humor even though they know deep down that the jokes are blatantly hilarious.

Other law students refuse to react to my wry sense of humor, because

laughing acknowledges my ability to succeed as a law student. I have two solutions for that: 1. Either switch my audience to the debaucherous undergraduates or 2. Start coming up with some original legal jokes.

The other choice is finding my way to Armory Square, sipping the gourmet coffee in my hand and continuing to make fun of people who pass by.

Mainstream media in the center of criticism

By Ray Prisament
U-WIRE EDITORIAL

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. - You have to feel sorry for the mainstream media. Sometimes it seems that nobody likes them.

Among conservatives, for example, the bitter term "liberal media" has become so commonplace that just about every American has heard at least one reference to it.

If a conservative ever needs proof of how left-leaning some feel the media has become, they can turn to groups like the Media Research Center (www.mrc.org) or Accuracy in Media (www.aim.org).

These groups spend all their time compiling examples of leftist media bias, and the Media Research Center in particular has a very impressive collection. Lately the MRC has been focusing on the media's reluctance to cover "Chinagate," i.e. the Cox report allegations. In a rather enjoyable feature, the MRC allows you to view television interviews by Dan Rather from 1988, when he relentlessly grilled George Bush over Iran-Contra, and from 1999, when he interviewed Clinton, lightheartedly asking about Hillary and other meaningless subjects but barely mentioning the Cox Report.

The conservative media-watch organizations love these kind of point-by-point comparisons, and their web sites have archived thousands of them. The media hounding of George W. Bush over unsubstantiated rumors of drug abuse, versus the stunning media silence over Juanita Broaddrick's direct accusation that Clinton raped her is also a hot topic.

Yet empirical evidence is not enough for any good conspiracy theory - you also need an explanation, a mechanism. Accuracy in Media is quick to provide one.

"All the major media surveys for the past 20 years have shown that 80 to 90 percent of the mainstream media consistently vote for Democrats S many of them are actually admitting [their bias] these days. They admit they're anti-business, pro-big government, anti-family and anti-religion [continues with an example]."

There you go. Just about every reporter for the mainstream media is a registered Democrat, and many of them are actually admitting their professional bias. Add that to the mountains of empirical evidence compiled by AIM and the MRC, and one might just be convinced that we all have to read The National Review to get objective reporting.

That is, if it weren't for FAIR. Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, or FAIR (www.fair.org), is a group that spends all its time exposing - you guessed it - conservative bias in the mainstream media.

Unlike the MRC, FAIR doesn't have a hot issue to complain about right now, although they are generally concerned about coverage of economic issues. It seems that while reporting on the good state of our economy, the New York Times and the Washington Post forgot to mention that capitalism is inherently evil and doomed to fail (okay, I'm paraphrasing a little, but FAIR writes much longer diatribes than the conservative groups do.)

Under it's FBI's-Most-Wanted type listing of America's media companies,

I personally find the evidence of a "liberal media" slightly more convincing than a "conservative media." Whichever you prefer, however, two larger truths stand out.

The first is the simple fact that both of these groups can't be correct. It is literally impossible for the mainstream media to be simultaneously biased towards the left and the right. Conceivably, one of these groups could be absolutely right and the other absolutely wrong. The more likely situation, however, is they are both wrong. In fact, having strong criticism from both the right and the left is a healthy sign that the mainstream media is not a tool of either ideology. The problem with activists on the right and the left is that they want the media to be their mouthpiece, to cover stories with the slant and attitude that they consider are "correct" - when the media refuses to do that, groups like AIM and FAIR are formed.

The second and most important truth to come out of this is that if there has ever been a stronger argument against campaign-finance limitations, I haven't heard it. Most campaign finance restrictions, proposed and existing, take power away from individuals to make arguments, and give it to the mainstream press. The right has realized this for years, and has generally fought against campaign finance laws that explicitly give more power to the "liberal media." The left, which generally advocates these restrictions, should take a hint. If the mainstream media is so biased against them, why do they want to give it more power?

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THE BASH & ASH CHILL FACTOR REVIEW

Derrick "Kid Sparkle" B.

Maybe it's my own fault. Throwing down my loot from that bank heist back in Capital City to see a movie starring Cuba Gooding Jr. was almost as dumb as the time I put my pet puppy in the same cage as my pet alligator. I paid dearly for my indiscretion thanks to *Chill Factor*, one the worst movies I've ever had the unfortunate experience of sitting through.

Anyway, on Sunday morning Ash and I were cruising in my Austin Healey 3000, with a picnic strapped to the trunk in a wicker basket, listening to Technotronic. After getting the thumbs down from a group of pig tailed Sunday school girls decked out in Hello Kitty and carrying Trapper Keepers, we needed a plan, a good plan. After careful consideration, we concluded it was best to go kick it at the local cinema, catch a flick and take another crack at winning that Alf doll in the claw machine.

As we approached the theatre, I wished for *Stigmata*; a dose of Satan accompanied by the melodic strains of Billy Corgan, with a dash of David Bowie, which of course wasn't playing. So, we forked over the clams for *Chill Factor* and planted ourselves in the theater totally oblivious to the unbridled hell waiting to descend upon us. Imagine listening to a Bare Naked Ladies CD, being scalded with really, really hot soup, and watching *Friends* in a seat made out of porcupines.

While waiting for the movie to begin, my mind drifted back to my first date at a movie theater in 12th grade when I finally got the courage to hold that girl's hand. True, she smelled like fish sticks and had bangs, but she still held my hand.

Since *Chill Factor* is one of the worst movies I've ever seen, I guess it holds some significance. It did confirm the fact the Gooding is one of the most annoying human beings to be conceived and born. The plot, which a four-year-old could scribble out onto his full Pampers with a Crayola after watching *Speed* (which *Chill Factor* shamelessly rips off), centers around two guys (Gooding and Skeet Ulrich). These two guys, the same two I just mentioned in the sentence before this one, get a hold of some dangerous poison that has the ability to kill everyone in the world. (Yes, even Gooding would parish.) Of course, this stuff has to be kept under 50 degrees or it will go off, and of course, there's a bunch of bad guys who keep doing things to make the temperature get near 50 degrees.

Chill Factor has it all. Terrible acting, sloppy editing and dubbing, dialogue that made me cringe and a cliched plot; yep, it was as bad as a giraffe's neck is long. Basically, unless you are a complete moron, you won't find this movie entertaining. If you do, I'm sorry. Keeping that in mind, there are a few good reasons to see this movie. A) It will let you know if you're a moron. B) Any movie you see after this is bound to seem like an academy award winner. And finally, C) If you did enjoy this movie, and are a moron, you'll at least feel smart when you realize you could have written, produced and acted in this movie.

Oh yeah, Ash liked the movie. He's lying in his review.

Ashley "Webster" W.

Words can't even describe just how awful the movie *Chill Factor* is. After sitting in the theater for only half an hour, it was already apparent that this movie was going to be bad, and after and hour and a half I realized that conjugating Spanish verbs would have been more enjoyable. I am generally the type of person who looks on the bright side of things, but there are no redeeming features in this movie unless you like bad Elvis jokes. If you want to truly understand how bad this movie is, compare it to such flops as *Broken Arrow* or *Breakdown*.

The two main characters in this movie consisted of Skeet Ulrich (a sad knockoff of Johnny Depp) as a convenience store clerk, and Cuba Gooding ("show me the money") Jr. as an ice cream deliveryman. It seems that these two were just in the wrong place at the wrong time. The adventure begins as Dr. Long played by David Paymer (the *Happy Days* looking Al, gone mad scientist) stumbles into the convenience store after being shot by his arch nemesis. Well, basically "Al" dies and together this "unlikely" pair (Cuba & Skeet) are thrown into an elaborate quest to save a deadly bomb from a psycho terrorist who plans to sell it to the highest bidding "Saddam Hussein." Oh, and if this bomb (called Elvis) isn't kept under 50 degrees it will explode, hence the extraordinarily profound and witty title *Chill Factor*.

Now, as we all know, even movies with awful plots can sometimes be redeemed by witty phrases and sayings, however this movie is not one of them. I can't even count the amount of times I cringed and actually cried out in despair at the pure stupidity of the jokes. Quotes such as "Elvis has left the building," "Elvis is dead, buy some CD's," and as the main characters are in a paddle boat the crowning quote occurs, "at least we're not up s**t creek without a paddle," to which comes the elicited response "no, we have two," occurs.

The final area in which the movie truly secures it's rank as being completely moronic is in the setting of the movie. For a movie which is supposed to take place in Montana it surely looks like it's taking place in the buttes of Arizona or Utah. One of the "great" (sarcastic) chase scenes takes place on a long dirt road along a cliff way up high in the air. You have no guardrails, and are careening around hairpin turns in an Andy's ice cream truck with a deadly substance in the back that could destroy all life within hundreds of miles. Um, overkill. Yeah, I feel the suspense. Oh Skeet, watch out for that terrorist rappelling down from the cliff above you. Another favorite part was when our dynamic duo acquires a rowboat at gunpoint and proceeds to ride it down a mountainside and into a river where they paddle away. Only slightly reminiscent of my man Indiana in *The Temple of Doom*. The rest of the movie isn't believable, why should this part be either?

Well, upon further consideration I guess there really is a positive side to this movie. It basically shows that anyone can write a script and make it in Hollywood. No need for talent or abilities, just a large budget. Golly gee, I can't wait for the sequel (smile.dimples.).

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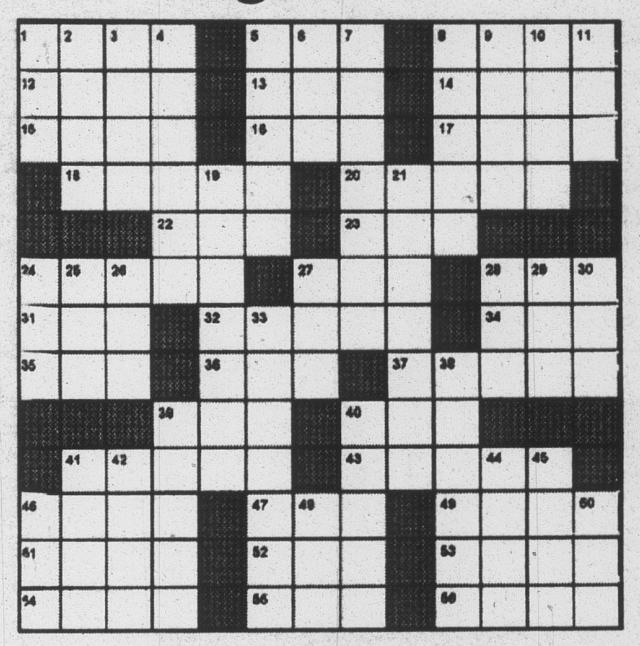
Crossword Challenge

Across

1 Teaspoons (abbr.)
2 Not hers
8 In no danger
12 Narrative poem
13 Mineral
14 Paradise
15 Worker
16 Covered Truck
17 Depression
18 Follow trail of
20 Pile up
22 Politics (abbr.)
23 Expose to sun
24 Tall structure
27 2, 00 lbs.
28 Hit sharply
31 Hail
32 Musical drama
34 Native (suf.)
35 Stop
36 Not (pref.)
37 __ Pyle
39 Point in law
40 Edge of garment
41 Trots
43 Place for contest
46 Indication
47 Mistake
49 Circuits
51 Lincoln and Vigoda
52 Take to court
53 Fencing sword
54 Inhab. of achient Media
55 Seminary (abbr.)
56 Class book

Down

1 Spread to dry
2 Mark
3 Wharf
4 Rub with considerable pressure
5 Small, miserable dwelling
6 Ireland political org. (abbr.)
7 Politician
8 Car
9 Sweetened drinks (suf.)
10 Marshes
11 Ear, nose, throat (abbr.)
19 Prince's crown
21 Person in charge
24 Projection
25 Eggs
26 Cyst
27 Number
28 Edge
29 Dined
30 Each
33 Has
38 Egg dish
39 Wash lightly
40 Moslem wives
41 Mocking remark
42 Older
44 Back of neck
45 Highest point
46 __Snead
48 Remorse
50 Put



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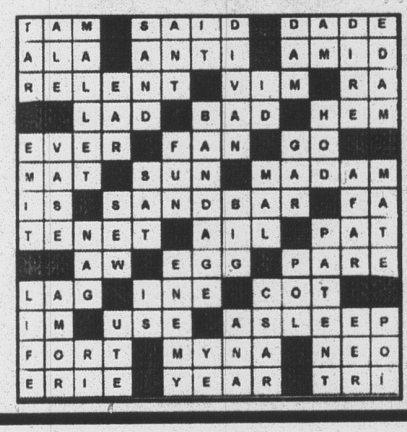


HOROSCOPES

ARIES This week's scenario is highlighted by mood swings that may have you full of optimism one moment, but frustrated at unexpected setbacks the next. Those around you may react giddily to sudden changes, you will be able to keep your head.

TAURUS This week's scenario is highlighted by teamwork & compromise. Anyone who interacts with you will find you not only delightful company, but a great teammate as well.

GEMINI This week's scenario is highlighted by practical concerns. What needs to get done will get done, because you are in a frame of mind to deal directly. Good time for a sit down planning chat.

CANCER This week's scenario is highlighted by money, money & more money. You could be unhealthily focused on what you consider the inadequacies of your home environment. If someone else has to approve, approach him or her with a positive outlook.

LEO This week's scenario is highlighted by your ability to smooth the waters. You'll have plenty of spirit. You can take it all with good grace and simply keep on trucking.

VIRGO This week's scenario is highlighted by the next phase of an ongoing project, personal or professional. Now it's time to deal with practical matters rather than the purely theoretical.

LIBRA This week's scenario is highlighted by your overall financial situation, as well as your long-term goals. You've got plenty of things you would like to do, but it is vital to be selective.

SCORPIO This week's scenario is highlighted by sweet harmony in your professional & personal life. You and your partner will find yourselves getting along about everything.

SAGITTARIUS This week's scenario is highlighted by your ability to keep many balls in the air at one time, but even you have a limit.

CAPRICORN This week's scenario is highlighted by a reconnection to your roots. Whatever the status of your relationship, there appears to be a romantic, sensual glow in the atmosphere.

AQUARIUS This week's scenario is highlighted by improvements and ideas about how they could be accomplished. Keep on digging and you will find what you are looking for. In the meantime, it is vital not to make any rash moves or uneducated guesses.

PISCES This week's scenario is highlighted by distractions & your need to concentrate on your goals. What you have to do seems not only tedious, but also somehow irrelevant. In a way, this is a blessing, because it opens you up to operating in a new, rather unconventional manner. People will notice and applaud your ingenuity.

"Back to the Beat" offers live dancing and music

By Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

It may not be American Bandstand, but starting this Thursday, Sept. 16th the Down Under will feature "Back to the Beat," a live radio dance program aired on 89FM. This original show will be hosted every Thursday from 10p.m. to 12a.m by junior, broadcasting major Gabrielle Buckley.

"Everything is free and everyone is welcome," says Buckley. "Come in and dance or just sit and relax and take a breather before classes on Friday." Students Affairs, who gave Buckley permission to do the show, will provide free drinks and refreshments to everyone who stops by.

The radio program will feature "urban, techno, and basically anything to get you moving," says Buckley. "I plan to showcase different artists on different nights. One Thursday might be all Beastie Boys or Queen Latifah or whatever."

She also wants to have guests on the show who want to hear their own music played. Anything goes as long as it fits the program's style. "I don't care if someone wants to play something they mixed in their basement. That's cool - we're not restricted to just the station's music," she said.

Gabe is open to suggestions as well. "I know what I like, but I don't know what everyone else wants to hear," she explained. So once you've checked out "Back to the Beat" for yourself, email your suggestions to bucklega@westminster.edu. She encourages everyone to go to the Down Under or tune his or her radio every Thursday night to 89FM to enjoy some "unedited music on this brand new live program."

Sheryl Crow performs concert in

By Edna Gundersen
USA TODAY

NEW YORK - "I better act right or they'll fire me from my own gig," Sheryl Crow quipped during a break in her televised concert Tuesday night in Central Park. The singer coped gracefully with the presence of corporate sponsor American Express and the strict timetable of Fox, which aired the show's second half live. She overcame commercial interruptions with aplomb, adding songs and delivering jokes ("A skeleton goes into a bar and asks for a six-pack and a mop").

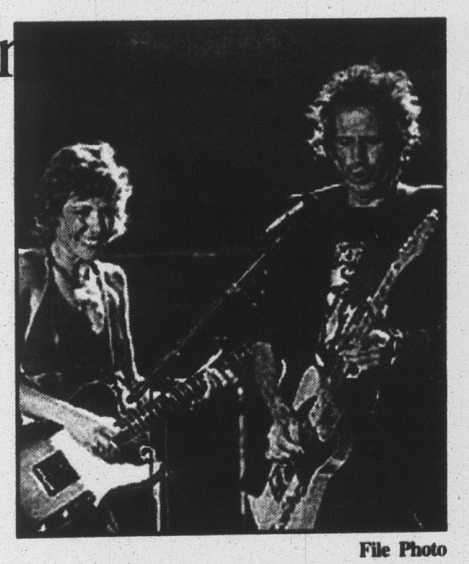
Off-camera duets included a raucous Sweet Little Rock and Roller with Keith Richards and Jimi Hendrix's Little Wing, spotlighting Eric Clapton's guitar. She and the Dixie Chicks teamed on Mississippi, a Bob Dylan song on Crow's The Globe Sessions.

"The Dixie Chicks have the No. 1 record, so I hate them," Crow joked.

Before cameras rolled, she ad-libbed to the throng of 25,000, "In case you're wondering, I'm Aquarian, I do eat meat, I don't wear fur, I occasionally wear leather. I like macaroni and cheese."

Subbing for a tardy Bill Murray, Sandra Bernhard introduced Crow for the unaired first hour, which included a duet with Sarah McLachlan on the piano ballad Angel.

The enthusiastic crowd was orderly, even as rain fell during duets with Stevie Nicks (Gold Dust Woman) and Chrissie Hynde (If It Makes You Happy). Unticketed fans, denied entrance by barriers and 450 police officers, eavesdropped on Fifth Avenue sidewalks.



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Sheryl Crow and Keith Richards jam at Tuesday's concert.

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Wanted to Buy: Used Dr. Suess books. Call Carol Eberhart at ext. 7190.

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For Sale: Organic Chemistry text and lab manual, both for $80. Call Jill (330) 448-4112.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER TUTORS WANTED: The Center for Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is looking for volunteers to tutor. All areas of study are needed, and a short orientation program is offered before starting. Time and location of tutoring sessions are as follows: Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Human Services Center, New Castle; Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., New Castle Public Library; and Saturdays, 9:30- 11 a.m., New Castle YMCA. For more information, call (724) 658-3578, Roger Smith at ext. 107, or Gretchen Panella at ext. 212.

ACCOUNTING INTERNSHIPS: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is looking for junior accounting major interns and successful applicants will be considered for full-time employment after graduation. This 37.5-hour per week internship pays $9.34 per hour. For more information, contact Benito Martinez, State Civil Service Commission, P.O. Box 569, Harrisburg PA 171-8-6127 or call (717) 787- 6127.

SOCIAL CASEWORK INTERNSHIPS: Local government agencies, such as Children and Youth and Mental Health/Mental Retardation Units, have county social casework internships available. Interns will receive compensation, valuable work experience, and consideration for full-time employment after graduation. Juniors in behavioral sciences who are Pennsylvania residents may apply. Contact either Beniot Martinez or Steve Lazur, State Civil Service Commission, Division of Recruitment, P.O. Box 569, Harrisburg PA 17108-0569, or e-mail bmarinez@scsc.state.pa.us.

MUSIC TEACHER WANTED: The Hopewell School District is looking for a part-time certified music teacher to teach fifth-grade music two to three hours a day. The school is located 15 minutes from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport in Aliquippa. For more information, contact Joe Sullivan at (724) 375-7765.

US STATE DEPT. INTERNSHIPS: The U.S. State Department has a variety of internships in many different places all over the world. Deadlines to apply are in November, so check out the Website at www.state.gov, click on "search" and type in "internships."

FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION: The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships has a Nov. 4 deadline for applying in the 2000 competition. Fellowships are awarded for graduate study leading to research-based graduate degrees in the fields of science, mathematics, and engineering supported by the NSF. For more information, contact Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338.

FARM WORKERS: Fox Hollow Stables needs barn help. Duties in this position includes stall cleaning, feedings turnouts, grooming and tacking. Applicants much have experience with horses to apply. This minimum-wage position has flexible hours, and is located approximately 30 minutes from campus. For more information, call Linda Stevens at (724) 846-7799.

GIANT EAGLE HIRING: The First National Bank located in the Giant Eagle on Route 18, is looking for part-time help on the weekends. The candidate for this position should be outgoing, energetic, and sales oriented. This 10-15 hour-per-week position pays $6.29 per hour, but may be higher depending on experience. A representative will be on campus to interview for this position Wednesday, Sept. 15 in the Career Center. For more information, call Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338.

PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERSHIPS: The Pittsburgh Penguins, UPMC Horizon, Allegheny General Hospital, and WQED each have an internship available for a public relations major. For more information, call Janet Waugaman at ext.6338.

AMAZING MUSIC WORLD INTERSHIPS: Amazing Music World has internships available for students majoring in computer information science, business/marketing, public relations and/or music majors with plans to work in the music industry. A new Internet-based music publishing business located only one mile outside New Wilmington seeks students with writing and computer skills to assist in research and marketing. Knowledge of and interest in music, especially classical, jazz, and new age, is highly desirable. This 10-hour-per-week position includes responsibilities such as Internet research, library research, writing/editing brief bios and music reviews, and web page design. Car is helpful, but some work my be done on a students off-site computer. For more information, call Evann Garrison at (724) 946-2224, fax (724) 946-2509 or e-mail evann@amazingmusic-world.com or garriseg@westminster.edu.

ARGO POSITIONS: The Argo yearbook has positions open as public relations manager, public relations staff, photo staff, business staff, and layout staff. For applications, contact Andrea Bean at ext. 6446 before the Sept. 9 deadline.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (S.I.F.E.) SEEKING MEMBERS: Benefits include course credit, travel opportunities, career opportunities, interviews with top business executives, and resume building. All majors welcome. For more information, contact either Emily Baker at bakerek@westminster.edu or Tara Keith at keithtl@westminster.edu.

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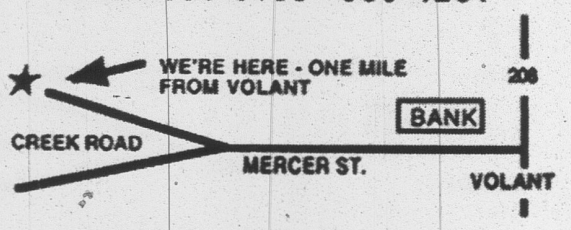

10% Student Discount

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looking to give people parking tickets," said Sampson. "Maybe they could send around a warning or something so students know to watch out."

Lechner said he may do just that. If deemed necessary, a "Security Alert" will be e-mailed to the entire campus containing information on the incidents and safety tips.

"We have been fooling ourselves by not taking precautionary measures earlier," sophomore Beth Chupak said. "Just because these types of things haven't happened before doesn't me they won't happen."

But these types of incidents have happened, as recently as last spring, according to junior Christine Lintner.

Lintner described three similar incidents all occurring within two weeks of each other last spring.

According to Lintner, the doors and windows of Thomas Hileman's vehicle were kicked in last semester. About one week later Lintner's own vehicle was vandalized while parked in Eichenauer's parking lot. Her back seat driver's side window was broken, but like Johnson's vehicle, nothing was taken. One day later, Justin Craig ('99) had the rear window of his vehicle broken. This was the first of two attacks on his car. Craig's car was parked off campus at the time.

"People are trying to say that these are one time occurrences and things like this never happen on this campus, but that's exactly what they tried to tell me last year," Lintner said. "Don't believe them. It happened to me, it happened to these people, and it can happen to anyone."

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Like most grants of its kind, the "Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant" is a matching grant, which means that if the state puts up 4.2 million dollars, the college must match it with another 4.2 million dollars.

Taylor said that the college's half will be invested into the construction of a new campus center that will replace the present student union building.

Particularly, the funds will go toward the public parts of the campus center like the hospitality room, muli-purpose room and lecture room.

Williamson sees the entire project as equally beneficial to students and the surrounding community.

As an extension of the Celebrity Series, the summer music festival will ensure that "people won't have to travel to Pittsburgh for good entertainment," Williamson said.

Theatre and music students will reap the most direct benefit from the facilities, according to Williamson. He also said that the summer music and arts festival would provide opportunities for growth in both departments.

"It will greatly boost the reputation of [the] theatre and music programs and make the programs more marketable to prospective students," he said.

Williamson also discussed the possibility of music and theatre students spending their summers working on the festival and at the camps.

"Those are experiences that make a difference in a career. The more situations we can create like that, the better," Williamson said.

Unfortunately, the state has offered no deadline as to when the college should know if they are to receive the grant. But Williamson remains patient and encouraged.

"This could really be one of Westminster's strengths," Williamson said as he knocked on his wooden desk. "I hope it works."

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 17
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Center for ADHD Information Table — TUB Grill
11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
3:00 pm Women's Tennis vs. Wayne State (H)
7:00 pm Volleyball @ Findlay, OH
Alpha Phi Omega Quad-a-Thon - TBA
7:30 pm Robert Schuller, Jr. : "The Power of a Dream" -
Orr Auditorium (Free admission)

SATURDAY 18
Morning and afternoon PRAXIS TESTS - Patterson
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Outdoor Lab Cleanup
10:00 am Women's Tennis vs. Findlay (H)
11:00 am Cross Country Invitational @ Penn State Behrend
11:00 am Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Children's Library
Noon Football @ Northwood, MI
4:00 pm Women's Soccer vs. Northwood (H)
7:00 pm Newman Club Opening Liturgy - Chapel
8:00 pm CPC Presents Happy Cole (comedian) - Down Under
TBA Alpha Phi Omega Quad-a-Thon - TBA
TBA Alpha Gamma Delta Retreat
TBA Night of Music (McGill Community Center) - Orr Auditorium

SUNDAY 19
1:00 pm Volleyball @ Ashland, OH
1:00 pm Women's Soccer vs. Northern Michigan (H)
1:30 pm Women's Tennis vs. Hillsdale (H)
7:00 pm Vespers - Chapel
9:00 pm Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 20
YOM KIPPUR
Phi Mu History Week
Zeta Tau Alpha Homecoming Raffle Begins
Last Day to DROP ($15 Fee) for All Returning and Transfer Students
LAST DAY FOR A 80% REFUND
11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
5:30 pm Panhellenic Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 pm Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
6:15 pm Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112-113
6:30 pm Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 pm Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
6:30 - 9:00 pm Westminster Fund Fall Phonathon Begins - Thompson House
7:00 pm Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
8:00 pm First Class of Continuing Education Windows 95, Beginning Level — PH 214
9:15 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting — TUB A/B

TUESDAY 21
11:15 am Student Life & Athletic Council — TUB A/B
5:30 pm First Class of Continuing Education Microsoft Word for WINDOWS, Beginning Level — PH 214
7:00 pm Education Department Portfolio Workshop — HSC 150
7:00 pm Seminar: Credit Cards and Money Management — TUB A/B
7:30 pm Foreign Film Festival: "Johnny Stecchino" (Italian) — Down Under
TBA Kappa Delta Open House

WEDNESDAY 22
11:30 am Faculty Forum: Dave Barner, "Recruiting Students Using Broadcast Sales Techniques" — PH 131
5:00 pm Student Alumni Association Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 pm Women's Soccer @ Wheeling, WV
7:00 pm SGA Meeting - TCF 116
7:15 pm Volleyball vs. Mercyhurst (H)
7:30 pm Men's Soccer @ Wheeling, WV
8:00 pm Student Pre-Law Association Meeting/Movie - PH 114
8:00 pm CPC Meeting - TCF 116
8:30 pm SAVE Meeting - TCF 111
8:30 pm Kappa Delta Pi Membership Meeting - Old Main 317
9:30 pm Seekers Meeting - TBA

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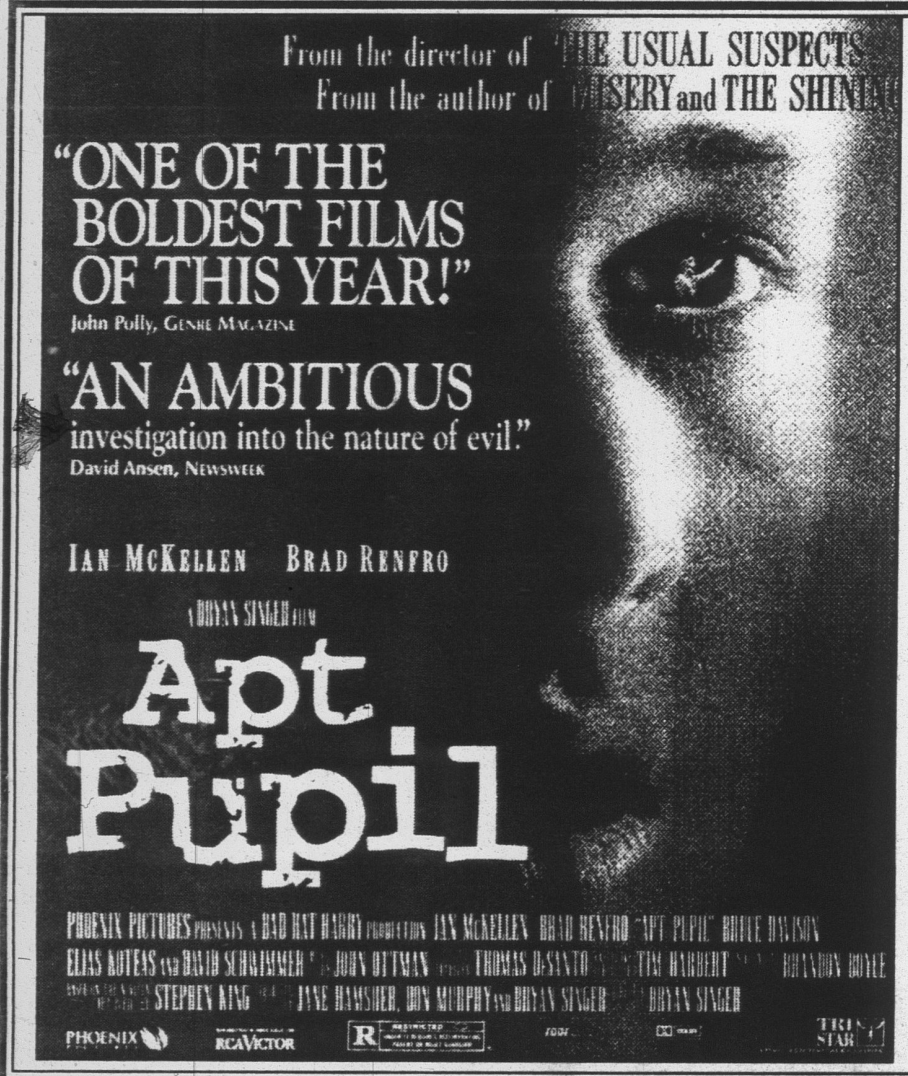

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Enjoy free popcorn and soda while you watch the show.

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Campus welcomes alumni for Homecoming

Photo by Brandon Cleary

The Titans are earnesly preparing for Saturday's Homecoming game against Hillsdale.

By Meghan Duda
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The 1999 Homecoming Court has been selected, and festivities are underway for this weekend's celebration.

Kicking off the events will be the SGA Powder Puff football game today at 3:30 in the quad. Powder Puff, an all-female two-hand touch football game, is an opportunity for one of the four classes to earn a spot on the Powder Puff Champion plaque. In the prilimiary round, the seniors will take on the sophomores and the juniors will face the freshman. The winners of the two games will partake in the championship game at 4:15.

The evening activities begin at 5 pm with a pep rally in the quad. An all-student picnic and the presentation of the Homecoming court will take place on the senior terrace.

The Citation Recognition Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. in Russell Dining Room, where five alumni will be recognized for their professional accomplishments or outstanding community service. Recipients will include Dianne Dilmaghani Aronian (1962), David L. Cooper (1972), Darwin W. Huey (1974), Robert C. Jazwinski (1975) and John L. Walker (1960).

Saturday morning activities begin at 8:30 am when members of the Friends of the Library organization will host an all-alumni breakfast in McGill Library.

At 10 am the Homecoming Parade begins on Market Street, with floats decorated as different "Decades" of the twentieth century. Following the parade, the class of 1949 will dedicate the Veterans Memorial in the quad.

An all-alumni picnic is planned at the softball field at 11:30, and will be followed by the main event: the Titan football team taking on Hillsdale at 1:30 with pre-game at 1:00.

This year, the Homecoming queen and king will be announced during halftime, instead of during the pre-game festivities as in years past.

Other changes in Homecoming include candidate selection and the presentation of the court. Instead of only one candidate being selected per organization (fraternity, sorority, independent) as done in years past, three were chosen. A "selection board," made up of faculty members and administrators, who deal with the students on a regular basis, then interviewed each candidate. Board members were selected in hopes that the faculty choices would represent the interest of the student body.

"We selected faculty that dealt with students," Heather Deemer, Homecoming public relations coordinator, said. "This way they were in constant interaction with (the students) and could make a sound decision."

The selection board chose one candidate to

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Mock Convention of 2000 is approaching

By Rebecca Galbraith
STAFF WRITER

It's time to break out the red, white, and blue pom-poms and the presidential ballots as the 2000 Republican Mock Convention is rapidly approaching. The Mock Convention will take place on Feb. 10 and 11.

Like the political parties' national conventions, The Mock Convention is rich in history. Except for the wartime year of 1944, it has been held every four years since 1936. The convention is one of the oldest in the nation.

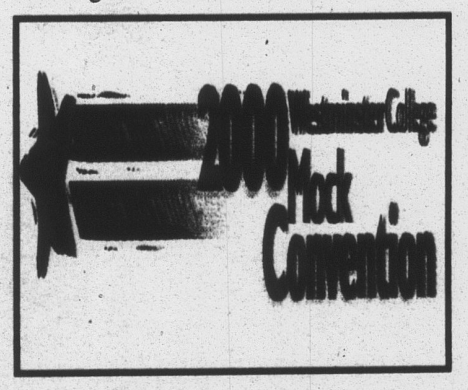
This year, the convention will be for the Republican Party. It is always for the party not currently in the White House.

As in years past, The Mock Convention will be run like the actual convention.

The convention will include student campaign managers and student delegates representing all states. All students involved will also participate in a parade supporting their candidates. The convention also brings in a keynote speaker.

Julie Waszczak, executive chair of the convention said, "we are working to bring in a speaker that will attract the interest of students and can highlight major issues in the upcoming election."

An executive committee made up of students organizes the Mock Convention.



"We have a lot of great ideas and which we are currently putting into practice," said Waszczak.

The members of the executive committee include: Julie Waszczak, executive chair; Selina Strait, secretary; Ryan Grissett, treasurer; Inga Laurent, Ian Magness, Kenneth Rugh and Lori Scott, credentials; Joseph Auglia, Kathryn Clymer and Joseph Kurtz, platform; Sara Johnson, rules; Kim Bartley, Rebecca Galbraith and Melissa Wiley, public relations; John Hauser, campaign manager coordinator; Allison Seigle and Tim Thurman, physical arrangements; and Kristi Gilbert, web manager.

There are many other ways that students participate in the Mock Convention as well, including becoming campaign manager, state chair or state.

This year all freshmen are required to participate as part of the Inquiry program.

"Hopefully students will become as excited as we are," Waszczak said. "Students should be looking for campus email and other advertisements on how they can become involved."

Questions should be addressed to the executive committee at campus mailbox 98.

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	Mostly Sunny High 70 Low 48	Sunny High 75 Low 55	Sunny High 80 Low 45

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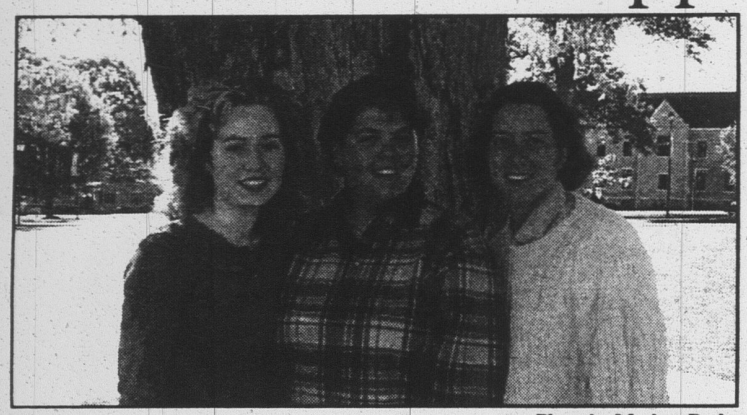
New directors appointed to dorms



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Brandy Hare, Erin Heasley, and Shannon Rising

EJ Campbell & Brenda Rowland
STAFF WRITERS

Erin Heasley, Shannon Rising, and Brandi Hare were recently hired as directors of the residence halls Jeffers, Hillside and Ferguson.

In total, the residence director staff consists of six post graduates and two undergraduates. Shaw, Galbreath, Hillside, Eichenhaur and Russell RD positions are filled by post graduates, while Jeffers and Browne are undergraduate students.

Shannon Rising, a native of Shoreview, Minnesota, became RD of Hillside on September 5.

Rising, 23, graduated from Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota with a degree in Biology and the Bible. Presently, she is working toward her masters in higher education at Geneva College.

Even though she has only been at the college for a few weeks, Rising has already made a positive impression.

"She is very organized, responsible, and flexible," Hillside RA Emily DeGoey said. "She has a fresh look on things and many new ideas."

Also new to the campus is Brandy Hare, who has recently become resident director of Ferguson Hall. Hare, a graduate from Malone College in Canton, Ohio is also attending graduate school at Geneva for a master in higher education.

Hare said that she understands the many transitions college students have to go through. Remembering how her resident director helped her make wise decisions when she was in college, Hare said that she hopes to be involved in those decisions with students here.

"I like the opportunity to make college students make wise decisions," Hare said.

Erin Heasley, an English major and full-time undergraduate student, is the new residence director of Jeffers.

"Jeffers is wonderful. I have no complaints," Heasley said. "The women of Jeffers stick together and have done many activities as floors."

Heasley has been a residence assistant for two years and now she's the supervisor of three residence assistants. She believes the best advantage to being a resident director is her ability to interact with her peers.

"It takes time management," she said.

Argo editor recognized for design

By Meghan Duda
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

At a yearbook conference this summer at Gettysburg College, Andrea Bean, the 1999-2000 *Argo* Editor-in-Chief, received an award for "Outstanding Performance in Desktop Publishing."

During the July 18-22 conference, nearly 800 student and adult participants received extensive training in yearbook, news publication, desktop publishing and photography in preparation for producing their schools' 2000 publications.

Attending the conference to gain experience, Andrea was surprised to have received the award.

"I actually left before the awards were presented. But I was really honored to have received it," Andrea said. "I was just glad to have been at the conference; I learned a lot."

Yearbook advisor Connie McGinnis is confident that Andrea's ideas and initiative will make the first yearbook of the century one to remember.

"Andrea's innovative designs and her skills on PageMaker will make the 2000 *Argo* an outstanding yearbook," McGinnis said. "The changes she had made in the yearbook organization are outstanding and important in continuing the success of this very important campus institution."

Andrea is looking forward to her first year as Editor-in-Chief and hopes to better the *Argo*.

"Our goal is to include everyone in the *Argo*. All of the seniors, organizations, and academic offices," Andrea said.

New staff members add to the changes that the *Argo* is making. Currently, the 2000 *Argo* managerial team is as follows: Editor-in-Chief Andrea Bean, Assistant Editor Jessica Torick, Managing Photographer Amy Polen, Copy Editor Jamie Burgess, and Business Manager Ann Wilson.

The *Argo* is still looking for a Public Relations Manager to complete their staff.

As for the 1999 yearbook, students can anticipate receiving their own copy shortly after fall break.

Chapel Corner: Wilderness Jesus returns

By Wayne Nickerson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WILDERNESS JESUS RETURNS

After an 11-month captivity, the patron of the wilds is back in Old Main 316.

While on a staff retreat at Camp Lambec in Erie, members of the women's Bible study of the Fairview Presbyterian Church presented "Wilderness Jesus" to Wayne Nickerson. It is clear the He was thrilled to be back in the familiar surroundings of the college.

Unidentified persons claimed that the whole "kidnapping" was a misunderstanding. In fact, "Wilderness Jesus" had spent the entire winter in a cabin at Camp Lambec. It was only when an article appeared in a March issue of the Holcad was it realized that "wilderness Jesus" was not back worshiping in Wallace Memorial Chapel. The FBI is now investigating these allegations. Kidnapping in a capital offense.

The following note was received by members of the Chapel Staff.

"Wayne, fishing buddies and students at Westminster College - Forgive one another just as in Christ you have been forgiven. We ask your forgiveness and give you God's peace - The crazed women's Bible study group of Fairview."

One member of the group, fighting back tears, said, "I don't know what we'll do this year without the Wilderness Jesus..."

He does have that kind of affect on people...Chapel - Friday, September 24 Dr. Sandra Webster

Mass - Saturday, September 24

Vespers - Sunday, September 24 Rev. Chris Weichman WC '89

Contributed Photo

Wayne Nickerson poses with Wilderness Jesus' kidnappers.

Senior Terrace legend's truth debated by current students

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

An old campus legend says that if a student walks across the senior terrace of Old Main before graduation they will not graduate on time.

The myth is one of the first things students learn here as freshmen. Many even heard about it during their campus tours. However, other students are totally unfamiliar with the legend.

No one is exactly sure the origin of the legend, but it has been around the college for years.

"I believe the legend. I never walked across the terrace, and I graduated on time. But that could be coincidental," '99 graduate Dan Doughty said.

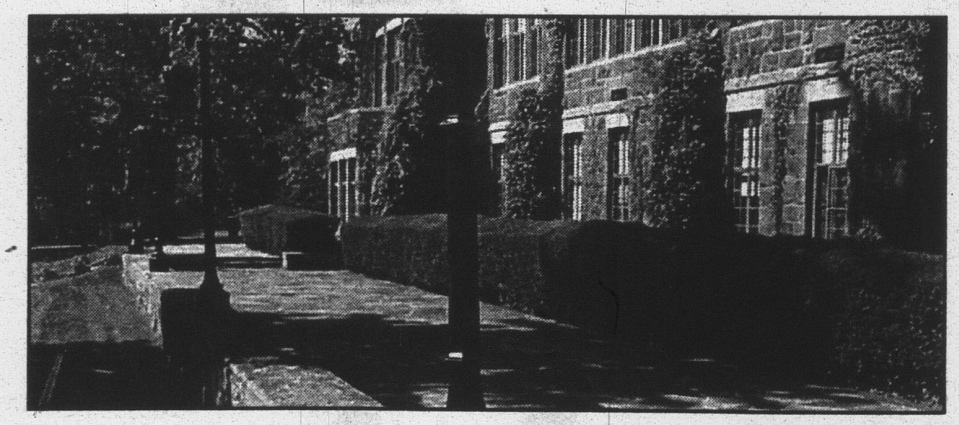
Junior John Solo, agreed with Doughty.

"I'm a superstitious person, so I do believe it. I always make sure that I never walk all the way across the terrace," he said. "But does it count if I walk halfway across the terrace?"

On the other hand, many students do not believe the story to be true.

"I can't believe people think that if you walk across the terrace, you won't graduate on time. I do it all the time," fifth year senior Matt Twining said.

Senior Graig O'Shane said he has never heard of the supposed legend.



The legend of the senior terrace has some students taking the long way into Old Main.

"I might have heard something about it freshman year, but since then, I haven't heard anything," he said. "I don't think it's true."

According to alumna and AudioVisual Director, Gary Swanson, there is no such legend.

"I never heard of anything about the terrace when I attended Westminster," he said.

Alpha Sigma Phi celebrates their 60th anniversary

The college's Alpha Nu chapter of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity will celebrate its 60th homecoming this weekend.

Several special events have been planned, including a dinner at the Chestnut Street Café in Sharon for alumni and undergraduates on Friday night, a reception at the fraternity house Saturday morning for alumni and a cookout at the Homecoming football game.

"We as a brotherhood wanted to do something extra for the alumni this year, and we think the formal dinner with guest speakers will be a worthwhile experience for all," said senior Dan Arnett, fraternity president.

Arnett said that the fraternity mailed a newsletter containing information about Homecoming weekend to every alumni address the college could provide. The over 900 entry mailing list included addresses from members from the pre-Alpha Sigma Phi years, when the fraternity was known as Phi Pi Phi, Arnett said.

The Alpha Sigs were originally established as Phi Pi Phi in 1927; and the Westminster Alpha Sig chapter was established in 1939, when Alpha Sigma Phi took over all Phi Pi Phi houses. Sixty years later, the brothers still reside in the same house.

"Our house is considered one of the oldest running fraternity houses in the nation," said Justin Nicolette, house historian. "The house has been through a lot of changes through the years, and I think alumni enjoy reminiscing about the yesteryears when they visit."

Alumni have achieved success on the local and national level, according to Colton Donegan, Alpha Sigma Phi Public Relations Co-Chair. Several of the college's Alpha Sigs have served as chairs on the college's Board of Trustees, including the current chair, Dr. Robert Gardener, president of Cardiac Surgeons, Inc.

Past Alpha Sigma Phi Board of Trustee chairs include: Robert Patton, retired chairman of Integra Bank, Inc., and Robert Lotterbox, retired CEO of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel. Alumni Wayne Miller currently serves on the Board of Trustees, as does Arnett, who is serving his second year as one of three undergraduate representatives.

Three of Alpha Sigma Phi's 11 national chief executive officers are alumni. Gary Anderson ('74), Kevin Garvey ('78), and Rob Sheehan ('79), current CEO and president of Leadershape, Inc., served consecutively as CEOs from 1976-1990.

Garvey also served as the national Grand Senior President (GSP) of Alpha Sigma Phi from 1996-1998 and is now CEO of Alpha Sigma Phi's Educational Foundation. Current GSP Stuart Spisak ('81) is also an alumnus. Hugh Hart ('42) served as GSP in the early 1950's, giving the college's chapter the most GSP's of any Alpha Sig chapter.

Other notable alumni include Thomas Druce, member of the Penn. House of Representatives, 144th District; Mike Anthony ('78), recently named CEO of Brookstone Stores; and G. Alan Sternberg ('51), who has assumed numerous leadership roles with the college and fraternity and resides in New Wilmington.

"I think the experience is one of growing and enrichment," Sternberg said, commenting on his experiences with the fraternity. "I think one of the best things is learning to work and live with your brothers. That can carry over and help you later in life."

A moment in history: Celebrating Homecoming in the year 1952

This article was taken from an issue of The *Holcad* dated October 17, 1952. Back dated copies of The *Holcad* are located in McGill Library and can be accessed by reaching Dr. DeWitt, curator.

Orchestra Leader Crown Homecoming Queen Tonight

Variety is the keynote of this year's Homecoming weekend, beginning with the Dance of the Year and ending with a special Vesper service.

Tonight, the Homecoming queen will be crowned during intermission of the dance in Stambaugh auditorium in Youngstown, Ohio by orchestra leader Shep Fields.

House decorations will be judged Saturday morning. At noon, fraternities and sororities will have their alumni members as luncheon guests.

The Grove City football game at 2 pm starts the afternoon activities. At half time Dr. Will W. Orr, college president, will welcome the alumni and present the queen. After the Inter-Fraternity council float bearing the queen and her court passes in review, the queen will present cups to the representatives of winning fraternity and sorority houses and dormitory.

New Cornerstone

Immediately following the game, the cornerstone for the new science hall will be conducted.

At 6 pm alumni will be served a buffet supper in Russell hall. Speakers will be Dr. Orr, and Pual Gamble, executive alumni secretary. Constance Coughenour will be vocalist.

Alumni Dance

Jerry Annick's combo will play for the Alumni dance in "Old 77" at 8:15 pm. The all-college event is sponsored by Student Council and the Alumni council. Bruce Theilemann will be master-of-ceremonies.

"The Holy City," a sacred oratorio by AR Gaul, will be presented by the college choir at 3:30 pm in Wallace Memorial chapel.

Entertainment includes Helen Tombor presenting a "Showboat" medley, Suzanne Weller and Saundra Coleman in a Charleston routine, and Nancy Smith in a record pantomime.

Refreshments after the entertainment include cider and donuts.

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represent each group on Homecoming Court. During the interview process, the board assigned a point rating, which will comprise 50 percent of the candidate's total score. The other 50 percent are comprised of student votes.

For their halftime presentation, the candidates for queen will wear flower crowns instead of the sashes that had been previously used. Deemer noted that the sashes made things appear too cluttered. Also, the king will be presented with a scepter instead of the traditional crown.

The weekend will conclude with a number of celebrations and dinners in various locations.

"It is going to be good to see all of my friends that graduated last year," sophomore Megan Mamula said. "It should be a lot of fun."

Junior Jamie Reddinger agreed with Mamula.

"Homecoming is a great time for both the current students and alumni," Reddinger said. "It's great to see everyone interacting and having a good time."

Photo by Katie Brentzel

The junior class Powder Puff particpants practice before Friday's tournament.

Faculty Forum: Dr. Cohen leads discussion on the theory of globalization in the United States

By Chris Campbell
Holcad Staff Writer

Weekly faculty forums enlighten members of the faculty and staff in a variety of diverse subjects.

Each Wednesday, a member of the faculty gives the weekly informational speeches, which typically discuss topics in the faculty member's field or research area.

The forums take place in several places around campus, such as smart classrooms in Patterson or in the TUB A and B lounge.

Dr. Fritz Horn of the English department, who organizes the forums, said that they provide an excellent learning opportunity for the faculty that many schools do not have.

"People at other colleges are very jealous of us," Horn said. "People here truly understand what their colleagues are working on."

This week Dr. Ed Cohen of the political science department presented research for a book he is authoring, tentatively titled "The Piloting of Globalization in the US."

Cohen's presentation, titled "Globalony," discussion the question "is globalization spinning out of control?"

Afterward, the standing room only audience participated in a question and answer session. Cohen fielded questions from faculty in many different departments.

The forums have provided opportunities for joint research and cluster courses, according to Horn. For example the forums led to combined research by Dr. Mandy Medvin in the psychology department and Dr. Betsy Ford in the English department. The pair looked at child deviance in children's literature.

Each semester, faculty members are given an opportunity to schedule a forum.

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Murder-suicide leaves family in remorse

By Torsten Ove
POST-GAZETTE

Hours after attending his grandfather's funeral service, Wynn Tredway III sat on the edge of the Freeport Bridge yesterday and squeezed the trigger of a shotgun pointed at his chest.

As a passing state trooper watched, the gun flashed and Tredway fell backward, 200 feet into the Allegheny River below. Tredway left behind a rambling note expressing remorse for having killed his grandfather, 84-year-old Wynn Tredway, four days earlier.

The elder Tredway, prominent in Westmoreland County as the millionaire founder of River Forest Country Club, was found stabbed to death in his house at the golf course Saturday.

The younger Tredway, 28, attended his grandfather's funeral service Tuesday evening.

Later that night, police said, he wrote a rambling note on a computer, apologizing to his family for killing the grandfather for whom he was named.

He said he hated the old man. He said he felt police were closing in on him.

And he said he was thinking of either hiding out or killing himself on the Freeport Bridge, not far from the house where he lived with his mother and father.

Within sight of a state trooper who was on his way to work at 6:40 am, Tredway shot himself with a 12-gauge shotgun and tumbled backwards into the river.

After police recovered his body, they found a heavy garbage bag a few hundred feet away in the water near a private dock. The bag, weighted with coins, contained clothes and the bloody hunting knife police believe Tredway used to stab his grandfather six times.

"It appears that from the evidence we removed from the scene and our suspicions about him, everything coincides that he is the suspect in the case," said Michael Brajdich, chief of Westmoreland County detectives. "This is a very vicious murder."

The exact motive remained unclear.

Allegheny Township police and Westmoreland County authorities said Tredway's hatred for his grandfather stemmed, at least in part, from "something to do with real estate." But Brajdich and Police Chief Donald Hess said they were still trying to figure out exactly what that "something" was.

Those who knew the younger man said Tredway never indicated any hatred for his grandfather. His father, Blaine, runs the golf course day-to-day, and Tredway worked in the clubhouse with his mother, Nikki. On the day before he killed himself, he worked behind the counter and drove a water cart on the 27-hole course.

Clubhouse employees, who didn't want to be identified, said he was generally well-liked. They suspected nothing.

The elder Tredway, who had lived alone since his wife, Clara, died in 1994, loved golf and also built courses in Butler County and Sarasota, Fla.

Every morning, even at 84, he headed to River Forest. When he didn't show up Saturday morning, employees grew worried and went to his modest house near the first hole.

They found his body, dressed in a robe and pajamas, in a hallway near his bedroom.

Police believe the younger Tredway killed the older man in what they said was a "crime of passion" and then tried to cover his tracks.

"The scene appeared staged to make it look like a robbery," said Brajdich. He said Tredway probably entered with a key, but he removed a small rear window on the back porch to make it look as though someone had broken in.

Tredway also pulled drawers out of chests and apparently took some money but Brajdich said robbery was not the motive.

After the killing, police said, Tredway stashed his clothes, the knife and items from the house in a garbage bag, which he then threw into the river, hoping it would sink. It didn't.

In fact, that day a resident who lives along the river saw the bag floating in the water, but thought it was just a bag of trash and did nothing. Meanwhile, Tredway told police he had left the Freeport area that morning to attend a shooting event at a sportsmen's club near Seven Springs Resort. He returned in the afternoon.

Brajdich and Hess said seeing his grandfather's body at the funeral service Tuesday may have triggered the younger Tredway's feelings of guilt. Early the next morning, Brajdich said, Tredway's father saw his son sitting at the computer, typing. Blaine Tredway later found the printed-out note, upon which his son had scrawled a handwritten addition.

Tredway had left the house after typing the note and headed to the Freeport Bridge, carrying a shotgun.

Sgt. Thomas Dubovi of the state police, on his way to work at the Butler barracks, crossed the bridge and saw Tredway sitting in the darkness on the side, where the railing was missing.

Dubovi stopped his car to check things out. Tredway said, "Sir, may I help you?" At that point, Dubovi noticed Tredway holding the shotgun between his legs with the barrel pointed at his chest.

Then he saw a flash, and Tredway disappeared over the side.

PennDot begins federal investigation of Rep. Gigliotti

By Mike Bucsko and Dennis B. Roddy
POST-GAZETTE

A federal investigation of state Rep. Frank Gigliotti is examining Gigliotti's intervention with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation last year on behalf of a bridge painting contractor with a criminal record and a history of labor and safety law violations.

Federal investigators have questioned workers from PennDOT and the state House Transportation Committee about Gigliotti's involvement with contractor Ernest Smalis.

Smalis lives in Shadyside, outside Gigliotti's House district. The business that is the subject of the federal investigation, Anastasios Corp. in West Mifflin, is not in Gigliotti's district. And the PennDOT project for which Gigliotti intervened for Smalis was in Armstrong County.

For over more than 20 years, Smalis has been involved in several disputes with county, state and federal agencies over the work performed by his companies on bridge and highway projects. He has been sanctioned repeatedly for quality, safety and environmental lapses on public projects.

In 1994, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration fined Smalis $5 million for subjecting workers on the Tarentum Bridge to poisonous lead dust levels 700 times above permissible limits. The fine was the largest ever ordered against a single employer in the construction industry.

Anastasios was awarded a $2.57 million contract to repair and paint the Graff Bridge in October 1996. With delays and extra work, the cost increased by contract's end to $3.3 million.

By February 1998, PennDOT declared Anastasios in default and suspended the company for its failure to pay salaries and benefits to workers, which caused work shutdowns.

On May 27, 1998, PennDOT ordered Anastasios prohibited from work on PennDOT projects. Mountbatten Surety Co. took over as general contractor. The next day, however, Mountbatten "begged" PennDOT to allow it to hire Anastasios as a subcontractor to complete the project, for financial reasons, a PennDOT attorney told a Commonwealth Court judge during a June hearing.

Anastasios was hired by Mountbatten to finish the job, but by the end of the year, the bonding company had gone to PennDOT to have Anastasios removed. That's when Gigliotti contacted PennDOT.

West Mifflin pastor suspected in disappearance of $1 million

By Steve Levin
POST-GAZETTE

Federal, state and county agencies now believe nearly $1 million has disappeared from bank and investment accounts Pastor Michael Altman controlled at Grace Christian Ministries in West Mifflin.

Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen W. Zappala Jr. said Friday that there were "several bases on which we can proceed with bank fraud charges and several bases on which we can proceed with securities charges" against Altman, 45, who resigned as church pastor Aug. 15.

Altman's 25-year career in the ministry has been pockmarked by financial irregularities at three of his previous churches, and a six-month stint in federal prison on a bank fraud conviction, but nothing approaching the scope that authorities allege he has carried out at Grace Christian Ministries during his nine-year tenure.

"We're trying to get a feel for everything he did," Zappala said, adding that his office does not have a timetable for bringing charges against Altman.

Zappala confirmed that his office is investigating the falsifying of information on a bank application, the church's "Outreach Account," through which more than $700,000 was funneled over a period of nine years, the forging of a statement for an investment account, the use of a church credit card for cash advances and purchases totaling more than $27,000 and the cashing of checks that were supposed to be used to pay off the debt on a house.

Altman, through his attorney Efram Grail, declined comment.

In 1989 Altman served six months in Allenwood Federal Penitentiary in Lycoming County after he pleaded guilty to falsifying information on a 1986 loan application to an Alabama bank. Eighteen months of the sentence was suspended, he was ordered to repay the $50,000 loan, and he was placed on probation for four years.

For the past month, Altman has remained secluded at the church parsonage with his wife, Jackie. Supporters have bedecked the yard with gifts, flowers, balloons and signs.

Manhunt continues after suspected drug bust

By Torsten Ove
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A Hill District man who tried to grab a city Housing Authority officer's gun eluded a manhunt yesterday morning thanks to a combination of rain, thick brush and the occasional wild turkey.

Melvin Harris was still on the loose last night after jumping over a stone wall in Frank Curto Park on Bigelow Boulevard.

City police officers with dogs spotted him a few times, but he eluded them and a state police helicopter and vanished into the Strip.

"We would see brush moving," said Cmdr. William Valenta. "But there are a lot of wild turkeys in there, so every once in a while they would see brush moving and a turkey would jump out. It was an interesting morning."

As a sprinkle turned into a miserable downpour shortly before noon, police lost Harris for good after a motorist spotted him, wearing only jeans and boots, on the 28th Street Bridge.

The situation allegedly began when Jeff Law, one of the authority's two traffic officers, was writing a citation for a car parked illegally on Whiteside Road in Bedford Dwellings.

Harris was behind the wheel of another nearby car, also parked illegally. Law approached and asked Harris to move the car and Harris refused.

Law saw what he thought was marijuana on the front seat and ordered Harris out of the vehicle. As they walked to the rear of the car, Law saw more suspected marijuana and prepared to arrest and handcuff Harris.

Harris resisted and a fight began, during which Harris grabbed for Law's gun. Because the gun was secured in its holster by a safety strap, Harris couldn't pull it out.

As the two men struggled, Law called to another housing officer, Keith Miles, "He's going for my gun."

Miles, a patrol officer, had seen the earlier exchange between Law and Harris and was already on his way to help. When he saw the struggle for the gun and heard Law cry out, he drew his own gun and fired once from about 15 yards away, apparently missing.

Harris ran off through the woods leading to Bigelow, bolted down the hillside, crossed the highway into Curto Park and jumped over the stone wall into the woods.

Shadyside entrepreneurs lauch Internet collectible shopping site

By Joyce Gannon
Post-Gazette

In 1992, only a couple years after they purchased Dargate Auction Galleries in Shadyside, owners Carol and Larry Farley decided to launch a Web page on the Internet - then a relatively untapped medium for doing any kind of business, much less buying and selling fine art and antiques. But the Farleys' early instincts about the possibilities of cyber commerce paid off.

Beginning later this month, Dargate expects to be one of eight auction houses worldwide to be featured in a new category for high-priced collectibles on eBay, the busiest and most popular online auction site.

Dargate will be part of eBay's "Great Collections," a consortium of auctioneers who will market merchandise ranging from books, coins and stamps to rugs and tapestries that require a minimum bid of $5,000.

Among the items Dargate will promote during the Great Collections' debut are a Louis XVI-style Steinway grand piano valued at between $110,000 and $140,000 and a diamond and emerald necklace that the Farleys estimate will go for $150,000-$175,000.

Besides the obvious benefit of the huge exposure Dargate will receive on eBay, the company claims it has 5.6 million registered users. Dargate is banking on its inclusion in Great Collections to bring it a new wave of "sophisticated, upper-end buyers" searching for valuable collectibles marketed by reputable auction houses, Carol Farley said.

Despite their innovations in electronic commerce, however, the Farleys claim they're not abandoning good, old-fashioned auctions where the audience peruses the merchandise at preview shows and then shouts bids from orderly rows of folding chairs.

"Floor auctions will never disappear," Larry Farley said. "In cyberspace, an auction ends at a certain time. On the floor, you never close out until the last bid. And if a customer is on the fence, the auctioneer might inspire enough emotion for that customer to go from $1,000 to $1,100."

Somerset girl abducted two blocks from her home

By Gary Rotstein
Post-Gazette

A man forced a 10-year-old girl into his car in Somerset County yesterday afternoon and drove her about 50 miles before releasing her on a rural road, state police said.

Authorities were investigating the possibility of sexual assault in the abduction that took place about 2:30 in the afternoon in the village of Cairnbrook, said Trooper Jeffrey Brock of the state police Somerset barracks. They're also investigating the possibility the man had attempted at least one other abduction previously.

The unidentified man drove the girl in a blue-green car, possibly a Geo Metro with West Virginia license plate, to Markleysburg in Fayette County before releasing her. Police said he apparently was carrying a handgun. The incident occurred when the girl was walking about two blocks from her home.

"He stopped, asked directions to a location, got out, picked the girl up, threw her over his shoulder and put her in the car," Brock said.

The girl flagged down another motorist for help after 5 p.m. She suffered no visible injuries but was being treated and examined at The Uniontown Hospital.

Brock said authorities were investigating similarities to an abduction attempt that took place Sept. 9 in Richland, Cambria County. In that instance, a motorist who stopped a girl showed her a gun, but she fled before he could abduct her.

"We're pretty positive it's the same person," Brock said.

State and local police from multiple jurisdictions were involved in a search for the abductor, a white man about 30 years old with dark and a military-style short haircut. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a green shirt, green-and-tan ball cap, bright green shorts and dark shoes.

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Shooting in Texas leaves three dead

FORT WORTH (AP)-Larry Gene Ashbrook, 47, was the oddball of Marshall Street, a chronically unemployed and often disheveled man who lived alone in a tumbledown rambler. Though 6 feet tall, he weighed just 140 pounds and had long brown hair that always seemed matted and unwashed. He had no use for his neighbors, and when he spoke to them, usually it was in anger. He would sneer, gesture obscenely, accuse them of talking about him, of snickering behind his back. Once, he exposed himself to three women as they sat chatting near his house.

"Crazy Larry," said Melissa Howell, 24, who lived two doors away from Ashbrook. "I'd see him sometimes and I'd wave to him, y'know? But he'd never wave back. He'd just stare at you. He'd stare at you until you turned away."

On Wednesday, September 22, Ashbrook did more than stare. Armed with two semiautomatic pistols and a pipe bomb, he walked into Wedgwood Baptist Church, three miles from his home, where more than 150 people, mostly teenagers, were in the sanctuary after a day-long celebration of their faith. Ashbrook began shooting shortly before 7 p.m., killing three adults and four teenagers, and wounding seven.

Then he pressed one of the guns to his head and joined the dead. As Fort Worth mourned — having joined Littleton, Colo.; Jonesboro, Ark.; Conyers, Ga., and other communities on the list of places recently made famous by mass homicide — scores of police officers and federal agents continued trying to sort out what happened, and why, inside the huge, red-brick church.

"We're still trying to make heads or tails of what he was thinking about," the city's acting police chief, Ralph Mendoza, said. "What pushed him over the edge?"

Ashbrook had always been a brooder, a loner, deeply suspicious of the world around him, his neighbors said. But like so many neighbors of brooding loners in the annals of mass murder, they never thought of him as a suicidal gunman. And so they were "shocked" and "couldn't believe it" when they heard about his rampage.

"He was always kind of a strange type of person," said another neighbor, Tommie Branum, 70. "But I never saw a sign of something like this." Mendoza said investigators have found no record of Ashbrook being treated, or seeking help, for psychiatric problems. He had only one minor scrap with the police, involving marijuana, in 1971, Mendoza said.

Apart from a short stint as an enlisted man in the Navy, Ashbrook lived on Marshall Street, in the little city of Forest Hill, just outside Fort Worth, for most of his life, neighbors said, most recently with his elderly father, who died in July. Searching the house, authorities found it in "total disarray," Mendoza said. Cement had been poured into the toilets, furniture overturned, and holes punched in several walls.

They also found "rambling writings" in which Ashbrook, who had lost numerous odd jobs "is complaining about people. He's complaining about jobs. He thinks people are out to get him," Mendoza said. He said relatives and acquaintances interviewed by investigators described him as "someone that is paranoid, someone who exhibits signs of being schizophrenic."

Over the summer, Ashbrook had written at least two rambling letters to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, saying that he'd been targeted by the CIA and that there had been "continuous interference in my life and employment for a period of possibly 20 years" because he was suspected of being a "serial killer."

Nearly a month ago, Ashbrook also called FWWeekly, a local paper, and told a reporter, "I'm not a serial killer . . . although I have always been something of a failure with women." He asked, "Can you believe that some innocent person could be set up by the cops and no one would listen?"

"My back's against the wall," he said, according to the paper's Web site. "My father died two weeks ago. . . . I don't have anywhere else to go."

Ashbrook was one of four children of devoutly religious parents. His mother, Merle, who died in 1990, and his father, Jack, took the family every Sunday to Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ in nearby Arlington. In recent years it was only the father and the son in the house, and they often argued loudly, neighbors said. After his father's death, Ashbrook lacked even that contact.

As Ashbrook entered the church Wednesday night, he was smoking a cigarette, Mendoza said. When a maintenance worker approached to tell him not to smoke, Ashbrook drew a 9mm Ruger P85 handgun and shot the worker in the chest, Mendoza said. Then he turned to a woman sitting on a couch and shot her in the head. Next he shot two victims who were selling compact discs of spiritual music in the church lobby. Then he walked into the large, fan-shaped sanctuary through a rear door. The church, in a middle-class neighborhood of tidy, ranch-style homes, was hosting a Christian rock band.

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Puerto Rican activist released from prison

By Ana Mendieta
Chicago Sun Times

A freed Puerto Rican nationalist returned to her husband's old church Sunday to preach the need for healing and reconciliation among Puerto Ricans, but said that the process can't be completed unless all Puerto Rican activists are released.

More than 200 parishioners of the First Congregational Church in Humboldt Park heard Alejandrina Torres talk about life behind bars and discuss the issue of Puerto Rican independence.

Torres was among a group of 11 FALN members who were released from prison last weekend after they accepted a controversial clemency offer from President Clinton.

Torres served 16 years of a 35-year sentence for charges of seditious conspiracy connected with the Armed Forces of National Liberation, or FALN, a Puerto Rican independence group.

She vowed to "continue the process of reconciliation we've begun. No matter how difficult the task is, we'll achieve it because we've been called to freedom."

But Torres said the process of the reconciliation will be easier "with the liberation of the other prisoners."

Among those still in prison are FALN members Oscar Lopez Rivera, who did not accept the clemency offer, and Carlos Alberto Torres, Alejandrina's stepson, who was not offered clemency.

Alejandrina Torres appeared in the church at 1307 N. Hamlin where her husband, the Rev. Jose A. Torres, once served as pastor. Flanked by her husband, Torres said after the service that the most difficult issue of adjustment to normal life is the concept of space.

"The whole concept of space is a totally different dimension," she said. "Now I can just open the door and walk out. But I find myself just trying to stay inside rather than opening the door."

Torres also talked about her imprisoned stepson, whose birthday was Sunday.

"I know his heart and his kindness as well as I know the heart and kindness of the rest of my companeros and companeras," said Torres. She broke down recalling her stepson's birthday and was consoled by her daughter, Liza Torres.

Utility merger could create 5th largest utility

By Francine Knowles
Chicago Sun-Times

The board of Commonwealth Edison parent Unicom Corp. reportedly will meet to discuss a merger with Philadelphia-based PECO Energy Co.

A merger would link ComEd, whose reputation was battered by a string of summer power failures, to a utility with a reputation for well-run nuclear plants.

It also would create a company with more than 5 million U.S. customers and create the fifth-largest utility, based on 1998 revenues.

Unicom officials refused to comment Sunday on a Crain's Chicago Business report that cited sources who said if a deal is struck, it could be announced within 10 days. Nor would the company even confirm that a meeting is taking place.

Previously, merger talks were confirmed to the Chicago Sun-Times by an investor with a large stake in Unicom.

Martin Cohen, executive director of the Citizens Utility Board, was not optimistic about a change.

"I wouldn't want to prejudge," he said. "I would only say that Edison's first job is to figure out how to provide reliable service and to do it. If senior management has its attention elsewhere, that wouldn't bode well for solving the problems."

Unicom serves more than 3.4 million customers across northern Illinois. It employs 16,000 people and has a market capitalization of $8.4 billion.

PECO, with a market capitalization of $7.6 billion, serves 1.5 million electric utility customers and 415,000 natural gas customers in Philadelphia and its suburbs.

Unicom, which operates more nuclear units than any other utility, is an attractive partner for PECO because it has focused on expanding its nuclear holdings nationally, analysts say.

But despite those synergies, a merger may not be the result of talks, said PaineWebber Inc. analyst Barry Abramson.

"Maybe they are talking about an asset sale, [with PECO] buying a few nuclear units from Unicom," he speculated.

PECO has two large nuclear plants in Pennsylvania and a stake in a New Jersey nuclear plant.

President Clinton distributes aid to Hurricane Floyd victims

ARBORO, N.C. (AP) -- President Clinton announced federal programs to help farmers and others weather the devastation of Hurricane Floyd as he got a firsthand look at storm damage in North Carolina.

Clinton was accompanied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency head, James Lee Witt, who said floods from Floyd are the worst he has seen in more than six years on the job.

"We didn't get the devastation from the wind, but we got all the flooding which was just about as bad," Witt said as he and Clinton arrived in North Carolina, site of some of the worst storm damage.

Emergency food stamps will help families needing a temporary source of low-cost food. A separate Agriculture Department program will provide farm loans at less than 4 percent interest to help rebuild flooded farms and replace lost livestock. Those programs will cover hurricane victims in any state, the White House said.

The federal government will help fund unemployment payments for up to 26 weeks for workers whose jobs are on hold because of storm damage, Witt announced. Also, the Labor Department will distribute $12 million to temporary workers helping in cleanup, restoration and associated clerical tasks in hurricane-damaged areas of North Carolina.

Clinton announced separate federal disaster aid for North Carolina last week.

Witt said FEMA is setting up temporary water stations in North Carolina, to provide showers, bathrooms and clean water, as well as offices where hurricane victims can apply for a variety of federal aid.

Clinton was scheduled to view flood damage by helicopter, visit people forced from their homes by the storm and then take a walking tour of the damaged downtown area of Tarboro.

About 2,000 people are staying in a shelter in Tarboro, including many who arrived ahead of Floyd on Thursday and haven't been home since. Others were airlifted to safety with only the clothes they had on.

"The whole town is just about inundated with water," Witt told reporters. "The human toll on individuals and farmers is as bad as I've ever seen."

INTERNATIONAL

Earthquake in Taiwan leaves 400 dead, 2000 injured

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) -- The strongest quake in Taiwan in decades jolted the island early Tuesday, killing at least 400 people, wrecking a 12-story hotel in Taipei and destroying more than 100 homes nationwide. About 2,000 people were injured.

The quake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.6 and was centered 90 miles south-southwest of Taipei.

Most of the victims were found in Taichung and nearby Nantou, located near the epicenter. Several roads were buckled and traffic was disrupted, isolating many remote towns.

Hospitals in towns and cities in central Taiwan were packed with injured people, and television stations urged doctors, nurses and others with medical training to join in the rescue work.

Four-story residential buildings in Taichung collapsed. Water poured from ruptured mains and distraught residents squatted with their heads in their hands as rescuers helped apparently unhurt survivors from the buildings.

A woman pulled from the wreckage urged rescuers to look for more injured.

"Hurry, go rescue people. They're in there. They're inside," the unidentified woman said. "I lived on the ninth floor, but now it's the fourth floor."

Tuesday's quake was Taiwan's worst since a 7.4-magnitude one hit the island in 1935, killing 3,276 people. Taiwan is jolted by dozens of quakes each year, but most are centered in the Pacific Ocean east of the island and rarely cause damage.

The latest quake struck at about 1:45 in the morning, while most of Taiwan's 22 million people were sleeping. It knocked out electric service throughout the northern part of the island. State radio said the initial quake was followed by six aftershocks.

After the temblor, people made their way into the streets from damaged buildings, some wearing only underwear, some in nightclothes. Some appeared dazed, but others quickly recovered from the sudden awakening. A few waved from damaged buildings.

AP file photo

Rescue workers survey collapsed buildings at Yulin county in central Taiwan, Thursday.

Boris Yeltsin under FBI investigation for money laundering

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The federal investigation of money laundering at the Bank of New York is examining transactions made by people close to President Boris Yeltsin of Russia.

The FBI has found transactions involving Pavel Borodin, the powerful head of Yeltsin's property management team, and Leonid Dyachenko, the husband of Yeltsin's younger daughter, Tatyana, an influential political adviser to her father.

Dmitri Yakushkin, the spokesman for Yeltsin, has previously asserted that neither Yeltsin nor any members of the immediate Yeltsin family has a foreign bank account. However, he said Monday that that statement applied to Yeltsin and his two daughters. It does not apply, he said, to their husbands.

A Swiss prosecutor who has been investigating corruption involving Russian officials said that money from Borodin's accounts in Switzerland had been transferred to accounts at American banks that are under federal investigation.

Officials said the amounts of money moving through the Bank of New York by both men were "substantial."

Many transactions could be legitimate and legal, but the bank has been cooperating in a federal money laundering investigation for a year. Neither the bank nor any individual has been formally accused of any wrongdoing by the government.

Borodin has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, and has dismissed the allegations against him as politically motivated. In response to whether he had an account at the Bank of New York, his spokesman said, "Mr. Borodin learned about the existence of the Bank of New York from newspapers."

"This changes the whole tenor of things," an official said about the evidence that Borodin and Dyachenko used the Bank of New York. Until now, he said, there had been only suspicions and rumors that Russian officials were involved.

The difficulty investigators will have in examining the banking transactions are reflected in a message the American Embassy in Moscow sent Washington earlier this month. The memo, which is labeled "sensitive" and not for foreign distribution, outlines the "schemes" used by Russians to get money out of the country. The embassy notes that these have been used by people who merely want money for travel or to help a relative abroad, by businesses trying to avoid taxes by hiding their financial movements with shell companies, and by criminal organizations laundering their illegal proceeds.

Pope visits Balkans, calls Slovenia to be "builders of hope"

ARIBOR, Slovenia. Seeking a calmer course for the Balkans, Pope John Paul II on Sunday beatified a 19th century Slovene bishop who tried to blend nationalism with religious tolerance.

The pope noted that the country's first saint, Anton Martin Slomsek, who became a national hero for promoting the Slovene language and culture under the Austro-Hungarian empire, also preached "ecumenism" and "never succumbed to myopic nationalism."

The pope was making his second visit to the small, overwhelmingly Roman Catholic country since it seized its independence in a 10-day war with Yugoslavia in 1991. On Sunday, he urged the 2 million people of Slovenia to be "builders of hope in Europe."

A democracy all but free of the economic and ethnic divides bedeviling its neighbors, Slovenia was also hailed as a beacon of hope in the region by President Clinton when he visited Ljubljana, the capital, in June.

Lately, Slovenia has displayed signs of the European-style secularism that is so worrisome to the Vatican. The Catholic Church here did not play the kind of pivotal role in the downfall of Communism that it did in Poland. About 80 percent of the population is Roman Catholic, but regular church attendance is not nearly as high. Even on Sunday, the crowds along the pope's parade route were conspicuously thin.

Seeking more leverage in society, the Slovenian church is lobbying to change a 1996 law that forbids religious instruction in state schools and is seeking return of forest land confiscated under communism.

In giving Slovenia its first native-born saint, the pope is apparently hoping to revive religious activism in a country often more preoccupied by economic reform.

And John Paul used his presence to exert gentle pressure on the country's political leaders, many of whom were once officials in the Communist government. "Considering the fundamental role of Christianity and the Catholic Church in the history and culture of Slovenia," the pope said after visiting the cathedral where Slomsek is buried, "it is legitimate to wish that the process toward effective collaboration between church and state advance speedily, to favor the overcoming of present difficulties."

Australian-led peacekeeping force finds East Timor in ruins

ILI, East Timor (AP) -- With all the fire power and high technology of modern war, the vanguard of an international peacekeeping force staked its claim to this silent and broken town on Monday, watched by wary clusters of refugees, sullen columns of Indonesian troops and small, angry groups of irregular militias.

There was no resistance as the Australian-led peacekeeping force entered the provincial capital, but there was also no welcome. In fact, there was no peace to keep; this was a dead city - burned, looted and evacuated.

Through the hot, still day, some 2,000 Australian and British soldiers deployed through the city with their heavy packs and weaponry. Then as the sun went down, in a sort of welcome to the invited but unwelcome guests, three large fires were set in villages near the airport, their black smoke and bright orange flames filling the sky.

The sound of a departing troop-transport plane mingled with the popping sound of burning buildings.

"I believe they are testing us," an Australian trooper said. "They want to make us do something we don't want to do, but as long as we stick to our game plan we'll be all right and we'll move them out of town."

Fires have been burning in Dili since the terror here began on Sept. 4, the day the United Nations announced that the East Timorese people had voted nearly 4-to-1 for independence from Indonesia, which had invaded and occupied the former Portuguese colony in 1975.

Since then, thousands of people have been reported killed and hundreds of thousands forced to flee their homes by civilian militias armed, supported and sometimes manned by the Indonesian military.

"It was soldiers, men in green berets," a villager said of the men who started one of the fires today.

SPORTS

Women's soccer dominates Northwood 5-1

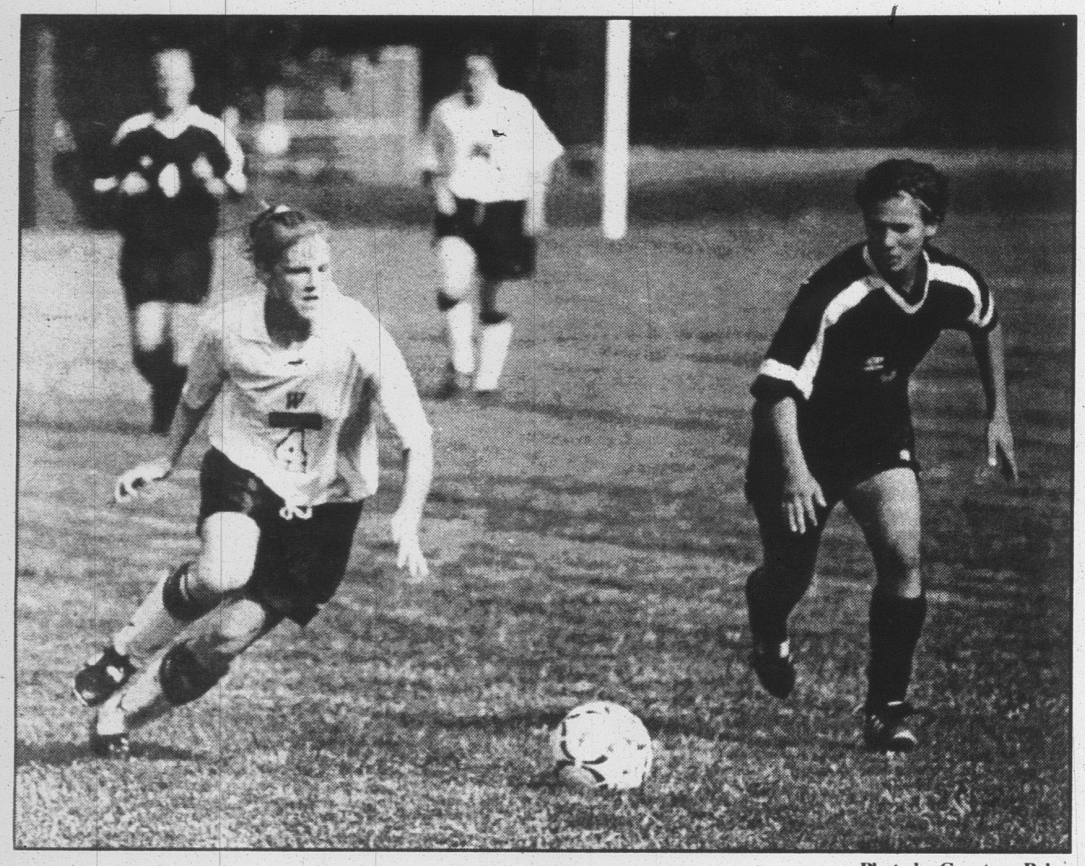

Photo by Courtney Behm

Tammy Newell fights to gain control of the ball.

By Kate McKenzie
STAFF WRITER

The Women's soccer team defeated conference rival Northwood University 5-1 on Saturday, capturing their win of the year.

With two of their starters out for the conference debut, the Lady Titans were forced to switch the line up, which meant changes in both the defense and offense. Starting sweeper Carrie Mathers tore her MCL in the Robert Morris game and is out for an undetermined amount of time. Krissy Edmonds took her place, keeping the defense together. Missy Lewellyn, a midfielder, was also watching from the sidelines after receiving two concussions in a week.

With four losses under their belt, the girls knew that they needed this win against the physical Northwood team—not only for the record standings, but for their own confidence as well.

"Our first win was long overdue," goalkeeper Sarah Morrison said. "We came into the game knowing that we needed to pick up the intensity and show what our team can really do out there."

Scoring first is what the Titan's needed, and that is what they did. Becky Cook's header off of a corner kick placed the Titans at a 1-0 advantage.

Northwood had difficulty marking the Titan offense. Front runner Ashley Pyle took advantage of Northwood's weakness, as she blew by a defender for an open shot, which put Westminster in the lead 2-0.

Northwood answered with intense physical play and a handful of close shots.

Letting the Titans know that Northwood was not about to back off, Margaret Humiecki shot and scored before the first half was over, tightening the score to 2-1.

With the intense first half behind them, the Titans were ready to put the game away in the first twenty minutes of the second half.

Freshman Tammy Newell scored on an undefended center shot, along with Katie Krone, who scored on an open goal after luring the goaling up in the box.

Sophomore Ashley Pyle racked up her second goal after beating two defenders on a fast break. With a four goals deficit, Northwood was unable able to match the Titans' aggressive offensive attack.

When the last whistle blew, the score showed a solid victory for the Titans.

Titans suffer loss at Northwood, still looking for first win

By Joe Ruck
STAFF WRITER

The Titan football team lost their third straight game this season to Northwood University on Saturday.

The Titans, who are still looking for their first win, fell to the Timberwolves 45-14.

Northwood dominated the game by outgaining the Titans 479-241. Although the possession time was equal, NU had 25 first downs compared to Westminster's 12.

After a James Graham pass was intercepted and returned to the 1 yard line by Shawn Robinson, Sleepie Tollie, the Timberwolves' dangerous quarterback, scored the game's first touchdown on a 1 yard run with 13:20 left in the second quarter.

On Northwood's next drive, facing a third and 21, Tollie completed a 48 yard pass to Ron Hunter to set up a 16 yard touchdown run by Tom Tyson on the next play, boosting the score to 14-0.

The Titans then put together a good drive that went 66 yards on 8 plays. Junior running back John Ciavarra gained 34 yards on a Graham pass (accompanied by a 6 yard face mask penalty) to put the Titans on Northwood's 8 yard line. The Titans went for the touchdown on fourth and goal from the 3, but failed as Graham's pass to senior wide receiver, Matt Dvorsak went incomplete.

Although backed against their own end zone, the unfazed Timberwolves put together a huge drive, going 97 yards on 14 plays. With 23 seconds left in the first half, NU's Glennie Cross fumbled into the end zone and Tyson fell on it for the touchdown.

The second half began as NU marched down the field 75 yards on 8 plays, capped with a 6 yard touchdown pass from Tollie to Cross. After stopping the Titans again, NU increased their lead to 31 after Shaun Sjulstad's 41-yard field goal attempt was good.

The tenacious Titan defense refused to give up. On the Timberwolves' next possession, Tollie was sacked and fumbled. The ball was recovered by Westminster's Shane Jordan and returned 30 yards for the Titans' first touchdown of the game and season. On NU's next series, senior linebacker, R. J. Pabis, who caused four fumbles in the game, stripped Tollie of the ball and Titan Joe Bianco recovered it.

However, the sputtering Titan offense gave the ball back to NU after Robinson recorded his second interception of the game. The Titan defense stepped it up again 5 plays later, as Jordan forced another Tollie fumble, which was recovered by the Titans' Adam Jones.

Even with new quarterback Brian Lipiello running the show, the Titans still could not get the ball moving. Facing third and 13, junior Lipiello threw the Titans' third interception of the game, and on the next play, NU's Scott Debbs ran 28 yards for the Timberwolves' fifth touchdown of the game.

Two series later, Lipiello was intercepted again, which led to a 3 yard touchdown run by Jason Martin.

On Northwood's next possession, junior Michael Schuler, who led the Titan defense with 12 tackles, recovered a Martin fumble. Then the Titans, led by Lipello, sustained a 9-play drive which ended with Lipiello running up the middle for a 1 yard touchdown.

Graham went 10 for 20, with 114 yards and 2 interceptions. Ciavarra was the Titans' leading rusher, with 56 yards on 8 carries, and senior running back Jason Long led Westminster in receiving with 4 catches for 31 yards.

The Titan's home opener and Homecoming will be tomorrow against Hillsdale (MI). Kick-off is scheduled for 1:30.

Men's soccer earns first win with a 2-1 win over Geneva

By Aaron Wik
STAFF WRITER

After beginning the season with five losses, the men's soccer team earned their first victory this year with a 2-1 win over Geneva.

The Titans were sluggish at the start of the game but picked up their intensity after the first 20 minutes. Freshman defender, Carl Baldwin, opened the scoring when he took a shot from 25 yards out beating the Geneva goalkeeper. Baldwin's goal came in the 35th minute and was unassisted.

Geneva tied the game when senior Josh Abebe broke through the Titan defense and put the ball past goalie Kevin Humberston in the 50th minute of play. The Titans then took a 2-1 lead when junior forward Matt Nichols scored with just four seconds remaining in the game. Rich Regelski assisted on the goal.The Titans out-shot Geneva 23-20, but Titan head coach Girish Thakar felt that his team could have performed better.

"We had a lot of chances, and we probably could have scored more goals," Thakar said.

The Titans changed their strategy in the second half, using three forwards instead of two. Thakar used multiple forwards in the second half by rotating most of them every 20 minutes.

Defensively the Titans held Bryan Gratton, Geneva's leading scorer, to just a few shots on goal.

"We knew he scored a lot of goals [8], but we didn't know if he was going to play forward or outside midfield," Thakar said. "Either way, we really weren't worried about him defensively."

Thakar didn't feel that any one player on the Titan squad stood out above the rest, but he did think that Nichols took advantage of Geneva's defensive mistakes.

"Matt Nichols made a difference with his height and his work rate," Thakar said.

Some of the Titan players thought that they could have played better, but they were happy to come away with their first win of the season.

"We didn't play as well as we did in some of our other games this season, but overall we were just happy to come away with a victory," junior Ryan Mathieu said.

Women's tennis drops to 0-5

By Meredith Etcher
Holcad Staff Writer

The women's tennis team saw its record fall to 0-6 overall and 0-5 in GLIAC play last weekend.

The Lady Titans were defeated by Hillsdale College 9-0 in the GLIAC competition. Hillsdale improved to 5-1 overall, and 3-1 in the GLIAC, as the Chargers did not lose a set in the match.

"We are working hard and playing well. Now we just need that extra edge to get us some nice wins," junior Ellen Johnston said. "We are also trying to get a few people free from injury."

Photo by Courtney Behm

Ellen Johnston remains optomistic despite team's record.

Cross Country teams continue to succeed

By Lindsey Braem
STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday the men's and women's cross-country teams celebrated another successful race.

At the Penn State Behrend Invitational, the men's team overcame Penn State Behrend (51), Capital (97), as well as La Roche, Pitt-Bradford and Thiel with a score of 44.

Missing first by only one point, they did find themselves in a slightly disappointing second to Cuyahoga Community College.

The women's team ran into third place with a score of 56 and finished just behind Gannon (33) and Cuyahoga (43).

Sophomore Jacob Gleason, the men's team top runner, celebrated his third individual title running with a first place time of 28:03.

When asked about his team's performance, he said, "these guys are the most determined and gutsiest individuals I have ever run with."

Also receiving top honors were two of the team's strongest runners, senior Keith Schrag in fourth place and sophomore Scott Fabry in ninth.

Coach Galbreath is "overall very pleased and proud" with the team's performance so far this year. Not only does he feel that they are working hard, but he mentioned that the team had good spirit. He also praised the strong team leadership by the upperclassmen, especially that of senior Keith Schrag.

The women's team did an equally commendable job with three runners in the top ten. Sophomore Desiree Henry led the women's team with a time of 20:59 and a seventh place finish. Jennifer Bennett and Julia McGlumphy followed Henry receiving eighth and ninth place.

Also in the top twenty, sophomore Beth Butcheri and freshman Kelly Schmidt received fourteenth and eighteenth place, respectively.

Freshmen, Brian Mackrell, Dan Beckwith, Tom Pizon, Kelly Schmidt, Nicole Flickinger, Lydia Humenycky, and Briana Palko are also making remarkable contributions to this year's team.

The team's coaches, Ronald Galbreath and Gary Lilly appeared to be satisfied with the outcome of the race and are pleased with the progress so far this season. They expect the team's to continue with their successful season.

Next week, the cross-country teams travel to St. Vincent College, as they will compete for success against St. Vincent and Mercyhurst.

Kendall and Fitz led women's volleyball with six kills

By Meredith Etcher
STAFF WRITER

The girl's Volleyball team lost to Findlay last Friday by a score of 3-0.

With matches of 15-4, 15-9 and 16-14, the loss brings their record to 10-4.

Shadra Kendall and Suzanne Fitz led the Lady Titans in kills, with six a piece. Along with her 6 kills, Fitz also had 4 solo blocks. Danielle Kean racked up 15 assists and 14 digs.

The Lady Titans also lost to Ashland on Sunday by scores of 15-11, 6-15, 11-15 and 14-16. Game leaders were Kendall with 17 kills, Andrea Cronie with 15 kills and 21 digs, Fitz with 12 kills and 5 solo blocks. Kean had 40 assists.

Coach Swearingen expressed a hope to do better than last year's 4-15 record. With experience in their new division, Swearingen feels that this year's team is better.

Swearingen said she was disappointed with the losses on Friday and Sunday, but believed that the team played well.

The volleyball team heads to the net again this Friday and Saturday. With both games at home, Swearingen would love to see a crowd full of students cheering on the team.

The **Holcad** would like wish all of the sports teams and Homecoming Candidates the best of luck this weekend.
GO TITANS!

Paul's Points

You heard it here first. The Pittsburgh Pirates will win the National League wild card in 2000. Brian Giles, Jason Kendall, Kris Benson, Todd Ritchie (!), Kevin Young, Warren Morris. Prepare yourself, America. Here come the Bucs!

Sammy, you've done it again. Mark, you're not far behind. But for some reason, baseball doesn't really seem to care.

Many believe that the Cleveland Indians will dominate the playoffs.

They have an unbelievable offense. They are first in the majors in runs scored, first in batting average and first in slugging percentage.

And the offense is unbelievably deep. At first base they have two men, Jim Thome or Richie Sexson, who both have 30 homers and 100+ RBI. When one is playing the other can be designated hitter, but that would leave out Harold Baines and his 25 homers and 96 RBI.

The defense is phenomenal, but the really amazing thing is that they aren't sacrificing offense for defense. Arguably the Tribe's two best players in the field, Roberto Alomar and Omar Vizquel, are not only combining for double plays, but they're both hitting over .330 with 170 hits each.

Even with injuries to Travis Fryman, Sandy Alomar, Kenny Lofton, etc., the offense has not weakened. With the likes of Alex Ramirez, Jacob Cruz, Einar Diaz, and Enrique Wilson waiting in the wings, how could it?

The only weakness is pitching. All the starters have ERA's over 4.00. The bullpen is shaky at best, with Paul Assenmacher and other middle relievers not exactly striking fear in the hearts of opponents. Steve Karsay, arguably the best pitcher on the staff, is still questionable for the post-season because of his continued strained forearm problems. Steve Reed's arm troubles continue, and Ricardo Rincon has never really recovered from his early season injuries.

With no staff ace, a weak pitching staff in general and a 9-22 record against playoff probables Boston, Texas, and New York, it is unlikely that the Indians will dominate the playoffs.

But I do believe they'll find a way to win the Series. For some reason, the Tribe's pitchers seem to step it up in the playoffs, and they have too many weapons to let their entire offense collapse.

Until the Indians win it all, none of that offense really means a thing to John Hart, Mike Hargrove, and the rest of the folks up at the Jake.

As for the Steelers, does anyone else think that maybe they have overused Jerome Bettis the past few seasons? Will Kordell Stewart ever learn to stay in the pocket and not scramble at the first sign of trouble? Did it scare any other Pittsburgh fans to see Stoney Case (who??) lead the Ravens to a game-tying touchdown against the Steelers defense?

If Steelers fans see a 2-0 team as Super-Bowl-caliber material, just remember the Steelers have played the Browns and the Ravens. The same goes for the Tennessee fans (you've played the Bengals and the Browns).

To all you New Orleans fans (and I'm sure there's just masses of you roaming the campus), you're lucky to be rooting for the NFL's sleeper this season. Look for the "Saints Get Wild Card" headlines in December.

Finally, good luck to the Westminster football team on Saturday as it goes for its first victory of the season against Hillsdale.

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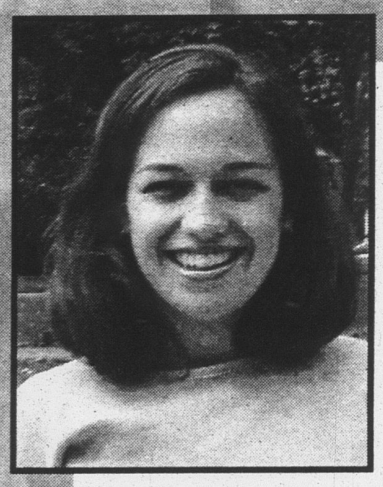

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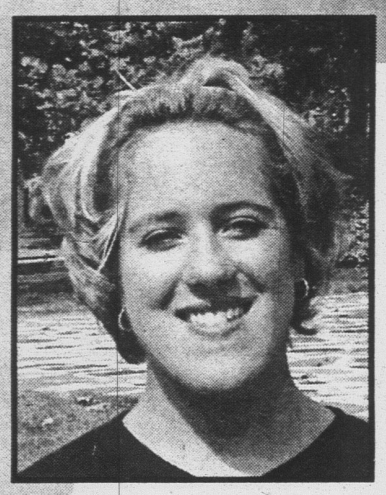

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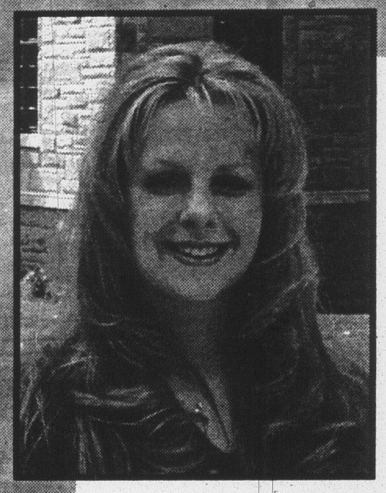

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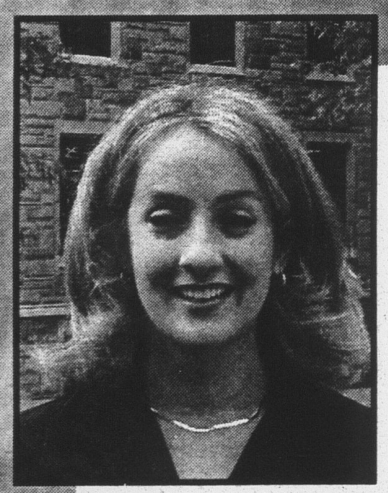

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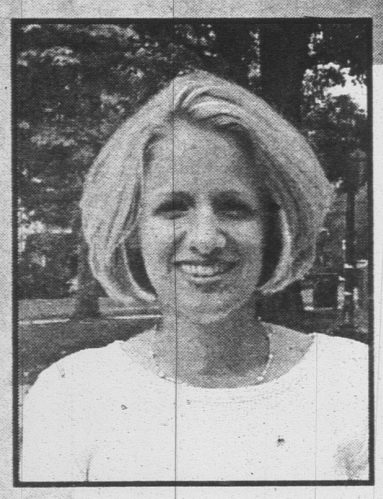

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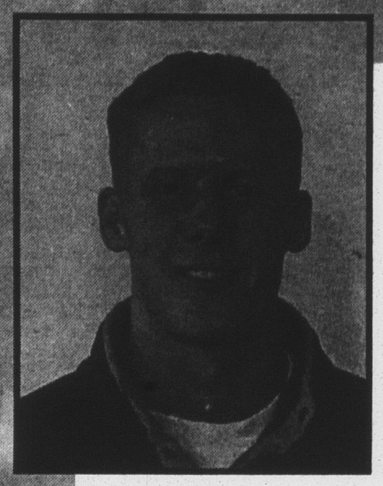

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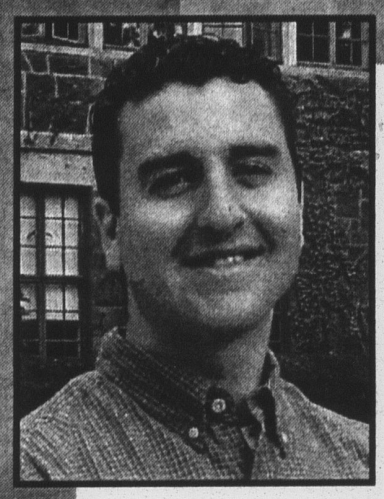

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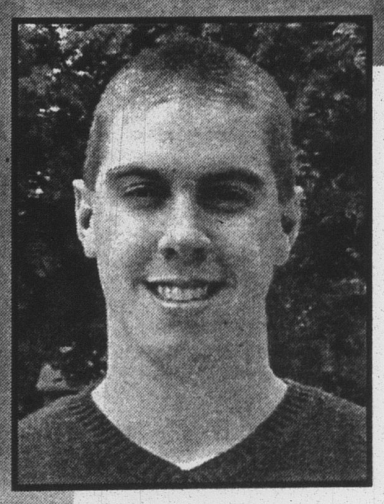

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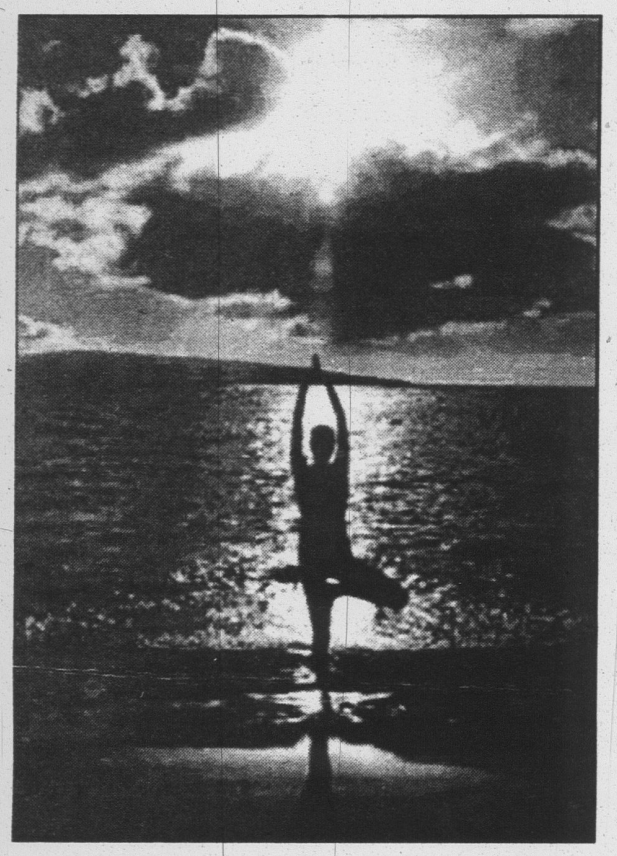
YOUR HEALTH

Yoga proven to increase strength mentally and physically



By Gary Taubes
NEW YORK TIMES

T wo words come to mind when considering the practice of power yoga. The first, inevitably, is "oxymoron." Yoga is commonly thought of as an activity designed to evoke a sense of serenity and what aficionadosof the practice call mindfulness, a meditative focusing on the present moment.

This raises the obvious question of what power has to do with it, which brings us to the second word: sweat. To the uninitiated, power yoga is not that different from other varieties of yoga, like hatha, the best known, other than that the pace is accelerated considerably. But, the purpose of power yoga is to build up body heat and, as a result, sweat, which enhances flexibility and makes some of the pretzel-like postures easier. It also purportedly purifies the body of toxins.

Power yoga is the modern name for variations of astanga yoga (often spelled ashtanga), which makes it sound considerably less trendy, although more rooted in a tradition that dates back several thousand years.

The name seems to have been concocted independently by Beryl Bender Birch, who teaches power yoga at The New York Road Runners Club and wrote "Power Yoga"

(Simon and Schuster, 1995), and Bryan Kest, who teaches at Dance Home in Santa Monica, Calif., where I took my class. Ms. Birch told me that she thought the name would enhance sales of her book. "If I had called it astanga yoga," she said, "it would have sold five copies."

Unlike hatha yoga, where poses are held for minutes and punctuated by lengthy rest and meditation periods, the poses in power yoga flow one to another without stopping.

The pace builds up body heat, as does the breathing, known as ujjayi breathing, which when done correctly — through the nose and down the back of the throat — makes you sound like Darth Vader.

Ms. Birch told me that the most profuse sweaters are usually beginners or those who have developed their strength through lengthy practice. This thought would console me through my first class, although not tremendously.

Power yoga has caught on recently in yoga centers and health clubs because it feels like more of a workout than hatha and builds endurance as well as muscle strength and flexibility. It also appeals to people who do not have the patience for hatha, which I didn't the one time I tried it.

I decided to go to Dance Home for power yoga because Kest teaches there, but he was out on the morning I went. The session was taught by Max Strom, who can usually be found at a local center called Maha Yoga.

Strom was wearing a black "Peace in South Central" T-shirt and was big enough to play tight end for the Giants. But he emanated enough serenity to instill confidence that he knew his business.

Thin rubber mats were available to help our hands and feet grip the ground while we did the yoga postures.

I found a spot on the floor toward the back of the room — old habits die hard — took off my shoes and socks and put them against the wall along with a bottle of water I had brought, making sure the latter was close enough to reach easily.

By the time class started, about 70 people were in the room, most of them women, and every body-length of floor space was taken.

Strom spoke softly but distinctly, directing the class in a series of postures. The first nine are known as sun salutations and constitute a warm-up.

The series feels like a slow, controlled variation of the dreaded squat-thrust from high school gym class.

Half an hour into the class, I was soaking, dripping and exhausted. Strom repeatedly reminded us that yoga is about the suspension of ego and competitiveness. His message is don't strain and don't overdo it. You will hear this message in every yoga class. It's this "listen to your body and stay within your limits" attitude that should help prevent injuries — reportedly a problem among some beginning power yoga enthusiasts.

So it was surprisingly easy for a former jock — especially one overly aware of the copious failings of his 42-year-old body — to rest and watch the class go on.

I sat back often, wiped down, drank water and observed my fellow practitioners, some well into middle age, doing effortlessly what was exhausting me. I found myself confronted with the undeniable fact that virtually all of them — through practice, I assumed — were in a kind of shape that I couldn't even imagine.

Although my usual workouts were five-mile runs and lengthy sessions in the gym, these people had a sense of balance, strength and flexibility that was, at the moment at least, beyond me.

Some of the more intimidating balancing postures I didn't even attempt at first. One, for instance, started in what is known as the warrior position, which is a kind of static, yoga-like equivalent of a fencer's lunge.

Then you put one hand on the ground next to your leading foot, lift your back foot off the ground and, straight-legged, lift it as high as possible. Yes. Right. Sure, I thought, while I wiped myself down with my hand towel, drank water and passed on the opportunity.

I soon concluded that since just about everyone else was doing the poses, they probably weren't as hard as they seemed.

In fact, none of the postures were. And so it went. Moving fluidly from pose to pose.

Eventually we began winding down serenely, sitting cross-legged on the mat — or as cross-legged as my arthritic knees get — and "omming" and "ahhing" en masse for a few minutes. We ended with the final relaxation, known as shavasana, which Strom later told me means corpse pose. We lay on our backs on the mats for 10 minutes practicing our mindfulness.

"You're practicing being a corpse," he said. "Yoga is supposed to be a lifetime practice. Each day at the end of practice you lie down, knowing one day you will lie down and leave the body where it lays. Or lies."

The experience of power yoga for me may have been perfectly captured by something Strom said while he had the rest of us doing a shoulder stand — kind of a head stand for beginners with the legs raised above the head pointing toward the ceiling, back supported by the hands, and elbows, upper arms, shoulders and the back of the head on the mat.

"This will get easier after your first year," Strom told us, when you should be able to hold the pose for 20 minutes." I had my doubts. Yes. Right. Sure, I thought again, wondering if this had become my mantra.

I left, however, thinking that I would like to find out if he was right. I spent the rest of the day wallowing, calm and smiling, in the post-yoga equivalent of an endorphin rush.

Research further investigates the cause for the common cold

A recent study investigating causes of the common cold affirms that most colds are caused by viruses, but only half are a result of infection with the rhinovirus, the virus most often implicated in colds. These findings support the recommendations that antibiotics, which do not work on viral infections, not be used to treat cold symptoms. The study appears in the February 1998 issue of the Journal of Clinical Microbiology.

Researchers from the National Public Health Institute of Finland report on a study of 200 cases of the common cold in university students over a one-year period. Student participants were asked to identify when they had a cold, based on a set of symptoms, and contact a study office, set up at the university, within two days of the appearance of the symptoms. The students were then tested to determine the cause of the symptoms.

In 138 of the 200 cases, the researchers were able to identify an infectious agent as the cause.

Rhinovirus was found to be the cause of 105, or just over half the cases in the study. Other causes of cold symptoms included coronavirus, influenza A virus, and respiratory syncitial virus (RSV). Nearly all the colds with a known cause were found to be caused by a viral infection. Only 7 patients were found to have bacterial infections, but six were also found to have a viral infection as well.

"These findings are consistent with our recommendations that antibiotics not be used to treat common cold symptoms" says Stuart Levy, president-elect of the American Society for Microbiology. "

Almost all cases of the common cold are caused by viruses and antibiotics do not work on viral infections. The unnecessary and inappropriate use of antibiotics to treat cold symptoms is contributing to the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Despite this research and previous studies showing that antibiotics are of little use in treating the common cold, it is estimated that up to 60% of patients with common colds receive some type of antibiotic. This results in an estimated cost of $37.5 million per year in the United States for unnecessary prescriptions on top of the risk of developing antibiotic resistance.

Mild upper respiratory illness, also known as the common cold, is identified by a set of symptoms such as inflamed sinuses, nasal congestion and a sore throat. Here are some tips to help you fight the common cold:

1. Get Plenty of Rest: It's recommended that adults get approximately eight hours of sleep each night to help them be productive during the day and avoid getting sick.

2. Wash Your Hands Often: Germs can get on your hands from a number of places such as doorknobs and telephones. Keeping your hands away from your nose, eyes and mouth, and washing them frequently can help prevent those germs from giving you a cold or the flu.

3. Eat a Balanced Diet: Eating a balanced diet helps your body get the nutrients it needs to stay healthy. While it's best to get the necessary nutrients from your diet, a multiple vitamin can help ensure your body is getting what it needs.

4. Exercise: While exercise can't prevent you from getting sick, it does contribute to your overall well-being, both emotionally and physically. Remember, if you do get sick, listen to your body and take a few days off from your exercise routine until you begin to feel better.

5. Reduce Stress: Reducing stress at home and at work can help you stay healthy.

Eating fewer calories does not guarantee weight loss

By Frederick Hatfield PhD

Always eat at least 5 times a day. Two or three meals simply isn't often enough. It's permissible to regard two of these meals as "snacks," provided they are comprised of sufficient calories to get you to your next meal, and they are comprised of a reasonable ratio of macronutrients. By providing your body with a consistent and frequent supply of just the right number of calories, its need to store fat is reduced.

Conversely, when you eat infrequently, your body recognizes a "famine" situation, and your entire endocrine system is thrown for a loop. Then, too much of the food you consume is stored as body fat in preparation for the "famine" to come.

Your macronutrients - protein, fats and carbohydrates - must be in a rather narrow ratio for maximum fitness.

In each of your 5 meals, no more than 20-30 percent of the calories should ever come from fats. The average American currently consumes close to 40 percent fat calories. Fat is essential for maintaining good health, as are carbohydrates and protein, and it is needed in the manufacture of many important hormones in your body. Just try to ensure that saturated fat (from animal sources) is kept low and that the unsaturated fats predominate. The bigger your muscles are, the more fat you are able to burn throughout the entire day, and the more aerobic exercise you do, the more fat you can burn.

You must consume enough protein to support growth and recovery (based on your lean body weight and activity level). The greater your need for growth and recovery, the greater your need for protein. Heavily muscled, highly active athletes can require as much as a gram of protein per pound of body weight.

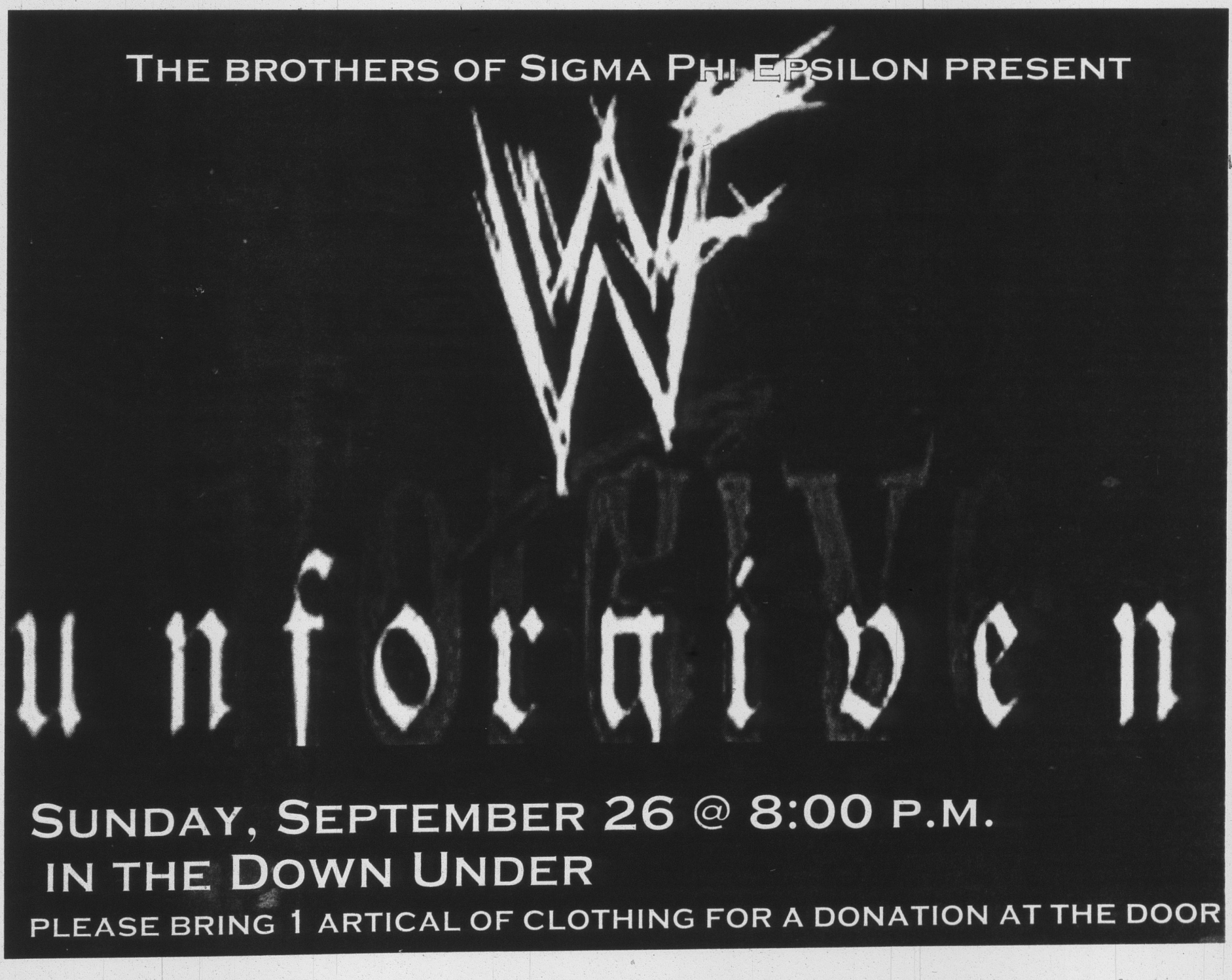
Consume primarily low glycemic index carbohydrates - those that are converted to blood sugar slowly - so you can control your insulin levels. Remember, carbohydrates are your body's preferred energy fuel source. However, after your glycogen stores are repleted, added carbs will be stored as fat. There's no reason for you to completely avoid high glycemic index foods unless you're diabetic, but keep them at a low roar.

When you sit down to eat at each of your 5 meals, you must ask yourself, "What am I going to be doing for the next three or so hours of my life?" If you're planning on taking a nap, eat less; if you're planning on a training session, eat more. In other words, adjust your caloric intake up or down depending upon your anticipated energy output. So, for anaerobic athletes especially, you should not eat for what you just did, only for what you are about to do.

Moderate exercise main ingredient for a long, health life

Two words of advice to anyone wanting to live a long, healthy life: get moving! Research has shown again and again that moderate, regular exercise is a main ingredient for good health and a long life. In fact, two researchers with the US Department of Agriculture's Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University, William Evans, PhD, and Irwin Rosenberg, MD, discovered that the declines in physiological function attributed to growing older were actually due largely to immobility, and that they could be reversed by exercise.

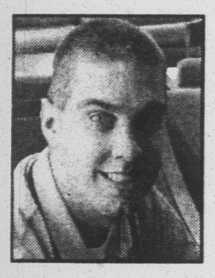
If you're already on a fitness regimen, you know the advantages of regular exercise and are probably looking for nutritional supplements to help improve your performance or speed recovery time. Michael Colgan, PhD, author of Optimum Sports Nutrition, advises a multi vitamin/minerals complex, supplemental chromium, and numerous antioxidants such as vitamin E, vitamin C and selenium. The Recommended Dietary Allowances of vitamins make no allowances for the nutrient demands imposed by exercise, notes Colgan. He believes that athletes and the general population are deficient in many nutrients. "Food alone cannot provide sufficient vitamins to meet the demands of intense exercise," he explains. While everyone knows that exercise is beneficial, not everyone realizes that exercise places demands on the body that act just like stress and increases our needs for certain nutrients. According to Colgan, exercise generates free radicals, which cause muscle damage; while antioxidants, such as vitamins A, C and E, can prevent this damage and shorten recovery time. The body fights back against exercise-induced oxidation, he says, with antioxidants.



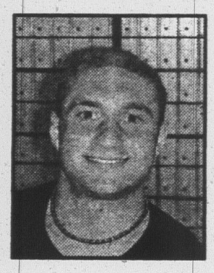
OPINION

Question of the week

How do you feel about the new appointment-only policy at the Health Center?



Brennan Weidl, Junior
I think it's very scary that someone can be ill and the doctors won't be there to service them. Westminster needs to become more aware of how serious medical issues are.



Don Kelley, Senior
We don't pay for inconvenient hours and a chance at seeing the doctor. If I'm sick, I want a guarantee that I can be seen.

Jamie Freund, Sophomore
Once there are a lot of people who are sick during the cold and flu seasons, it will definitely be an inconvenience.

Matt Virgin, Sophomore
I don't think that the new policy is a good idea. When people are away from home and their own doctor, they should still be able to see someone on campus.

Joe Korcinsky, Sophomore
If we're paying money for (health care), we should be served in a satisfactory manner.

Charlie Szebo, Senior
I think the appointment system is ridiculous. Not many people will be able to see the doctor because of it. I think we should revert to the old system. Though it's more hectic, you could at least be sure to see the doctor.

Nicole Zeller, Junior
The policy would be fine for a routine check up but no one plans on getting sick.

Leanne Walley, Sophomore
I think it should have been kept like it was last year. If you need to go in (to be seen), you should be able to just go in.

OUR VIEW: Sick and tired

All students have heard about it. Most students have experienced it. One person on campus gets sick and soon the whole campus is sneezing, reaching for tissues, and calling the health center for "student sick in room" excuses for those professors who will still accept them. Some students actually visit the doctor in hopes of getting a prescription.

Correction: Some students actually hope to visit the doctor to get a prescription.

If it weren't inconvenient enough that the doctor was only in for an hour in the morning, now an appointment must be made in order to see the doctor at all. And the doctor is still only in for an hour.

In a perfect world, every student could predict the onset of an illness, make an appointment before the health center closes at 3:30 (earlier than most students are done with classes), and be scheduled for an appointment the next day. In reality, if a student is feeling sick Wednesday evening, he or she must call the health center Thursday morning and hope that there is an appointment available for Friday morning.

A student that is sick Friday evening can only opt for a quiet weekend full of rest, because by the time they make an appointment Monday they will not be able to see the doctor until, at the earliest, Tuesday morning. A weekend of rest is the best and only prognosis he or she would be able to get.

Currently, the health center does have appointments available for the next day. But it is not even October yet. One can imagine the waiting list of sick students during the winter during the height of cold and flu season.

Students with a professor that will accept a "student ill in room" excuse should consider themselves lucky. Students without this luxury have two options when they awaken feeling sick. They can either go to class sick (exposing at least twenty other students to the illness) or face an unexcused absence because there is little chance that there will be an appointment available that morning.

Currently, the health center does have appointments available for the next day. But it is not even October yet. One can imagine the waiting list of sick students during the winter during the height of cold and flu season.

Even if a student is able to call for an appointment the day he or she feels sick, the doctor is only available for an hour. According to the center, the doctor can only see approximately eight patients per day. That number varies on the degree to which students are ill.

If the doctor is able to see eight patients per day, that gives only seven and a half minutes for the student to explain their symptoms, the doctor to diagnose the illness and write a prescription for the student. That is if the sickness is not serious.

Advice to the students: Get sick during the day. Call the health center immediately. Don't have an illness that can't be analyzed in seven and a half minutes or less. Do your research and only take classes in which professors will accept "student ill in room" excuses. Unless you like being behind in your assignments, don't schedule any classes before 9:20. The doctor is only in from 8:15-9:15, so for students with an 8:10 or 7:40, missing class is inevitable. Here's to your health.

WESTMINSTER WORLD

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another one bites the dust

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As a member of the women's volleyball team, I have a complaint about the changes in the TUB Grille. While many aspects are beneficial to some students, the changes are extremely inconvenient to athletes and other students that cannot eat in the cafeteria on a regular basis.

First of all, the cafeteria does offer a better selection and a higher quality of food than the TUB, but due to practices or meetings, many students cannot be there during the dinner hours of 4:45-6:45. Instead, we are forced to eat in the TUB, where the selection and nutritional value are far less than the cafeteria.

Secondly, the changes in the TUB have made purchasing a decent meal next to impossible. With equivalency at only $3.00 for dinner, students are not given as many options as last year when the price was $4.25. There is no way that the value of the cafeteria food is only $3.00, which makes the term "equivalency" non-applicable. In addition, many of the side dishes that were offered last year in the TUB can now only be bought with dine dollars or Titan money. If a student is forced to eat in the TUB daily, the extra money that is needed to purchase a full meal will add up quickly.

I understand that the school is trying to force more students to eat in the cafeteria, but for teams that must practice during the cafeteria hours, due to classes and gym or field time, the changes are annoying. During the fall season, I have seen most of the members of the volleyball team and the girl's soccer team in the TUB during the evenings. These are just two teams that cannot purchase a suitable meal on a daily basis, and I am sure that there will be more when the winter and spring seasons occur. There is no reason why these student-athletes should be forced to eat the same food everyday when we pay the same amount of money as everyone else, but just have a schedule that does not allow us to eat in the cafeteria.

Sincerely,
Meredith Etcher

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Students dispute idea that they are apathetic towards politics

By Dan Macklin
MICHIGAN STATE U.

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — According to a study by Project Vote Smart, a voter advocacy group, people our age are less likely to vote or trust any form of government.

I don't know about government, but I don't trust this STUDY for a second. First of all, it pits 18- to 25-year-olds against all people 26 and over.

This means that one demographic consists of people varying up to seven years in age. The other demographic could include participants who vary as much as 50 or 60 years in age. The second participant pool also includes seniors and other age groups that have very high voter-turnout rates.

So the study is a crock. It only adds more proof that statistics can be used to show anything about any group. When it comes to voter apathy and college-age people, I don't take a study's word for it, I take my own.

It's just happenstance that we've come to the same conclusion. Our age group IS less likely to vote. The study's conclusion is correct, but it only puts meaningless numbers behind what everyone already knows. What proves the study's conclusion is being a member of this age group and knowing its tendencies firsthand.

On the issue of voter apathy, I look at myself first. I'm not even registered to vote, which is as apathetic as it gets. I do, however, educate myself about presidential candidates and their proposed policies — I just never have thought my one, lonesome vote could matter. I've neglected registering because it has never seemed logical to inconvenience myself, through the registration process, only to give another drop of water to an ocean (to add one vote to millions).

Gradually, my hard-line stance against voting has softened. My focus has shifted from the presidential vote (the ocean) to local races (the Great Lakes). One vote in a few thousand is more substantial, and considering these odds has increased my desire to register.

However, if an issue I feel strongly about arises, my voice will surely be drowned out by the overwhelming screams those 26 and older. Or those 35 and older. It doesn't matter where the line is drawn, it's just there ... somewhere.

I see the apathy of my fellow students, my demographic, and know we have no collective purpose. Together we are caught in a vicious cycle: I don't vote because the vast majority of other young people don't vote. None of the rest of us votes because ... well ... none of the rest of us vote. The beginning of the problem is also its end. Voter apathy in our age group is its own source of continual propagation.

It is my duty as an American to tell each and every student on this campus to rise up and vote. But guess what? None of us will. I can only blame myself and wallow in a silent demographic consisting of people as unwilling to take action as myself.

What we—myself included—WILL do is wait until we're out of this lazy, cement-footed demographic. We'll wait until we're 40-year-old-homeowning-Republican-National Rifle Association members. Then millions will share our concerns. At this ripe age we can march to the polls together, safe in the knowledge that our legislators are free from acknowledging the existence of anyone under 30. By this time, we'll be glad most young people don't care enough to vote. We'll look down on those with our current status and revel in the fact that we can always outvote any student issue. We'll keep our country safe from the tainted ideals of college-age Americans and love it.

Ignorance does not excuse people from consequences

By Michael Holly
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

In 1997, a woman from Philadelphia sued a local pharmacy after she purchased contraceptive jelly but became pregnant despite using the product. The problem was that she was using it rather unconventionally; by spreading the jelly on her toast and eating it. Her explanation was that no one has time to read directions these days.

In a recent edition of NBC's Dateline, journalists reported the story of a woman whose children and father were trapped upside down for hours while rescue workers attempted to free them and other passengers from a roller coaster called "The Demon" at Great America in Gurnee, Ill. The family has filed a lawsuit against Great America, apparently because park guests are not expected to anticipate any possible danger from a ride called "The Demon."

Whether it's avoiding unwanted pregnancy or enjoying an eye-popping ride, people seem to be having trouble taking responsibility for themselves these days. In fact, most of our problems could be solved if people would simply blame themselves a little more often and everyone else a little less.

That's right. I have the solution to the pressing issues of the 21st century: personal responsibility. It's a simple theme that can save us all a lot of headaches in the future.

Guns and gun control are hot topics these days. Bills have been written and killed in Congress, and gun control advocates and opponents are squawking louder than ever. This is a simple issue. Everyone should be able to have whatever gun they'd like excluding individuals with a history of mental illness or criminal records. If you think you're responsible enough to own a gun, then you should be responsible enough to use trigger locks, keep your weapon away from children and educate yourself and those around you on gun safety. If you shoot someone or commit a crime with a gun, there are no excuses.

Having children is a big decision in life and if personal responsibility can be applied to any issue, this is it. If you want children, expect to take care of them and financially support them. If you're wondering if having children is a privilege reserved only for those lucky enough to have money, the answer is yes. I don't mean that every child should be raised with Billy Madison-caliber wealth, but every parent should be able to provide the necessary clothes, food, education and presence required by children.

Personal responsibility can sound a little cold at times, but let's face it: the truth can hurt. Though I've only provided a short lesson in personal responsibility, I hope the concept catches on. If you've read this far, you must already be a step ahead. From what I've heard, people are just too busy to read directions these days.

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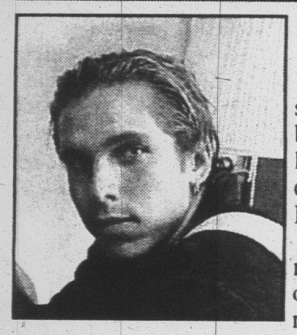


Kid Sparkle

"Hey Ash, I slipped on the banana peal you left in the shower again," said Kid Sparkle.

This Sunday morning started off like all the rest. Master's of the Universe PJ's shed, cold and stumbling into the shower, I once again slipped on the skin of the potassium baring breakfast Ash insists on eating every morning in the shower, and, like in a cartoon, I slip on the peal, every morning.

Wiggida wiggida wack. Since the trailer for *Stigmata* looked bomb, I was pretty psyched to see it. Excited, that is, until I read *Rolling Stone*'s review of the movie, that thrashed it, just like Ash got thrashed when he stole that pie off his neighbor's windowsill.

Don't get me wrong, I like *Rolling Stone*, but I've always struggled with the yuppie, VW Bug, Starbucks culture it so often tries to please, and this review infuriated me. After remembering that they gave Smash Mouth's new album a good review though, I felt a little better. I realized that Affirmative Action most likely requires them to employ at least one person with the same lowly I.Q. as anyone who would actually buy a Smash Mouth CD, which would explain both of these reviews.

Nevertheless, the *Rolling Stone* interview brought me down, and I trudged into the theatre half expecting to be disappointed, like when I found out about Milli Vanilli. Luckily, I was spared a reoccurrence of the pain Rob and Fab had brought to my Skidz wearing, three Swatches on each wrist, 6th grade heart.

If nothing else, Stigmata confirmed the fact that Patricia Arquette is meant to be my wife. I first suspected this to be my fate during *True Romance*, and now it's been confirmed.

Stigmata is about the stigmata, a real phenomenon with hundreds of documented cases around the world. Arquette plays Frankie Paige (most likely a reference to Saint Francis, who was also "blessed" with the stigmata.)

After receiving a rosary in the mail from her mother, (which a young boy, making like the Hamburglar, stole off of a dead priest), Frankie begins exhibiting signs of the stigmata. More specifically, she becomes inflicted with the wounds of Christ, one at a time - nails through the wrists, a whipped back, a crown of thorns and nails through the feet. She hopes she does not reach the 5th (a spear to the side), and die.

Sent to investigate the phenomena is Father Andrew Kiernan, played by the extremely smooth and talented Gabriel Byrne.

From *Rolling Stone* to *Entertainment Weekly*, everyone seems to have hated *Stigmata*, mainly because it borrows excessively from *The Exorcist*. I have no gripe with that. It does, but it's still an engaging, entertaining film that raises some good questions, particularly about the church as an institution, and the undeniable corruption that takes place within it's confines.

The movie is bound to upset hardcore Christians, specifically Catholics, who will find it sacrilegious at the least, as it basically says Jesus himself spoke against the institutionalized Church in a newly discovered Gospel.

Interestingly, this Gospel really exists, and was discovered in 1945.

Supposedly the closest any Gospel has come to bearing Jesus' own words, it was dismissed by the Vatican as hearsay. Fittingly, the Vatican's role in *Stigmata* is to disprove and cover up any reported miracles, newly found scriptures or anything else that would distort the picture of religion that they've painted.

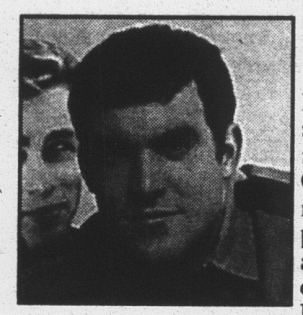
Stigmata is out of control; a whirlwind of violent attacks on Arquette, and throbbing, industrial, club scenes, peppered with barrage of religious imagery, it makes you feel like your caught in the middle of a hurricane inside a rave, held within a church.

The first five minutes of the film, in particular, are pure eye candy - a downright haunting scene from a tiny village in south Brazil full of distorted, disturbing, crucifix's, a bleeding statue of Mary, doves, hordes of the sick and crippled people waiting to be healed, and an extremely creepy dead priest.

The entire film, of course, has style - candles flowers, art deco, and Andy Warhol. In fact, I think I should live on the set. It's like *Romeo and Juliet* mixing it up with *Seven* in the Andy Warhol museum.

The weakest part of the film was the under played soundtrack. Though I could decipher some solid tunes, the predominately King Corgan work was criminally under played and functioned as back, back, background music for too much of the film.

Not totally original, and bound to upset and sicken a few people here and there,



Ashley "Webster" W.

In South Brazil, inside a small church, an investigative Catholic priest is studying the phenomenon of a marble statue of the Virgin Mary who is crying tears of blood. This intriguing scene begins the movie *Stigmata* - a furious tale of corruption, religion, faith and love.

Patricia Arquette plays the role of Frankie Paige, a Pittsburgh hairdresser, who through a set of unfortunate circumstances becomes possessed by the spirit of a deceased Catholic priest. Frankie becomes a "stigmata," a person plagued with unexplained wounds like those inflicted upon Christ when he was crucified upon the cross.

As the movie progresses, Frankie becomes teamed up with Father Andrew Kiernan (Gabriel Byrne), the investigative Catholic priest. Father K. works to help Frankie with her affliction and comes to find a much larger conspiracy of secrets, lies and corruption within the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church, one of the largest, oldest and most powerful institutions in the world is hiding a huge secret that could eventually destroy it. The secret is a hidden gospel written in Aramaic (the language of Christ) that contains statement by Him saying that there should be no intervention between God and man.

Patricia Arquette does a great job in this movie playing the tortured "stigmata." At the beginning she is the crazy party girl - dressed in sequined green tight dresses, who frequents the clubs and other party scenes. However, she soon becomes the pathetic martyr.

With scenes depicting the terrible pain and torture of her affliction Patricia pulls through with a highly emotional, angst-ridden portrayal of suffering. She truly brings to light the dilemma of her situation. Through her acting abilities and the commendable cinematography, she is almost able to make the audience feel her pain.

David Byrne is also worthy of mention for his portrayal of Father Kiernan. It is Gabriel's cool, smooth style that lends great contrast to Patricia's frantic tortured state. Throughout the movie Byrne is a very mysterious character whose intentions are not completely known or certain. Being always cloaked in black suits and trench coats gives him quite a menacing air. He seems especially foreboding and evil while marching through the dark, dirty, dreary, and rainy streets of the "Burgh." It is this disillusioned priest who finds out the truth and becomes Patricia's "savior."

The powerful and sometimes overdone cinematography inflicts a mentally vicious assault on the audience's senses. Frankie's Deco apartment and the nave of a Catholic Church, both dark in themselves, are the primary settings of the film. Three words describe the apartment best: candles, water, blood. It is filled with random eclectic pieces of art and furniture, and is housed in an old blue Art Deco apartment building, which is very disturbing in its own right.

The Corgan, Bowie, Imbruglia and Massive Attack, enhanced soundtrack emit disturbing, melancholy melodies, which impress upon the audience the enormity of the frightening scenario which is unfolding.

Overall, *Stigmata* is a very powerful and engaging movie. The plot, though not overly impressive, and with a few loose ends, still comes across well to the audience well. In many senses it is quite thought provoking, as it gives the movie the proper sense about the moral corruption of the Catholic Church, and the mystery existing behind religions, fictitious and factual past.

The staging, cinematography, and special effects are worthy of mention as well. I found all of them to add greatly to the movie. I also have no complaints about the acting.

Though it has been called an *Exorcist* ripoff (in some cases rightly), *Stigmata* is still a good movie, which I would recommend to anyone, especially if they want to see lots of blood, possessed bodies, and full-blown levitation.

Stigmata may not be for "Junior," or that nun who used to spank me with the splintered ruler. But for the rest of us, it's a good movie that makes you think. And we all need to think. every once in a while.

89 FM invades Down Under with Back to the Beat

By Lani Nuss
STAFF WRITER

"Back to the Beat," campus radio station 89 FM's new live radio show premiered in the Down Under last Thursday from 10 until 12.

The event began slowly, as DJ Gabe Buckley cranked out various upbeat techno and rap tunes, which strayed from the usual alternative and rock sound heard throughout the week on 89FM.

Intended to be a club-like atmosphere, the show featured artists such as The Beastie Boys and Puff Daddy, as well as numerous others.

Although Buckley and freshman assistant Pete Bernacki were disappointed with the turnout, they were still excited about the show and are hoping attendance will improve over the next few weeks.

In anticipating of more student involvement, Buckley hopes to continue the live broadcast for a while.

"I want someone to come down here once a week and break dance," she said. "That's my goal."

One audience membered said she enjoyed the change that the dance party broadcast has brought to 89FM.

"Personally, I like variety," freshman Marissa Betters said. "It's great that the radio station is trying to get people to come down here for something different."

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Celebrity Series welcomes Debbie Reynolds

Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

She may have been a star before our time, but Debbie Reynolds, a long-time Hollywood legend will be performing here in Orr Auditorium on Sept. 29 at 8 p.m.

The star of such films as Singin' In The Rain, How The West Was Won, and The Unsinkable Molly Brown tours about 42 weeks a year, so her stop in New Wilmington is quite a treat.

"We've been trying to get her for several years, and we finally made contact with her agent in Las Vegas," said Eugene DeCaprio, director of the Celebrity Series. "She's been a star in the American entertainment world for over 40 years, and we're happy to have her make an appearance."

Reynolds, the mother of Stars Wars' leading actress, Carrie Fisher, began her film career in 1948 at MGM studios after she won a beauty contest. She was only 16 years old at the time, but she went on to star in many popular Broadway and film musicals and was nominated for an Academy Award in 1964 for her performance in The Unsinkable Molly Brown.

Today aside from touring the casino circuit from Reno and Las Vegas to Atlantic City and the famous London Palladium, she is actively involved in creating a Hollywood museum to house and display her collection of 3,000 costumes and 46,000 square-feet worth of props and stage equipment.

The Caroline Knox Memorial Trust Fund has made a limited number of tickets free of charge for students. The tickets, regularly priced at $42 and $37 for the general public, are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Student ticket reservations are already being accepted. To make reservations call Ext. 7354 or email Connie McGinnis of the Celebrity Series. Name, phone number and box number are required in order to reserve the one ticket each student is allotted.

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4:30, 7:20, 9:40

Love Stinks [R]
4:00

Mickey Blue Eyes [PG-13]
4:40, 7:30, 9:50

Stir of Echoes [R]
4:10, 7:40, 10:10

The Thomas Crown Affair [R]
4:00, 7:00, 9:30

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4:45 PM, 7:20, 10:15

Bowfinger [PG-13]
5:15, 7:50, 10:30

Chill Factor [R]
5:00, 9:50

Love Stinks [R]
7:30

Outside Providence [R]
4:50, 7:40, 10:10

Runaway Bride [PG]
5:05, 7:45, 10:20

Stigmata [R]
4:30, 7:10, 9:35

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An Ideal Husband [PG-13]
3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00

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2:45 PM, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00

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2:30 PM, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20

For Love of the Game [PG-13].
3:30 PM, 4:00, 6:50, 7:20, 9:50, 10:20

In Too Deep [R]
2:50 PM, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

Mickey Blue Eyes [PG-13]
2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45

The Sixth Sense [PG-13]
2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15

Stir of Echoes [R]
2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

The Thomas Crown Affair [R]
3:30, 7:10, 9:40

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The 13th Warrior
1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:00

American Pie [R]
7:10, 9:40

An Ideal Husband [PG-13]
1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:30

Blue Streak [PG-13]
1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15

Bowfinger [PG-13]
1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:10

Chill Factor [R]
7:10, 9:40

Inspector Gadget [PG]
1:10, 4:10

The Iron Giant [PG]
1:20, 4:30

Runaway Bride [PG]
1:00, 3:50, 7:00, 9:30

The Sixth Sense [PG-13]
1:15, 4:00, 7:15, 10:00

Stigmata [R]
1:40, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50

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Scores of young people had shown up for the concert. Others were there to sing with the church choir.

Since morning, the teenagers had been celebrating "See You At The Pole Day," a decade-old observance popular among Christian youths nationwide. Because they are not allowed to engage in organized classroom prayer, they meet to pray outside, around school flagpoles, on the third Wednesday of each September. Here, the celebration extended into the evening at Wedgwood Baptist.

Hearing the music as he entered the sanctuary, Ashbrook shouted, "This is all [expletive]," according to Mendoza, quoting witnesses. "I can't believe you believe this junk," Ashbrook yelled. And he cried, "Religion is [expletive]." Then he squeezed off more than 30 shots.

At first, some of the young people thought it was a surprise "skit" about evil, Mendoza said. "That probably made them more vulnerable," he said, because many did not instantly run or hide. But as bodies began falling, the sanctuary filled with the screams of teenagers and adults fleeing and diving for cover. Of the four teenagers killed, one was 17 and the others were 14.

Before killing himself, Ashbrook also tossed a pipe bomb, which exploded, the shrapnel tearing into the walls. In addition to the Ruger, Ashbrook had a .380-caliber automatic handgun that Mendoza said was purchased at a flea market just east of Fort Worth on Feb. 15, 1992. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said agents traced the Ruger to another gun dealer at the same flea market who acquired the weapon Feb. 13, 1992. Investigators were still trying to locate the dealer and were not sure whether the gun was sold to Ashbrook on the same day he purchased the .380.

Mendoza said police have found no evidence of wrongdoing in the sales of the weapons.

At the White House, President Clinton bemoaned the tragedy: "Yet again, we have seen a sanctuary violated by gun violence, taking children brimming with faith and promise and hope before their time." Without mentioning gun control, he added, "We know that there is nothing we can do to assure that this will never happen. But there is a lot more we can do to assure it will happen more rarely."

HOROSCOPES

ARIES This week is highlighted by your careful, cautious and conscientious workmanship in everything you do. You might do well to tiptoe around someone who is irritible. You haven't done anything wrong, you simply may be working with some very vulnerable people right now.

TAURUS This week is highlighted by small changes that may ultimately give you the freedom you seek. As long as you are sure of your position, you should prevail.

GEMINI This week is highlighted by your independent spirit & knowing when compassion is required. You need to be more compassionate towards loved ones & learn to enjoy the simple treasures you possess.

CANCER This week is highlighted by domestic & personal affairs. A good, solid understanding of yourself and your own needs is very helpful at this time. Recent events have given you the confidence to ask for the impossible. Take time to smell the flowers, you'll be glad you did.

LEO This week is highlighted by partnerships, relationships & children.

Push yourself to listen to other's problems & try to make compromises for them. If your co-workers are compatible, you'll be able to produce great results. If your relationships are less than ideal, this is probably as good a time as any to resolve those difficulties. Keep a smile on your face and you'll be amazed at what you can get away with.

VIRGO This week is highlighted by emotional feelings & your realization

that life goes on. You can't continue to wear your emotions on your sleeve.

Recent chain of events need to be addressed. Keep recent promise to continue to keep yourself fit, will benefit you both physically & emotionally.

LIBRA This week's scenario is highlighted by the breaking of traditions & opening new doors of opportunity. Long distance communication will bring you closer to your goals. Share yourself & your confidence level will increase. Investigate new possibilities in matters of business & trading.

SCORPIO This week is highlighted by a magnetic reaction to everything you do. People will vie for your time & attention. Be sure to spend some quality time with those who really matter to you. Keep some moments for yourself & reflect how funny life can change.

SAGITTARIUS This week is highlighted by the intuitive and psychic perceptions you receive from many sources. An intense conversation could be important to you. You may find yourself in the public eye.

CAPRICORN This week is highlighted by responsibilities & getting back to basics. At times you may feel lonely, unpopular, unloved, or unwanted, but with effort that will change. Loved ones will lend much support to your needs.

AQUARIUS This week is highlighted by romantic sparks and new beginnings. Reevaluate your past, try to bring out your best qualities, set aside your insecurities. Communications & understanding will increase greatly.

PISCES This week is highlighted by responsibilities & how you can take care of business. Freedom will come when you're hanging with friends. A partner could change directions without telling you. If you have any doubts about where you stand, make sure that you ask the right questions and insist on getting answers.

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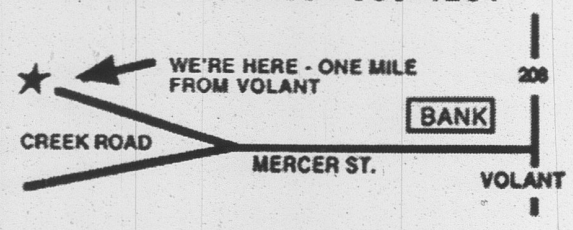

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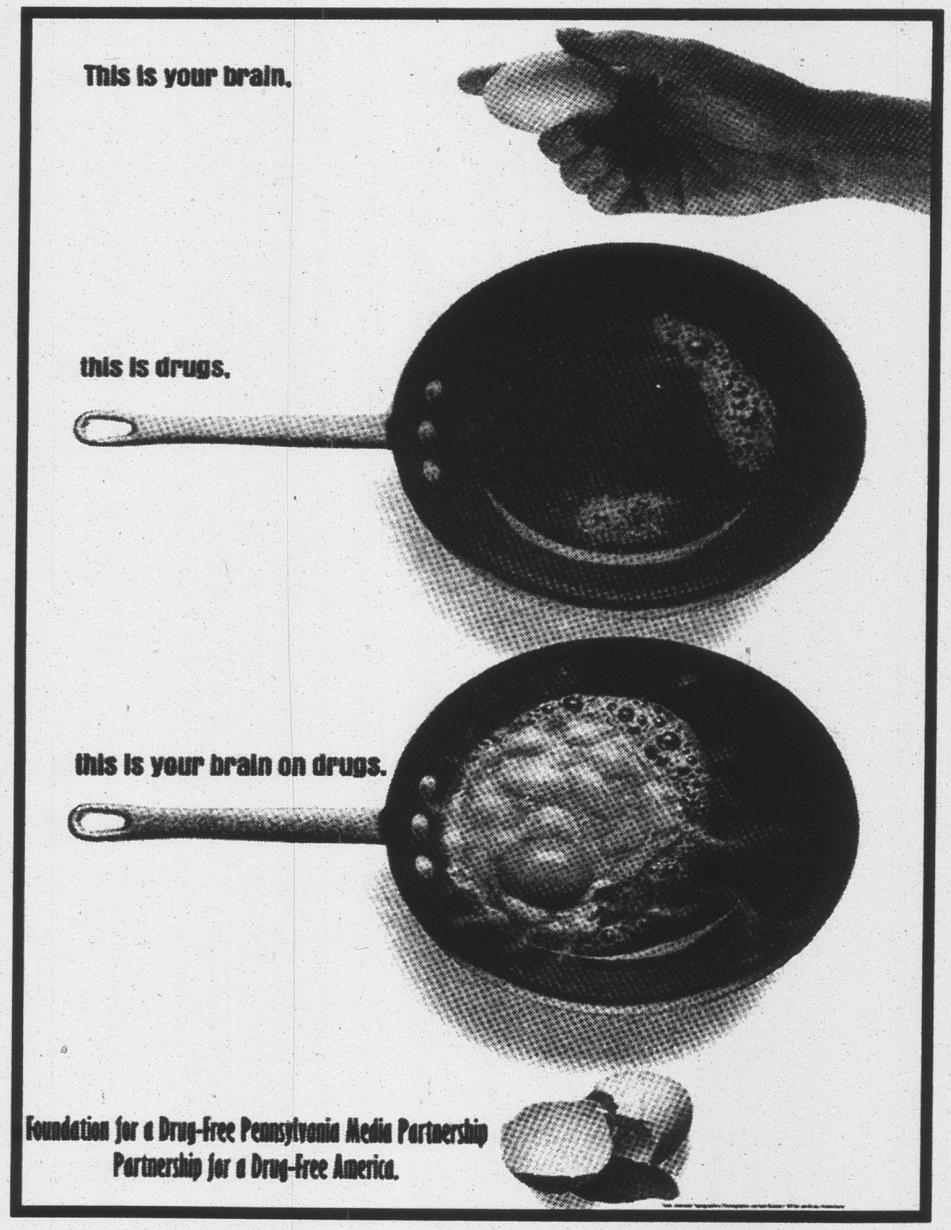

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 24
HOMECOMING AND REUNION WEEKEND
10:00 am Women's Tennis @ Northern Michigan
11:30 am Distinguished Alumni Lecturer - Orr Auditorium
11:40 am-12:10 pm - Chapel
Noon Alumni Golf Outing - Green Meadows Golf Course
1:00 pm Golden Tower Society - Hospitality Suite, Ferguson Lounge
3:00 pm S.G.A. Powder Puff Football Game - Quad
4:00 pm Men's Soccer vs. Ohio Valley (H)
5:00 pm Pep Rally and Picnic - Quad
6:00 pm Citation Reception and Dinner - Russell Hall Dining Room
7:00 pm Volleyball vs. Wayne State (H)
10:00 pm - 2:00 am JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 25
HOMECOMING AND REUNION WEEKEND
8:00 am-11:00 am Hospitality Tent - Senior Terrace
8:00 am-4:00 pm Golden Tower Society - Hospitality Suite, Ferguson Lounge
8:30 am Breakfast with the Books - McGill Library
10:00 am Homecoming Parade
10:00 am Women's Tennis @ Lake Superior State, MI
10:00 am - 3:00 pm Josten Ring Day — TUB Lounge
10:30 am Cross Country @ St. Vincent Invitational
10:45 am Dedication of the Veterans Memorial - Quad
11:00 am Phi Mu Alumna Luncheon - Down Under
11:30 am All-Alumni Picnic - Softball Field
1:00 pm Pre-game Activiaties - Football Field
1:30 pm Football vs. Hillsdale (H)
4:30 pm Sigma Nu Alumni Reception - Sigma Nu House
6:00 pm Reunion Receptions and Dinners
7:00 pm Mass - Chapel
8:00 pm CPC Presents Craig Karges (mentalist) - Down Under TBA Zeta Tau Alpha Alumna Reception

SUNDAY 26
HOMECOMING AND REUNION WEEKEND
1:00 pm Volleyball vs. Hillsdale (H)
3:00 pm Orchestra Concert - Orr Auditorium
6:00 pm Theta Chi Meeting @ Chapter House
7:00 pm Vespers - Chapel
9:00 pm Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 27
Phi Mu Carnation Week
11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
5:30 pm Panhellenic Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 pm Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
6:15 pm Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112-113
6:30 pm Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 pm Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 pm Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Initiation — Chapel

TUESDAY 28
11:00 am MedPAC Meeting — HSC 166
7:00 pm Alpha Gamma Delta Informal Rush Party — TUB Lounge
3:50 pm U.S. Steel Presentation and Testing — HSC 152

WEDNESDAY 29
LAST DAY FOR A 70% REFUND
11:30 am Faculty Forum: Sam Lightner, "Fluorescent Tubes and Solar Eclipses" - PH 131
3:00 pm Men's Soccer vs. Allegheny (H)
5:00 pm Women's Soccer vs. Gannon (H)
7:00 pm SGA Meeting - TCF 116
7:30 pm Zeta Tau Alpha Rush Party — Down Under
8:00 Celebrity Series: Debbie Reynolds - Orr Auditorium
8:00 pm CPC Meeting - TCF 116
8:30 pm SAVE Meeting - TCF 111
9:30 pm Seekers Meeting - TBA
TBA Zeta Tau Alpha Open House

THURSDAY 30
3:00 pm Women's Tennis @ Slippery Rock
7:00 pm IFC Meeting - TUB A/B
10:00 - midnight Back to the Beat (Live Dance/Radio Program - Down Under

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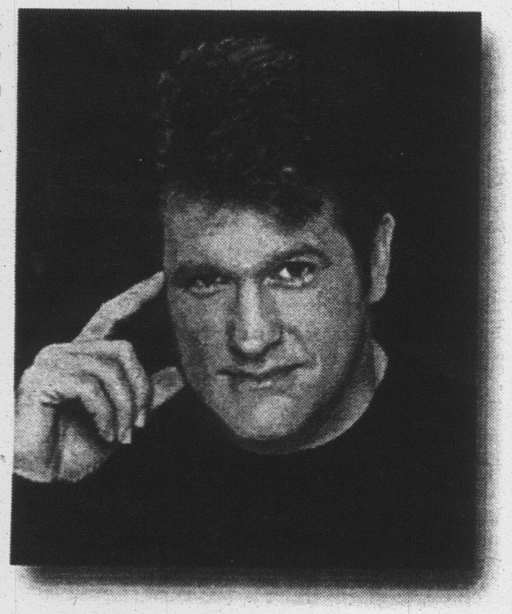

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Craig Karges' performance is an extraordinary blend of mystery, humor psychology and intuition. Karges dazzles the mind as he challenges his audiences toquestion what is real and what is unreal, what is possible and what is impossible. Dennis Miller, comedian and talk show host, put it this way after seeing Karges perform, 'this weirds me out.'"

A table "walks" on stage and then flies into the air! Borrowed finger rings from audience members are linked together in a chain! Thoughts are read and predictions are made and verified. Craig Karges risks his fee in a special demonstration. If he fails the money is returned to the sponsor!

Audiences may be mystified when it comes to understanding how Craig Karges accomplishes what he does on stage but his popularity is no mystery at all.

From the entertainment oriented "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" to the news oriented "Larry King Live," Craig Karges makes frequent guest appearances on national television shows. The sheer number and diversity of Karges' television appearances is indicative of his widespread popularity.

Saturday, September 25
@ 8 p.m.

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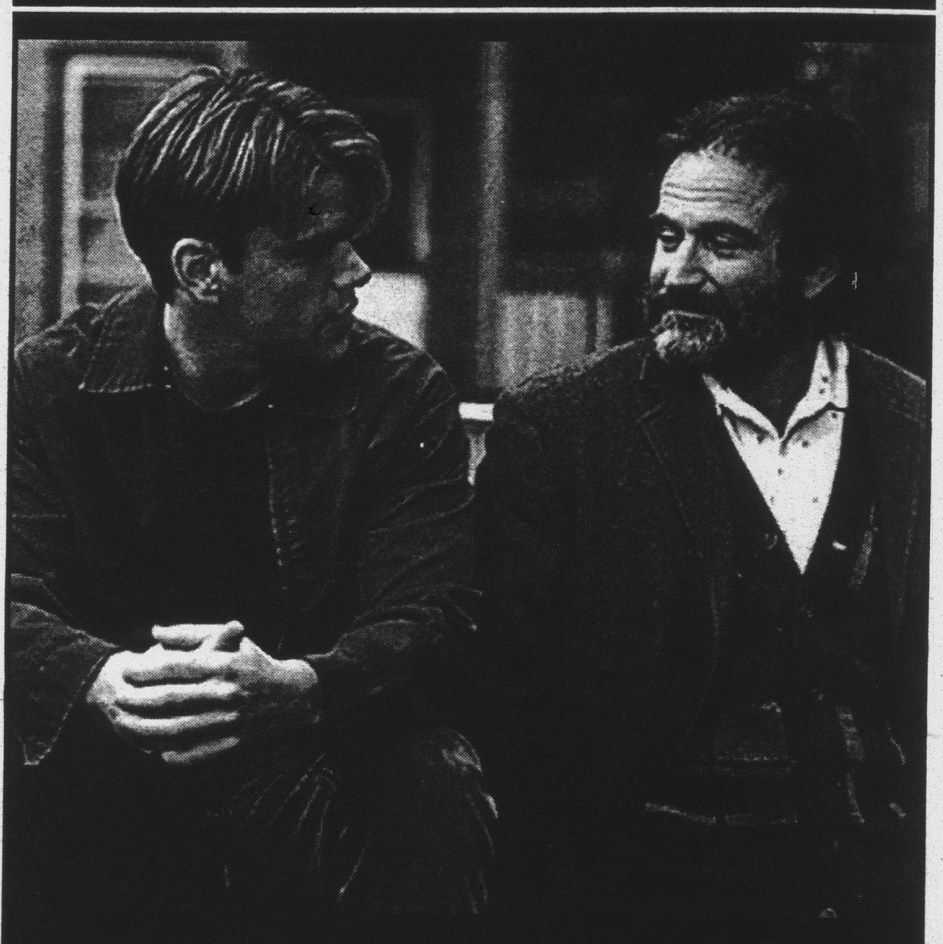

Friday, September 24
@ 7:30

JT's Cafe

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts — you provide the chatting!

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Allies sponsors Jeans Day in order to raise support

By Darcie Yobp
STAFF WRITER

ALLIES, the college's student organization dedicated to the support of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people, is sponsoring 'Jeans Day' on Oct. 7.

On Jeans Day, ALLIES encourages everyone in support of non-discrimination to wear jeans. For those who are not able to wear jeans, or who want to display additional support, jean ribbons will be available at various locations around the campus.

"A lot of people wear jeans. If not all those people want to support this issue, that's fine, but they'll have to change their daily behavior," said Brad Dell, ALLIES public relations coordinator, "which is what millions of GLBT [gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered] people experience every day...but to a much greater extent."

But Dell said that Jeans Day is not a "yay gay" day, but rather a celebration of non-hate and acceptance of others.

"Wearing jeans on this day does not mean you embrace all sexual minority issues," said Dr. Keen Compher, advisor to the organization. "By having to decide whether to wear jeans, you will be confronted with what you believe on the issue of discrimination."

ALLIES President Nathaniel Sizemore regards Jeans Day as a "chance to make a difference. It is an opportunity to stop complaining about what is wrong and actually do something about it."

Sizemore said he joined ALLIES in part because of the difficulties his gay and bisexual friends had on campus.

"I never realized what they had to got through because of the insensitivity of those around them," Sizemore said. "Really, the most horrible thing you could do to someone is to force them to disguise who they are because you won't accept them."

Compher described his hopes for the campus as a result of ALLIES

A pledge begins campaign for new student center

The McKelvey Challenge was initiated after a 1957 alum donated $3 million

By Katie Brentzel
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Andrew McKelvey has agreed to donate $3 million toward a new student center if the college can raise another $3 million by June 30, 2000.

The goal is to raise the total $12 million needed for construction of the facility by June 30, 2001. The McKelvey Challenge began because McKelvey did not see a need for a long capital campaign for the money.

The Campus Center will be anchored on the east and west to already existing buildings-the TUB and Freeman Hall. The multi-level facility will bridge and the renovated buildings in order to tie the facilities and their programs together.

"The Campus Center will be the heart of the college. Its activities and functions will reflect our heritage and our priorities for the future," President R. Thomas Williamson said. "It's a place where a great deal of living, learning, and growing will go on."

The center, including computer labs, smart classrooms, quiet study areas and a lecture hall will be conducive to studying and learning. It will also contain broadcast facilities for 89 FM and Channel 9. The Career Center, Office of Community Service, Student Affairs, Safety and Security, duplicating and the bookstore will also be located in the new center.

Students can look forward to large multi-purpose rooms, a food court, an after-hours club and a game room.

The new building will help the college to fulfill its mission of excellence in education and public service by expanding opportunities in student life, academics and community outreach.

McKelvey, a 1957 graduate, is the founder, chairman of the board and CEO of TMP Worldwide Inc.

Homecoming sparks tradition and memories

Chrissy DiCicco
STAFF WRITER

In case anyone failed to notice the signs and chalking covering campus last week; the hundreds of alumni, family, and friends who visited or the first home football game of the season — last weekend, Sept. 17-19, was Homecoming. And in the words of '98 alumni, Jennifer Seaver, "What a weekend it was!"

The Homecoming festivities kicked-off Friday, Sept. 17, with SGA's annual pep rally. Although rain forced most of the day's events inside, the senior and junior women survived the battle of the fittest in the annual Powder Puff game. The extra preparation for the juniors couldn't prevent the seniors from scoring. The seniors won 3-1.

SGA also sponsored the "Kiss-A-Pig" contest. SGA senators carried cans around campus for one week and collected money for a specific faculty member. The teacher who received the most donations was honored with the chance to kiss a pig. Dr. Kang-Yup Na, assistant professor of Religion, was chosen as the lucky—or rather unlucky—professor. A total of $80.00 was collected by the senators.

"We were very pleased with the turn out at the pep rally. The rain didn't seem to keep students from coming out and showing their support," said Danielle

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Photo by Brandon Cleary

The Titan marching band provides support for the school through music.

Weekend Weather

Friday: Partly Cloudy lo 44° hi 65°

Saturday: Mostly Cloudy lo 44 hi 65°

Sunday: Showers lo 44° hi 63°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Health Center's new policy hopes to lessen confusion

By Laura Stanley
STAFF WRITER

The Health Center has a new way of making students feel better. This semester, instead of walking in with the hope of receiving treatment, students can make appointments to see a doctor.

Appointments can be scheduled between 8:15 and 9:10 in the morning, Monday through Friday. However, there should be little concern as to whether or not students will be able to see the doctor on the morning they call in. Slots of free time are always left open in case of emergencies.

The change was made in hopes that students will be able to see the doctor without spending much time waiting.

The changes are a product of a survey that was put out last spring by the residential life staff. According to the survey, the number one complaint students had about the health center was that doctors weren't on time, which caused students to wait unnecessarily for treatment.

"So far, it's working well," Director of the Student Health Center Judith Duda said.

Sophomore Allison Fill made an 8:15 appointment.

"It was better," Fill said when asked about the new arrangement. "It was less hectic. Last year when I went in there would be 8 or 9 people waiting, and I knew I'd have to wait a good half-hour. This time it wasn't like that."

Fill estimated her visit to the Health Center took 10 minutes from arrival to departure.

One student, who wishes to remain anonymous, had a different experience.

"I had to wait 45 minutes," she said, "and I had an appointment."

Another addition to the health care is an instruction sheet that students receive at the end of every appointment. Listed on it are the diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care necessary for the student. The instruction sheet was added to give students more individualized care.

These alterations are meant to give the students more information on how to take care of themselves, the illness and to allow the student to have more control over when they sees the doctor.

The Health Center welcomes any feedback the student body may have about these changes.

"After all, this whole process is an experiment," Duda said. "If it doesn't work, we can move back to the old way of doing things. But we need feedback to be able to tell."

The Health Center is located on the ground floor of Shaw Hall and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Asbestos removal in TCF begins a two year renovation project

By Allison Sanders
STAFF WRITER

Workers have begun the removal of asbestos from the front end of Thompson Clark Freeman in order to get the two and a half year renovation project underway.

The removal, which must be done prior to the demolition phase, is expected to take three weeks.

Penn Environmental of Erie has been contracted as lowest-qualified bidder to remove the asbestos. They have been determined to be the most qualified and the most reasonably priced.

"The asbestos is being removed for the safety of employees of the college and contractors during the construction and demolition phases of TCF," said Owen Wagner, director of Physical Plant.

Asbestos is made up of microscopic bundles of fibers that may become airborne when distributed. It is often found in ceiling tiles, floor tiles and insulation.

When asbestos becomes loose and free-falling the small fibers float through the air, inhaled by people and become trapped in their lung tissue. If enough of these fibers are inhaled, cancer could develop. Despite common misconceptions, asbestos does not cause head-aches, sore muscles or other immediate symptoms. In fact, effects often go unnoticed for 15-40 years.

However, when the asbestos is undisturbed no health hazard exists.

Currently, the asbestos in TCF poses no health concerns. The front of the building is closed so that people keep people will stay out of the way of construction crews, not because it is a health hazard.

The TCF renovation process began in June when occupants of the building were relocated to various other locations on campus. The project will extend into the new millenium with a completion date scheduled for January of 2001.

According to Wagner, the project is moving forward at a steady pace.

Continuing Education offers classes throughout semester

By Tammy Geiwitz
STAFF WRITER

The Continuing Education office will offer twenty instructional classes and seminars throughout the fall semester.

A part of the college since 1985, The instructional classes and seminars are non-credit courses and open to all interested individuals. No formal admission to the college is required to take the classes.

"Offering classes in both personal enrichment and professional development, these classes allow the community to take classes in small time increments," said Carol Yova, director of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning. "The classes help them to grow professionally and enrich them personally."

Instructional classes and seminars are available in computer, yoga, art, personal enrichment and professional development. The tuition fees for the class range from $50 to $115.

Interested people can contact Linda Travers at the Continuing Education office at for registration or more information.

Millenium Milestones

An excerpt from *The Post* of Sept. 27, 1960.

In the first televised debate between presidential candidates, Richard Nixon appeared pale, nervous and slightly sinister next to his youthful, vigorous opponent, John F. Kennedy. Kennedy had allowed makeup and wardrobe experts to work their magic; Nixon had not. In a triumph of image, television viewers said Kennedy won the debate. Radio listeners gave it to Nixon.

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efforts.

"I would like for people to stop and think about how prejudiced their views of sexual minorities are," he said. "I would like people to stop saying 'faggot.' I want all people to be treated with dignity and respect."

Student views of Jeans Day vary.

"I think it's a good idea," sophomore Kaitlin Ehrhardt said. "We definitely have to raise awareness on campus. There's not much of it around here."

Junior Benjamin Tate disagreed with Kaitlin. "I'm not planning on wearing jeans. I think it would be wrong to vocally protest it; they have a right to do it, and that's fine - but it's something I feel I can't support."

Regardless of the varying reactions of students and faculty, ALLIES are committed to combating last year's *Princeton Review*, which ranked the college as the fifth most homophobic college in the nation.

Both Dell and Sizemore said they were convinced the college does not deserve the ranking. But they believe that many students on campus choose not to think about issues such as sexual discrimination. Compher said he believes the college should be as concerned with its place on the *Princeton Review* as it is with its place in the top 100 liberal arts colleges.

"I don't think it [the *Princeton Review*] is accurate," Dell said. "But there aren't a lot of openly gay people here, and people don't talk about it much. Obviously, someone looked at this campus and saw hatred, and that is enough to prove that we need a starting point to combat that hate. Hopefully this group [ALLIES] and Jeans Day can be that starting point."

ALLIES meetings are open to everyone and are held on Tuesday nights at 5:30 pm in Patterson Hall, room 114.

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Muscarella, pep rally coordinator and junior SGA senator. "My only regret is that our lack of a P.A. system prevented us from announcing all the fall sports teams."

Court members were announced once the crowd moved to dryer conditions in McGinnis Dining Hall. The court included: Marissa Grano, Alpha Gamma Delta; Shawn Martina, Alpha Sigma Phi; Katie Brentzel, Independent; J.P. Maszczak, Independent; Sarah Miller, Kappa Delta; Brennen Weidl, Phi Kappa Tau, Sarah Phillips, Phi Mu; Jen Body, Sigma Kappa; Ian Magness, Sigma Nu, Jeff Kovacs, Sigma Phi Epsilon; John Rohrdanz, Theta Chi; and Brianne Caldwell, Zeta Tau Alpha.

"The Homecoming court was very deserving," said Stephany Apollon, senior VP of Panhellanic Council. "Not only did the student body vote for these candidates, but they also went through interviews with faculty members. The interview included a discussion of various political, social, academic, and personal issues."

Hundred of spectators lined the New Wilmington streets for the annual Homecoming parade. The theme for this year's parade was "Decades." The parade began promptly at 10 a.m. beginning at Wilmington High School and ending near Ferguson Hall. Court members were driven in various convertibles provided by SAA (the Student Alumni Association). Other participants included the college and Wilmington High School band and band front and various organizational and Greek floats.

"I thought the floats were especially great this year," said spectator and Isaly's owner, Rusty Smith. "Phi Mu's 60's float was especially moving." The float, a combination of 60's protestors, a military tank, and U.S. army women" portrayed the significance of love and war in America. Alumni judged the floats and awarded 1st place to Phi Mu; 2nd place, Sigma Kappa; 3rd place, Zeta Tau Alpha; 4th place, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and 5th place, Alpha Gamma Delta.

Finally, the Homecoming crowning took place at the packed Burry Stadium. Apollon announced Court member's biographies at pre-game and the winners at half time. Last year's queen and king, Julie Irvine of Sigma Kappa and Brad Russo of Sigma Phi Epsilon, were there to crown the 1999-2000 queen and king Brianne Caldwell and Jeff Kovacs.

"This year's Homecoming has a lot of significant. The theme of 'decades' and the ending of a century remind us of how much Westminster has evolved throughout the years," said Amber Brkich, whose two elder siblings also attended the college. "We've come a long way."

Chapel Corner: The Arts of Reflection and Meditation

By Scott Hoffman
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

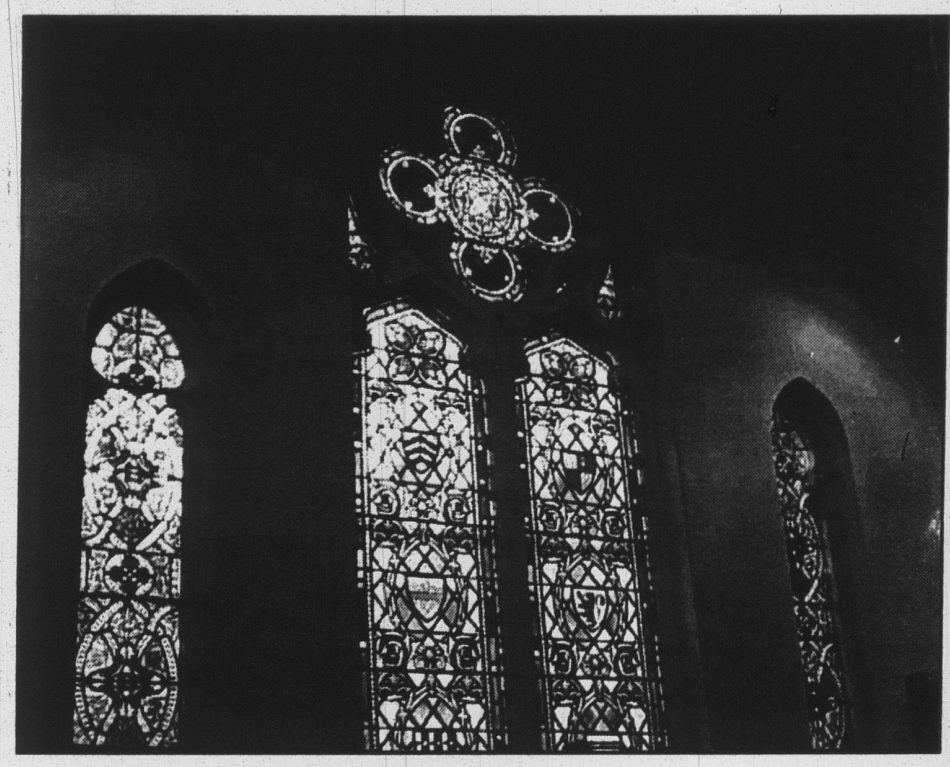
Something new has been going on in the chapel on Mondays and it screams of either Zen Buddhism or The Force. I am referring to the new practice of meditation and prayer that has become a regular theme for chapel services on Monday. Do not be afraid. Wayne and Keturah are not trying to convert Westminster College students to some new religion or new form of Christianity.

The meditation and prayer chapels are designed to provide and facilitate a time for students to focus on Christ through the powerful medium of prayer. The meditation part of the chapel does not mean sitting Indian-style and humming in a low tone. (Although, Wayne has been known to do this at times.) Meditation is emphasized as a time of listening and thinking.

All too often prayer becomes a one-way conversation. We say our prayers, but we rarely wait for or listen for an answer from the Almighty. Meditation can help open up the conversation to make it a two-way exchange.

In case you are reading this and thinking that you would never be able to sit still and pray and meditate for a half-hour, do not be discouraged. The cool thing about having prayer and meditation during chapel is that these activities then become communal. Wayne and Keturah have done an excellent job in facilitating these chapels by handing out writings on prayer, sharing the experience of incense burning, providing soft, relaxing music, and making everyone feel welcome.

So, if you are like most people and get seriously bogged down on Monday afternoons because you just found out you have to read *War and Peace*, write a 35-page dissertation on the social ramifications of Kermit and Miss Piggy hooking-up, and build a life-size model of the Hubble telescope all in the week to come, stop by the chapel. Leave your worldly cares at the door and spend some quiet and relaxing time with your Maker. I bet it will make a big difference if you do.



The chapel provides an environment conducive to quiet reflection.

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Hosted by Gabe Buckley

Every Thursday from 10 til midnight
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*Enjoy great music and free refreshments

FEATURE

DiCicco interns with popular radio show

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

B94 FM hired a senior public relations intern to help broadcast their morning show.

Chrissy DiCicco, known on the air as "Squiggy," will work this semester on the with the station's morning show team, John, Dave, Bubba and Shelley every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5 a.m. until 10a.m.

"This is a really good experience for me because I am able to see how all the departments integrate," DiCicco said.

DiCicco is one of two interns selected out of approximately 30 applicants. As a public relations intern, DiCicco does more than just broadcast. For the morning show she makes sure that music and commercials are programmed correctly. DiCicco also works with the Promotions and Sales Departments. They develop and plan events sponsored by the station. Often called "remotes," these promotional events for the station usually occur at selected establishments around the city of Pittsburgh. Di Cicco helps set up the event and acts as the mediator between the station and the general public.

She is also partly responsible for updating the station's web site several times a day.

A typical day for DiCicco includes creating radio bits. The bits involve she and Heather Peggs, the other intern, going out and doing crazy stuff to make the morning show fun.

DiCicco admits that doing the bits really makes the morning show fun for her while she is working. Among some of the bits she has already done include being set up on a blind date, singing in a diner, playing spin-the-bottle with listeners, and trying to find her a "sugar daddy."

DiCicco also said that she enjoyed the environment at B94."Everyone at the station is so laid back," Di Cicco said. "I have felt comfortable with them since day one."

She said that one of the bonuses of working for B94 is making contacts and getting to meet so many famous people. So far, DiCicco has met Alanis Morisette, Smash Mouth, and Christina Aguiliura. DiCicco has worked two concerts for the station, one of which was the "Summer Stretch Concert." She helped plan contest and promotional giveaways for the concert.

Chrissy DiCicco

"I've always wanted to work in the entertainment industry." DiCicco said. "I'd like to start out in radio, but eventually I want to work in television. The music entertainment industry really appeals to me."

Dr. Walter Scheid announces retirement

Dr. W. Scheid

By Kim Schroeder
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty will say good-bye to a familiar face on campus at the commencement service in May. Dr. Walter Scheid announced last year at convocation and again this year, that the 1999-2000 school year would be his last.Scheid plans give his written notice in January.

Scheid, a professor of Speech, came to the college in 1965 and served two terms as Department Chair in the 70's and 80's.

He said that his main reason for retirement at the age of 63 is that he feels his 35 years of teaching has been "a good run."

"I know some teachers who should have retired earlier than they did," Scheid said. "I want to retire while I am at the top of my game as a teacher. I don't want to stay beyond my prime."

When asked what he would miss most, Scheid said, "In a word - students. So many of the students have become more than just students. They've become friends on a personal basis. They will be my friends for a lifetime. I will miss my colleagues as well."

Scheid feels that his greatest teaching accomplishment is in the faces of his students that have been able to overcome their anxiety and "come out of their shells." He has always wanted students to be able to express themselves.

In Scheid's soon-coming free time, he plans to develop a one-man show of Russell Conwell's speech, "Acres of Diamonds." Scheid said that this was the most famous speech of its day, and that it applies as much now as it did when Conwell gave the speech.

Sheid's father was determined to have all three sons become doctors. However, he had to settle for two because Scheid said that his desire to has been with him since childhood. He always knew that teaching was his lot in life.

Scheid completed his undergraduate studies at Grove City College and went on to Penn State for his Master's degree. Before coming to the college, he taught high school in Grove City from 1960 to 1965. He received his doctorate from Ohio University.

Westminster has been the only institution of higher education where Scheid has taught, and he commented that it is the only place he would want to teach.

Scheid lives with his wife of 39 years, Karen, who is more excited about his retirement that he is, Sheid said. They have two grown children, Eric and Jody, who both graduated from Westminster.

All Students and Faculty Are Invited to Join the 99-00 Ski Club

Signups will be held at entrance to Duff's dining hall on Friday during lunch hours. Please bring $2 and your insurance card.
For additional info check out the Westminster Ski Club webpage @ www.westminster.edu/Student/Orgs/ski/1st page.htm

Greek life continues to remain active

By Summerlea Hobbes
STAFF WRITER

Greek activity is in full swing this fall, as many of the sororities and fraternities are organizing activities and planning community service projects.

For the coming holiday, Kappa Delta will make Halloween decorations at their philanthropy rush party and donate them to the Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. Sigma Phi Epsilon will host a Halloween party on October 28 for local children through the Salvation Army, and the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi will be holding their annual Haunted House at the fraternity house October 27-29 from 8-11 p.m. The proceeds will benefit Canine Companions for Independents.

Also in October, Phi Mu will bring a new project to campus. The sisters will collect unwanted clothing from students to sell at a campus clothing swap. The proceeds will benefit The Children's Miracle network and The Salvation Army.

The sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta are in the process of organizing their annual Bowler's Classic, which will be held November 7 at Colonial Lanes. The proceeds benefit juvenile diabetes.

Breast cancer awareness will be the focus of the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha the entire month of October. They will hold a "Denim Day" October 8. Pink ribbons will be passed out and shower cards at area businesses. A raffle was held by ZTA during homecoming weekend and those proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation.

The sisters of Sigma Kappa will be collecting non-perishables and hygienic products for the Maine Seacoast Mission to be distributed in November. The supplies will help the needy that inhabit the islands just off the coast of Maine. Sigma Kappa is also hoping to participate in the Alzheimer Memory Walk in the Pittsburgh Zoo on October 2 in support of their national philanthropy.

On October 2 the members of Phi Kappa Tau will hold a carwash at St. Camillas Church in New Castle to raise money for the Hole in the Wall Gang. The money will be used to organize a summer camp for terminally ill children.

Michael Richardson and J.T. Wilson of Sigma Nu participated in an Alumni Golf outing in memory of Jeff Gray who lost his battle with cancer this summer. The money raised will become a college fund for Gray's children. He was a graduate of the college and active in Sigma Nu during his college career.

Also on October 24 the brothers of Theta Chi will bring all Greeks together to clean up the community in the annual Greek Sweep. All members of the Greek system are invited to participate in the event which will be held form 12:30- 2:00 on Sunday, October 24. The members of the sororities and fraternities will be working together in mixed teams to clean up all of New Wilmington. Not only does the Greek Sweep promote community service, but also Greek unity.

"It's all about working together, reaching a goal as brothers and sisters," said Mike Henry, president of Sigma Nu.

JEANS DAY

October 7

Sponsored by ALLIES

Westminster's student organization devoted to supporting Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual Transgender Students

Last Fall Westminster was ranked by the Princeton Review as the 5th most homophobic college in the nation.

Here is what you can do to change that horrible image.

· Wear blue jeans on Thursday, October 7 in support of non-discrimination

· Join ALLIES

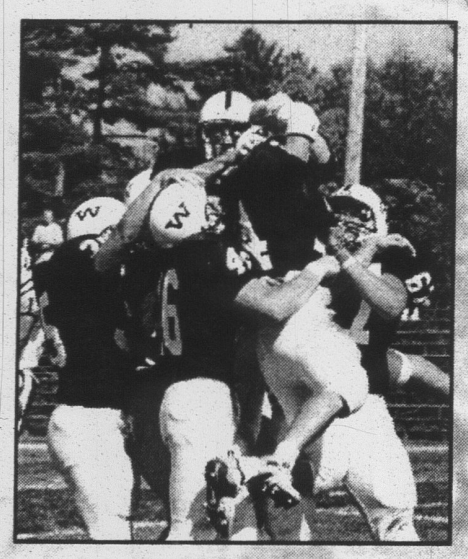
· Keep the spirit of tolerance, compassion & understanding alive

4:30 p.m.
Peace Pole gathering.
Bring thoughts, prayers, poems or just come to be together with people who care.

Homecoming 1999

THEME

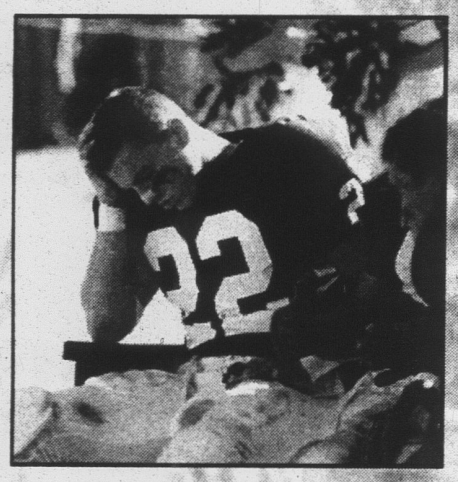
"Decades"



FLOAT WINNER

Phi Mu

"The 60's"



HOMECOMING COURT

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JP Maszczak
Brennen Weidl
Ian Magness
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HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

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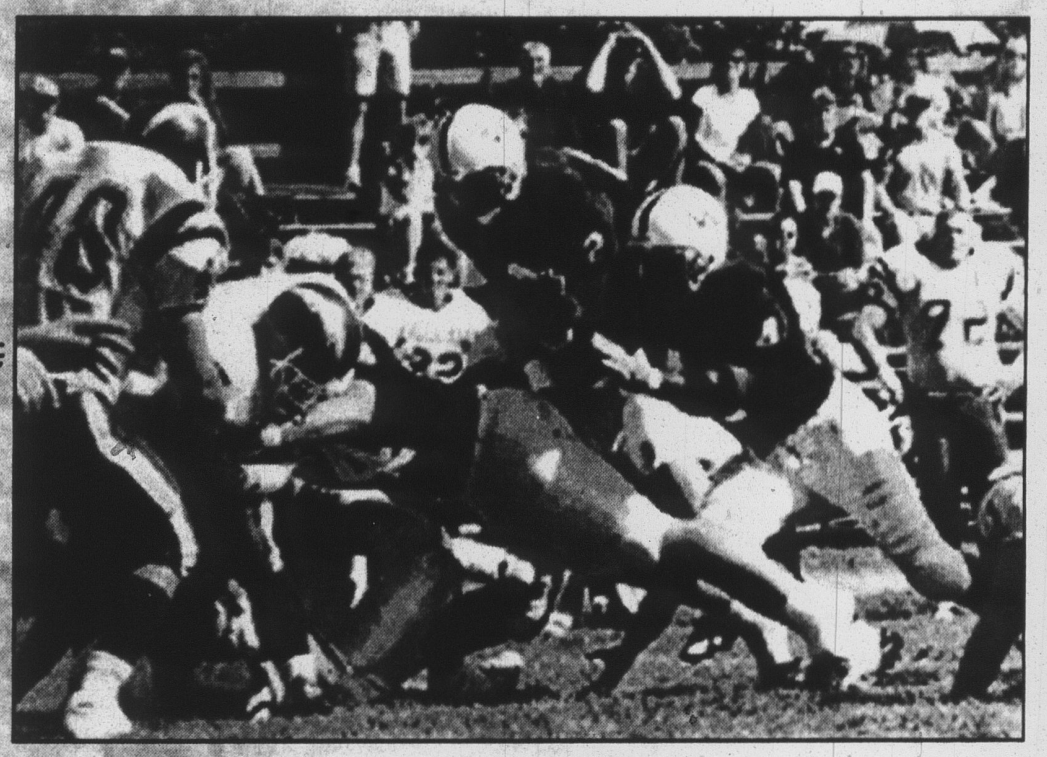

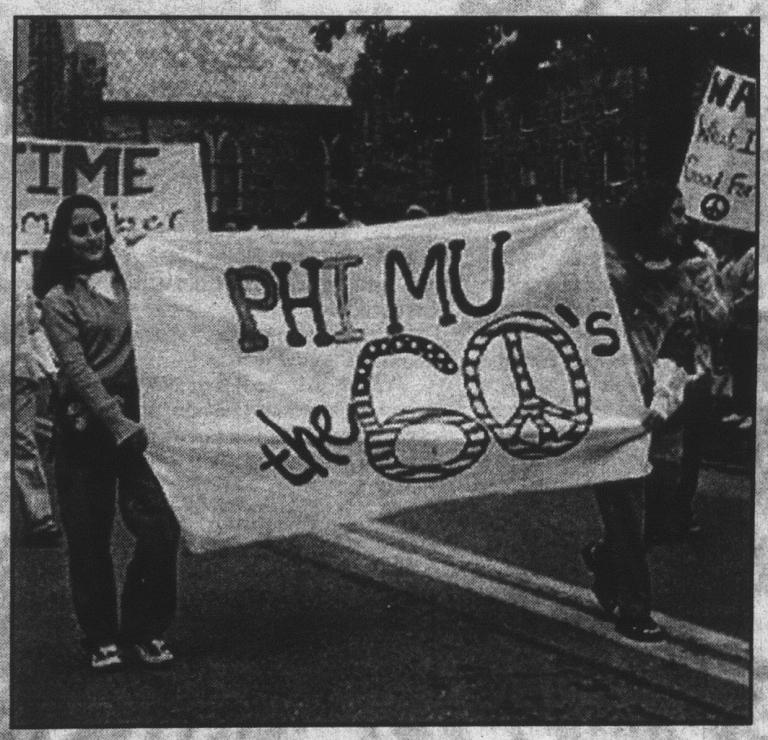

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Disoriented mother kills baby by placing him in microwave

By Craig Timberg

Authorities arrested Elizabeth Renee Otte this morning and charged her with murdering her 1-month-old baby by placing him in a microwave oven Thursday morning.

The action by the New Kent County Sheriff's Department signals that authorities are rejecting statements by Otte, 19, that a severe epileptic seizure caused her to become so severely disoriented that she put the baby, Joseph Lewis Martinez, in the microwave by accident.

Otte is being held without bond on the first-degree murder charge at a regional psychiatric facility.

Friends who spoke with Otte's immediate family said she had a seizure and believed she was putting a bottle of milk in the microwave.

Investigators were looking into whether she could have become so disoriented that this death could have been an accident.

Friends of the family say Otte and the child's father, Joseph Anthony Martinez, 18, were living together at the home of his parents in a one-story brick rancher near Chickahominy River in this tight-knit community 35 miles east of Richmond. The family told authorities that they awoke early Thursday morning to discover the baby missing.

After an exhaustive search, the baby's aunt discovered him in the microwave, where he had patches of redness and blisters, friends said. A sheriff's deputy, called to the house at 5:43 am to help search for the infant, was there when the family found him and declared the child dead on the scene.

Otte's baby was born Aug. 18. Friends say her mood darkened and her epileptic seizures became more frequent after July 4, when her 17-year-old brother died in a fiery car crash not far from her New Kent County home.

According to the Epilepsy Foundation of America, an epileptic seizure focused on one part of the brain could lead a person to become temporarily confused and to commit unconscious acts. Symptoms can include dream states, distortion of time sense, illusions and hallucinations for up to half an hour after a seizure.

A neighbor, Jeremy Hall, 20, said Otte's seizures sometimes left her confused and disoriented. "I've seen Liz have a seizure," Hall said. "She wakes up and will cook eggs on the counter."

Construction of baseball and football stadium continues

By Tom Barnes
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

The agency that will own Pittsburgh's new baseball and football stadiums changed its name yesterday and then got to work on one of the North Shore's biggest problems: a shortage of parking.

The Public Auditorium Authority, a five-member, city-county agency created in 1954, will now be known as the Sports and Exposition Authority, reflecting its expanded role in the local sports and stadium scene.

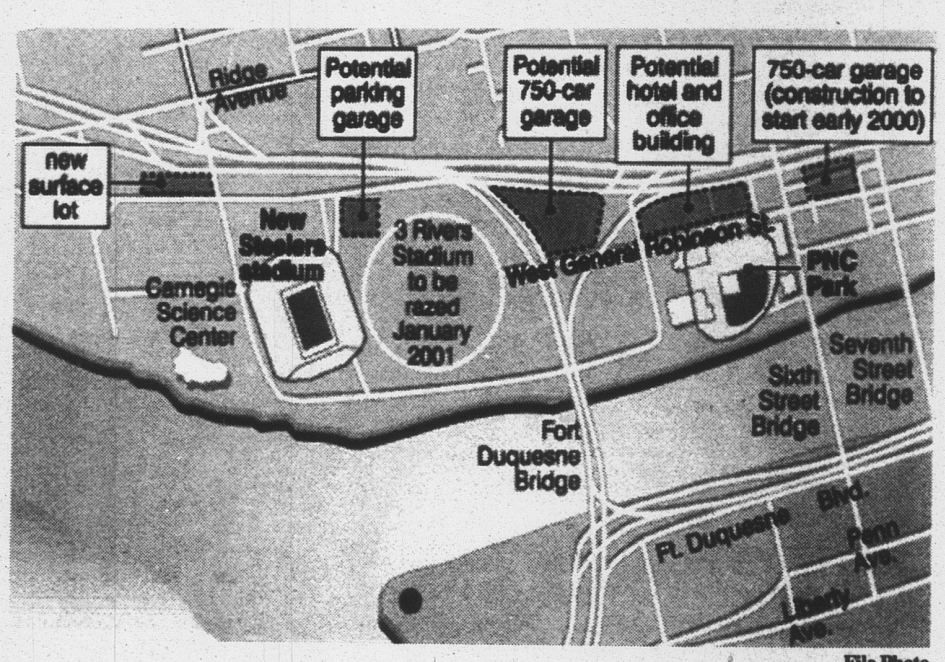
One of its first acts was to hire an engineering firm to do a "conceptual design" to see if a 750-car garage would work on what now is Lot 5, a parking area adjacent to Three Rivers Stadium.

Parsons Brinckerhoff will be paid up to $12,000 for its design work on the new parking structure, which is needed to free up land along the shore for tax-producing projects like restaurants, taverns and office buildings, said Stephen Leeper, executive director of the newly renamed sports and auditorium agency.

"We have a dilemma regarding parking," he said. While many football fans like to use the sea of asphalt around Three Rivers for tailgating, "development of the North Shore will require us to find alternatives to surface parking."

The possible new parking garage on Lot 5 would be in addition to another new parking garage that is definite. That garage will be built between General Robinson Street and the Crosstown Expressway, half a block east of PNC Park, the new baseball stadium.

Work will begin early next year on that 750-car structure, which will be six or seven stories high, Leeper said.



File Photo

The future of the North Shore of Pittburgh

Troubled Venango County man causes abortion clinics to worry

By Dennis B. Roddy
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

Nobody's sure what prompted Roger Waagner's three-state escapade, holding up a gas station in Kentucky, fleeing into a forest in Pennsylvania, then finally turning up with four handguns and a stolen Winnebago in Illinois.

All they know is that Roger Waagner, also known as Clayton Lee Waagner, sometimes known as Roger Allen Clay, left behind enough troubling clues to prompt a federal investigation and put abortion clinics around the East Coast on alert for the 12 days after he fled on foot into the Allegheny National Forest and eluded police earlier this month.

Described alternately as brilliant and troubled, Waagner, who lived in Kennerdell, Venango County, had a lengthy rap sheet, a love of computers and a huge fear of Armageddon come Y2K.

Now he has something else: a mystery for police to solve.

What was he doing in his travels through the South and could he have been getting ready for some extreme act?

"He is a brilliant man," said Waagner's former pastor, who first met him a few years ago after Waagner was released on a federal prison sentence.

The most tantalizing piece of the puzzle was found Sept. 1 in the back of a stolen Chevrolet Tahoe after Waagner was pulled over along Route 62 near the Forest County town of Tionesta.

It was a routine stop for speeding, but Waagner bolted from the truck and fled into the forest. When police searched the Tahoe, they found a dummy hand grenade, a stock of large-caliber handgun ammunition, and handwritten notes with the names and telephone numbers of eight abortion clinics in Tennessee and Georgia.

Federal authorities quickly issued an alert to abortion clinics as far north as Buffalo and throughout the East, warning them to be on guard, fearful that Waagner might have been on some sort of mission.

"We were told there were materials in there [the truck] that could have been used to damage clinics," said Stephanie Mueller, a spokeswoman for the National Abortion Federation in Washington.

Mueller said federal officials informed the federation's security department that the Tahoe contained explosives, gasoline and firearms.

ATF officials declined to fully describe what was confiscated from the vehicle.

By the time he was stopped near Tionesta, Waagner was nearing the end of a fugitive's run that began May 18 in Lexington, Ky.

Waagner, 43, accompanied by a 24-year-old neighbor from Pennsylvania, Jason Miller, pulled up to a Shell Mart convenience store in Lexington.

According to police, Waagner entered the store while Miller waited in their truck, a GMC Yukon truck stolen weeks earlier from an automobile dealership in Franklin, Venango County.

Waagner held up the store and the pair drove off.

Police located the truck waiting at a drive-through line at a nearby McDonald's. According to police, Waagner pulled the truck over the curb, got on the highway, and fled, at points leaving the road, cutting through fields and knocking through a fence.

"They tried to throw objects out of the vehicle to stop the pursuit," said Lexington detective Paul Williams.

Miller and Waagner then leapt from the truck. Miller was quickly caught, but Waagner ran away while police dogs and a helicopter searched for him.

Police found an assault-style rifle, some items stolen in a burglary in Nashville, Tenn., walkie-talkies and a map.

A little more than three months later, state police in Pennsylvania found Waagner, this time driving a stolen Chevrolet Tahoe. He was northbound on Route 62, just south of Tionesta, when a state trooper pulled him over for speeding.

According to police, Waagner jumped out and fled into the woods.

Police searched the truck, where they found the dummy grenade, and quickly telephoned agents at the Pittsburgh office of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"It was a practice grenade," said Pittsburgh ATF agent Dan Boeh.

Police also found the handgun ammunition and the list with the names of the abortion clinics.

When federal investigators compared notes, they realized that the material from the Nashville theft found in Kentucky was taken from a place near one of the clinics in the list. ATF officials notified the Justice Department's Abortion Clinic Task Force, which issued the security alert to the clinics.

On Sept. 13, a state trooper near Danville, Ill., spotted a disabled Winnebago camper along an interstate highway, pulled over to assist the driver, and discovered the vehicle was stolen. He arrested the driver.

Pennsylvania attempts to earn Millenium Legacy Trail

By Don Hopey
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

Backers of the embryonic, 260-mile Pittsburgh to Harrisburg Greenway project say they sometimes find it easier to say what it isn't than what it is. It isn't a narrow, woodland trail. It isn't well known. In fact, at least for now, it isn't much more than an ambitious concept.

There is one designee from each of 47 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to win the Millennium Legacy Trail designation.

New York, Texas and Mississippi failed to nominate any trails.

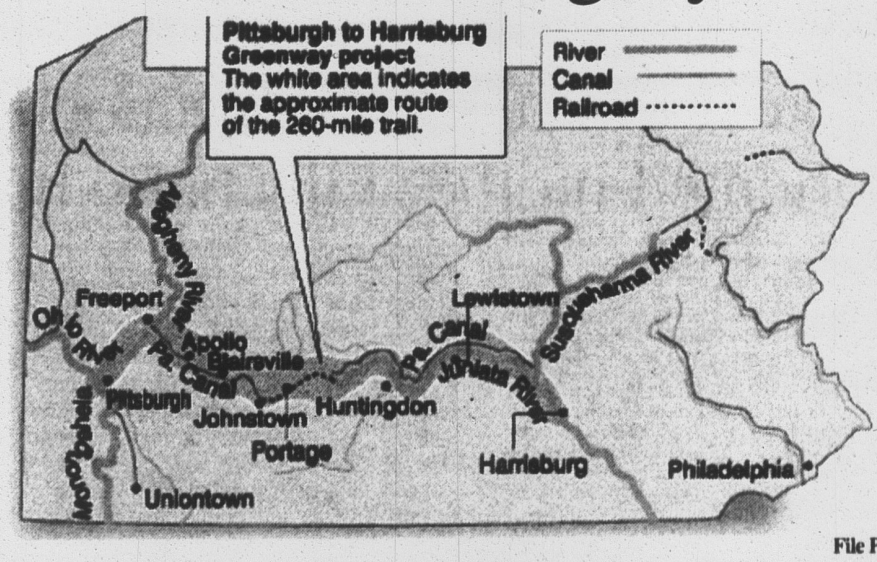
The Legacy Trails were selected from hundreds of nominees to promote historical links, green space, conservation and community involvement.

They are the second part of a three-part White House national initiative to create, extend or improve more than 2,000 recreational, scenic and historic trails.

Among the route's historic sites are the 900-foot-long Staple Bend Tunnel, built from 1828 to 1834, making it the oldest railroad tunnel in the United States, and the Allegheny Portage Railroad, an incline railroad built to raise boats 1,390 feet from Hollidaysburg to the top of the Allegheny Front in Cresson then down the mountain to Johnstown.

The greenway will highlight history, recreation, conservation and economic development opportunities along its length.

Work on the greenway will take from five to 10 years to complete. "We're looking to involve trail groups, conservation and recreation groups, industry and businesses, but we're really only on step one," said Dave Sewak, a state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources liaison to the nonprofit Allegheny Ridge Heritage Development Corp.



File Photo
The Millenium Legacy Trail will feature the state's most beautiful features.

Seven Duquesne Light plants to be sold, customers benefit

By Len Boselovic
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

Duquesne Light customers facing an estimated $1.9 billion bill to enjoy the fruits of electric competition got some great news yesterday: A Baltimore company will pay most of it for them.

The utility's parent company, DQE Inc., said yesterday it will sell seven Duquesne Light power plants to Orion Power Holdings Inc. for $1.7 billion. DQE will use much of the money to recover the so-called "stranded costs" that customers are obligated to pay under a 1998 state Public Utility Commission order.

Industry analysts said the selling price is surprisingly high. "I think Duquesne has done very well," said Alexander Galatic, director of power management at Strategic Energy Ltd. In Pittsburgh.

All customers in the Duquesne Light service territory, whether they have switched to an outside power supplier or not, will see their bills drop by about 25 percent starting sometime in 2001. That is when Duquesne Light expects to eliminate the stranded cost charge that shows up labeled "transition" on monthly customer bills.

Since January, the typical Duquesne Light residential customer has been paying about $17 a month to cover stranded costs. Those are expenses like the company's investments in nuclear power plants that the utility would not otherwise be able to recover in the newly competitive electric markets.

Residential and business customers in Duquesne Light territory, no matter where they purchase their power, rely on the utility to deliver their electricity and therefore are subject to the stranded-cost charge.

Renovations add life to area

By William Loeffler
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Firstside, that sliver of mid-19th and early 20th century buildings hunkered down on the southern edge of the Golden Triangle, is attracting creative and entrepreneurial minds the way it drew steamboats and pioneers to the nearby Monongahela Wharf in the 1800s.

Large projects, such as the new PNC headquarters and a Port Authority T stop, combined with smaller renovations, continue to breathe new life into a neighborhood that many overlook.

"Historically, of course, it was the vibrant commercial center of Pittsburgh. When the highways weren't there, you had (traffic) all the way down to the water," said Arthur Ziegler, president of the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. When he looks across the river at the low-slung skyline of Firstside from his office at Station Square, Ziegler sees history's autograph.

"Today the little buildings along Firstside represent the evolving history of the city," Ziegler said. "We have about 150 years of buildings there. It is a part of the picture of the city, the image of the city that we advertise around the world."

While it's still more commerce than art (several legal and architectural firms also are located there), Firstside's character recently has taken a distinct turn toward the artistic.

Architectural styles in Firstside include High Victorian Gothic, Greek Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne and Richardsonian Romanesque. Most were built after 1845, when a fire destroyed a third of the city.

"Firstside is a very appealing, intimate area," said Eve Picker, who chose a former paper warehouse at 429 First Ave. as her first Downtown development project.

Good weather takes toll on local blood supply

By Lawrence Sanata
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Pleasant weather has taken a toll on local blood supplies, prompting the Central Blood Bank, which provides blood products to more than 40 hospitals in the region, to issue an urgent call for donations.

Regular blood donors apparently have spent more time outdoors instead of inside donating blood, said blood bank spokeswoman Janis Boone, not unusual for this time of year.

As of Monday morning, local supplies of all blood types were considered to be at critical levels. Shipments of blood products to local hospitals have been cut back to conserve blood supplies for emergencies.

Supplies of type O-positive were at 40 percent of normal levels, Boone said. And supplies of type O-negative, which can be used in emergencies for people of any blood type, were at 38 percent of normal levels, she said.

The organization, which is the primary supplier of blood in the area, is taking a "very proactive" approach in appealing for donations, the spokeswoman said.

The blood bank is hoping that 4,000 people will donate blood by the end of the week, Boone said.

Reserves are typically kept healthy with about 700 people donating blood every day. This shortage, however, requires more drastic measures, she said.

Boone said the organization also is preparing to reach out to people who have not donated before.

"The situation is very serious," said Debra Jenkins, vice president of donor services at Central Blood Bank. "One severe trauma or emergency surgical procedure could severely limit the already depleted blood supply."

Pastor asked to leave after he took $1 million

By Lori D'Angelo
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

Members of Grace Christian Ministries voted to follow the interim board's recommendations to oust Michael Altman as both pastor and member of the church.

Both the Allegheny County district attorney's office and the state Securities Commission are investigating the disappearance of nearly $1 million from church accounts formerly controlled by Altman.

Interim board members sent out letters to church members this week stating their unanimous recommendation that Altman leave the church. The letters asked church members to vote on this recommendation. By a 4-1 margin, the members voted to accept the recommendations of the five-member interim board.

"It's an overwhelming majority that the pastor should leave," said Ricardo Tobia, vice president of the interim board. "With all the problems [Altman's] had, I think he's found it impossible to get his life back into the helm."

Tobia says the board is continuing with its own internal investigation of church finances and is working to set up church bylaws.

During Altman's tenure, the church had grown from only dozens of members to more than 200. Altman also oversaw the construction of a new building and helped to add ministries. Now, various questions have arisen about his leadership.

Former Clarion student's death ruled a suicide

By The Tribune-Review

The death of a 21-year-old man at Clarion University of Pennsylvania was ruled a suicide, state police said Tuesday.

Troopers at the Shippensville barracks said Brian J. Rathfon of Leeper died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound on the third floor of Peirce Science Center on campus. Police were notified of the shooting at about 7 p.m. Monday.

Ron Wilshire, Clarion University public relations director, said Rathfon was a former student. It was not known why he was in the science building, where evening classes were held Monday.

Officials said police found a suicide note and a weapon near the body.

NATIONAL

Linda Tripp sues for subjection to public humiliation and ridicule

By Bill Miller
WASHINGTON POST STAFF WRITER

Linda R. Tripp filed a civil lawsuit yesterday accusing the White House, Defense Department and 99 "John and Jane Does" of orchestrating a campaign to leak embarrassing and confidential information about her in retaliation for her cooperation last year with independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr.

The suit maintains that officials at the Defense Department, where Tripp worked, conspired with White House operatives to undermine her credibility with the American public.

According to the suit, Tripp has been subjected to "extreme public embarrassment, humiliation, anxiety, ridicule" and other abuses, including a loss of income. She seeks an unspecified amount of damages.

The lawsuit alleges that a host of unidentified people working in the executive office of the President undertook a search for damaging information about Tripp once she emerged as a potential witness against Clinton. These "John and Jane Does" allegedly violated her civil rights by coming up with ways to leak confidential materials kept in FBI and personnel files.

The suit cites an unflattering profile about Tripp that appeared in the New Yorker magazine soon after the Lewinsky scandal became public. The article, "Portrait of a Whistle-blower," reported that Tripp was arrested as a teenager on a felony charge of grand larceny and pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of loitering. It reported that Tripp did not disclose the arrest, as required, in response to a question on her 1987 security clearance form.

The lawsuit does not say who at the White House allegedly sought to discredit Tripp. But one section maintains that numerous current and former officials engaged in discussions about her, including first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Stephen M. Kohn, one of Tripp's attorneys, said he hopes to take depositions from numerous White House officials to further develop the case.

File Photo
Linda Tripp

With 76 deaths so far, 1999 deadliest year on death row

WASHINGTON (AP) -- With three months remaining, 1999 already is the deadliest year on America's death row in almost half a century.

Eighteen states have executed 76 killers, and the total could reach 100 by year's end.

"There has been this stairway upward since the death penalty was reinstituted in 1976," said Richard Dieter of the Death Penalty Information Center, a group critical of how capital punishment is administered.

"It hasn't peaked yet. 150 is probably where things may max out over the next three to four years."

If the year-end toll reaches 100, as Dieter said could happen, it would be the first time since 105 people were executed in 1951.

There were 68 executions last year, 74 in 1997.

States have executed 576 convicted killers since the Supreme Court ended in 1976 a four-year nationwide ban on capital punishment.

Currently, about 3,565 people are on death rows across the nation.

After capital punishment resumed in 1977 with Gary Gilmore's execution by a Utah firing squad, the number of executions rose slowly as many inmates filed multiple appeals to avoid the death chamber.

In recent years, Congress and the Supreme Court have sought to speed up the federal court appeal process by limiting the number of appeals inmates can file.

The number of people sentenced to death across the country averaged about 300 a year from 1986 through 1996, then dipped to 256 in 1997. If that is the beginning of a trend toward fewer death sentences, Dieter said, the number of executions eventually could start heading down as well.

Software designed to create "virtual" child porn debated

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Software that makes it possible to create "virtual" child pornography has ignited a debate that becomes more real every day.

Virtual images, which appear to depict children having sex, will be a topic this week at a conference on child pornography on the Internet.

A decision also is pending in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in California on a law banning computer-generated sexually explicit images of children.

Congress specifically targeted virtual child pornography when it passed the 1996 Child Pornography Prevention Act. The law made it illegal to have or exchange sexually explicit images that even "appear" to involve minors.

Opponents call the ban a broad assault on the First Amendment and argue that virtual images do not necessarily involve child abuse. The threat of child abuse is the main reason the Supreme Court gave in 1982 for allowing bans on child pornography.

But supporters of the law say virtual child pornography is a threat that will be difficult to fight even with a federal law.

Max Taylor, a forensic psychologist at University College Cork, Ireland, who tracks child pornography on the Internet, has archived tens of thousands of child pornography images.

He says the better-quality virtual images he has seen are so well-done that he believes he has seen virtual images and thought they were real.

Taylor is scheduled to speak on the scope of Internet child pornography at this week's conference in Austria.

One scenario law enforcement officials cite: A pornographer can take a picture of a woman's nude body, digitally manipulate it to resemble a child's and "morph" a child's head onto the body.

"You can (morph images) to the point where you say, I'm not sure if this is an actual child," says Hamanshu Nigam, a Justice Department lawyer.

Tiger Stadium retired after 87 years of memories

DETROIT (AP) -- Only two baseball shrines remain, Boston's Fenway Park and Chicago's Wrigley Field. The last game was played at Tiger Stadium late Sunday, with Detroit beating Kansas City, 8-2, in what was a meaningless contest in the standings.

Baseball fans have been given no choice except to move on, preferably with optimism, while locking into memory, as the gates were locked behind them, everything they could about one of their best-loved fields.

The game's glories have been celebrated at this downtown diamond palace since it opened April 20, 1912, the same day as Fenway and three years before Wrigley.

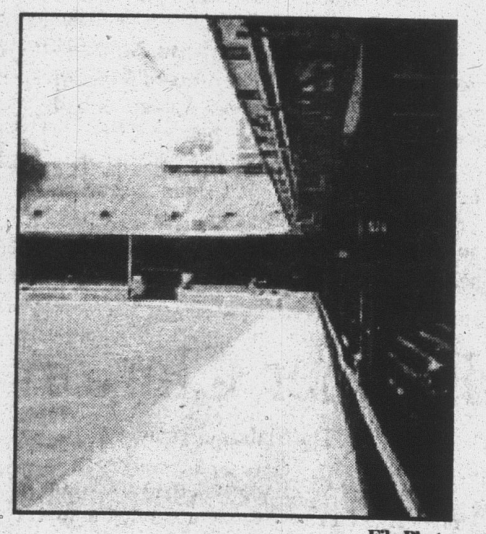
One last time, people crowded inside the double-decked square stadium. A man took a picture of the humanity and the few adornments, such as they were: a trash can in a corner, a sign pointing to the "Tiger Den."

"I've been coming here since I was 4. I remember my first game," said Rick Tolin, with his wife Diana, from nearby Farmington Hills. "My favorite memory was when I was in high school and I got to film my friend interviewing Al Kaline. Al Kaline was the first fellow held up to me to admire."

With the blue and orange seats filling to capacity of 43,356, Ernie Harwell introduced Kaline to an ovation that the onetime-teenaged Tiger, now gray-haired but still slender, could not stop.

Harwell said, for all, goodbye.

It had grown dark and the lights on the roof were dimmed. Before all the players and all the fans filed out and the gates swung shut a last time, Kaline's words seemed true: It was doubtful that the final out could erase memories of the place and the people. Tiger Stadium, alive for a final moment, felt like Kaline always has described it, as "the most beautiful place I've ever seen."



File Photo
Tiger Stadium opened April 20, 1912.

National Briefs

Elderly newlyweds educated on the art of parenting

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. Ninety-year-old Max Gordon and his 82-year-old bride-to-be Mollie Levy got a bit of a shock when they asked for a marriage license. A clerk handed them a book.

Mollie recalled asking what the book was about. When the clerk replied "Parenting," Molly countered "We don't need to read the book, we can write it."

Between them, Gordon and Levy have six children, 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Still, under Florida law, their union was just another marriage that needed safeguarding by the Marriage Preparation and Preservation Act of 1998, a statute aimed at protecting children from the effects of failed marriages.

Garbage bag foils the getaway of quarter thieves

ATLANTA - Two thieves didn't realize just how heavy 2,000 quarters would be when they decided to hold up a highway toll plaza. The men got away, but they probably would have fared better if they had brought something a little stronger than a trash bag to carry their loot, police said. The bag tore under the weight of the coins. "After getting as much as they could carry in the trash bag, most of it was dropped on the highway," said Officer W.I. Green.

Another $70 worth of change was found in the car the two abandoned early Tuesday about a mile down the highway, police said.

Callers asking health questions exposed to adult entertainment

GREENVILLE, S.C. Callers are finding that Nurses on Call, which was supposed to be a quick way to get medical information, has turned into a very different kind of hotline. Instead of a helpful nurse, callers to the toll-free number now hear music and a woman's sultry voice referring them to expensive adult entertainment numbers. Greenville Hospital Systems created the service in 1987 but about a year ago disconnected the toll-free number because most calls were from within the county.

INTERNATIONAL

Americans capture golf's Ryder Cup title

With a wink of the eye and a wag of the finger, Ben Crenshaw insisted against all odds that his beleaguered Americans were destined to win the Ryder Cup.

On Sunday, he made a believer out of everyone.

His players took to heart his tearful talk about destiny, playing like they had nothing to lose and finally living up to their potential. The gallery caught on, too, stomping and cheering as the greatest comeback in Ryder Cup history unfolded before their eyes in an electric atmosphere that riled the Europeans.

At the end of a wild and delirious day at The Country Club, Justin Leonard, Hal Sutton and the rest of the Ryder Cup stars sprayed champagne over a balcony and sang the national anthem with thousands of fans still trying to grasp the magnitude of the victory.

Then, Crenshaw stepped onto a stone wall and held up a prize far more valuable than the $63 million in revenue that threatened to divide his team.

The Ryder Cup belongs to the Americans.

Crenshaw sent out his six best players to create a chain-reaction of momentum, and it paid off with six decisive victories that swiftly turned the tide. He cried with joy when Justin Leonard delivered the decisive blow, a birdie putt on the 17th hole that was as long as the Americans' odds of winning the Ryder Cup.

Leonard's 40-foot birdie putt unleashed a torrent of emotion that had been building throughout an electric day at The Country Club, where fans cheered every American victory and every missed putt by the Europeans.

Although one match was still on the course, the putt - followed by Jose Maria Olazabal's miss - guaranteed the Americans 14 1/2 points, the amount they needed to win, but an amount few believed they would get.

"This was history being made today, and we all wanted to be a part of that," said Hal Sutton, the rock-solid star of the U.S. team who contributed 3 1/2 points. "This is the greatest moment in golf right now."

The Europeans didn't think so. They took exception to the player celebration after Leonard's putt because Olazabal still had a 25-foot birdie putt to tie the match and keep alive Europe's fading hopes.

"It was very sad to see. It was an ugly picture," Olazabal said.

"It's about the most disgusting thing I've ever seen," said assistant captain Sam Torrance. "This is not sour grapes. The whole American team, and spectators ran right across the green over Olly's line. He still has a putt to tie the hole. We could still take the Ryder Cup home. It was disgusting."

Crenshaw later apologized and said "The celebration started spilling over, and it really was not something that we need to be proud of."

The Americans wound up winning 8 1/2 points out of 12 singles matches, its biggest margin since 1979. The Americans won by a rout that year, but this was different. They needed every point, every putt.

Possible "lost" Dead Sea scroll recovered

JERUSALEM (AP) -- A religious text has mysteriously surfaced in Israel and is being billed as one of the "lost" Dead Sea scrolls.

It's too soon, however, to say whether the "Angel Scroll," which describes a believer's trip through the heavens, is a major find that will shed new light on Jewish mysticism and the origins of Christianity, or an elaborate hoax, said Stephen Pfann, president of the University of the Holy Land.

The story of the Angel Scroll is shrouded in mystery.

Rumors have circulated for years among scholars in the Holy Land that one of the scrolls - the religious writings of the Essenes found in caves near the Dead Sea between 1947 and 1954 - made its way to an antiquities dealer in one of the nearby Arab capitals.

On Monday, the Jerusalem Report magazine reported that in 1974, Benedictine monks bought the parchment filled with 1,000 lines of Hebrew text, spirited it to a monastery on the German-Austrian border and secretly studied it. The monks were sworn to secrecy, but one - identified only by the pseudonym Mateus - broke the vow, bequeathing a transcript and his commentary to a German friend after his death in 1996.

The transcript was given to an Israeli college administrator and a physician with an interest in Kabbala, a form of Jewish mysticism, the magazine said.

It said the two men have insisted on anonymity, but allowed the magazine to look at the transcript. The limited access meant the magazine was unable to draw conclusions about the scroll's authenticity.

The college administrator handed Pfann - one of several scholars deciphering the Dead Sea Scrolls - part of the transcript for review.

In the document, a man identified as Yeshua ben Padiah describes a religious vision he had while at Ein Eglatain, a desert encampment on the eastern shore of the Dead Sea. He says he was taken by an angel, Panameia, on a journey through the heavens, entering through the gates of a heavenly palace.

A second unidentified source in the document provides embalming recipes for the resurrection of the dead and the use of herbs and stones for healing, practices attributed to the Essenes by the Jewish historian Josephus, a contemporary.

Grammar and spellings are similar to those of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Pfann said.

He said he also found a complete phrase in Yeshua's story that he had been trying to reconstruct in one of the scrolls he was working on.

The Angel Scroll is plausible, he said.

Russian war planes target Chechny in bombing

MOSCOW (AP) -- Russian warplanes bombed the breakaway region of Chechnya for the sixth consecutive day Tuesday, prompting thousands of civilians to pack their bags and flee to neighboring North Caucasus provinces.

A Defense Ministry spokesman said by telephone the strikes targeted "precise sites," which Moscow believes are being used by Islamic rebels. Chechnya denies harboring militants.

Interfax news agency said oil and energy installations in the region, which has been out of Russia's control since an ill-fated 1994-96 war, were under fire. "Operation Whirlwind," launched after three Russian cities were rocked by bombs killing almost 300 people, had led to the arrest of 101 people and police had identified "terrorists" who masterminded bomb attacks in Moscow, Vologodonsk and Dagestan's Buinaksk.

Yeltsin, who has asked for 100 percent guarantees from the military that men and weapons from abroad would not seep through national borders, also met Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev and discussed funding for Russia's cash-strapped military.

Sergeyev has said Russia would not rule out a land invasion of Chechnya, reviving memories of the disastrous military campaign in which tens of thousands of people died, although there is no sign of a major ground assault for now.

Warplanes flew overnight, destroying one oil refinery, an oil storage tanker and an electricity sub-station near Grozny, Interfax quoted officials as saying.

Russia's air raids have spread fear throughout Grozny, leaving in their wake burning oil storage tankers, from which plumes of thick, black smoke billow skywards.

Monday, seven people in a northeastern district, two of them infants, died when bombs fell on a courtyard. Reuters Television showed the bodies, some badly burned and with limbs missing, placed on a piece of board.

Fireworks explosions kills at least 56 Mexicans

CELAYA, Mexico (AP) -- The security guard had just dragged two women from the wreckage of a mammoth fireworks explosion when a second blast catapulted him into the asphalt 20 feet away.

The series of explosions, at least three, tore through a busy area of street stalls and shops near a downtown bus station in this central industrial town late Sunday, killing at least 56 people and injuring 348 - many of them rescuers, like Hector Lara, who rushed to help the victims.

"The smoke turned everything black. There were things flying through the air and falling on top of me," Lara said from his hospital bed, his face covered with purplish-black welts.

The blast was thought to have started in the back of a candy store where fireworks were sold, then more explosions were set off, possibly from gas tanks in nearby restaurants or other fireworks stashes.

Soldiers sealed off a large area of Celaya's downtown as they searched for more bodies. Officials said they were digging cautiously for fear of setting off unexploded powder.

Lara was guarding the main bus station when he heard the first explosion.

He ran across the busy commercial street to the rubble of what had been a store, plunged into the dark smoke and began to pull out the injured.

"I saw a woman covered with blood, screaming that her son was dead and that she wanted to go into the shop to find him," he said.

Lara called for an ambulance, then became a victim himself. A second explosion minutes later threw him down the street and cut deep incisions into his body. Lara's colleagues and the paramedics who responded to his call also fell victim to the explosion. As he recovered, a doctor told him one of his colleagues had died.

File photo

Rescue workers were called in from as far as 120 miles away.

State officials said the dead included a policeman, two Red Cross workers, two firemen and a photographer for a local newspaper.

Eighty-one of the injured remained hospitalized overnight, many with partially amputated limbs and severe burns. Rescue workers and doctors were called in from as far away as Mexico City, 120 miles to the southwest.

SPORTS

Junior class fall to seniors in Powderpuff match-up

By Jacque Duncan
STAFF WRITER

Despite the rainfall last Friday afternoon, the seniors still came out and dominated the Powder Puff games held on the Quad to kick off the Homecoming events.

The first game, between the seniors and the sophomores, was light-hearted and fun. The seniors scored within the first minutes of the game, when Liz Maurhoff snatched a fumbled ball near the end zone. A turnover on the first down of the sophomore's second possession led to the senior's second touchdown. After a few more harmless interceptions by both the seniors and the sophomores, one more touchdown went to the seniors. The game ended with smiles and high fives between the players.

"It's all about next year!" sophomore Kylene Adams said with a cheerfully competitive smile.

The next game, between the Juniors and Seniors, was for the championship title. There were no smiles during this game. All players put forth 110% as they drove for a win. However, with three years of experience under their belt, the seniors took the victory for this game as well.

A touchdown on their first possession started the road to success for the seniors. Although the juniors intercepted the ball twice within the last five minutes of the game, which added extra energy to the junior players. Senior Missy Lewellyn answered back with two of her own interceptions, killing the energy boost. With two minutes remaining, Missy Sutmire scored for the seniors for the last time.

"We outplayed them; they got lucky," junior coach Collins Fobanjong said. "Next year is our year."

No freshmen showed up for the games.

Referees were Beau Hollowell, Bryan Hooks and Beau McElfresh.

Photo by Meredith Etcher
Despite the preparation of the juniors they could not defeat the seniors.

Football team defeated by Hillsdale on Homecoming

By Meghan Duda
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Though it was Homecoming, Hillsdale proved unmerciful as the Chargers dropped the Titans to 0-4 in the GLIAC.

Scoring began half way through the mid-quarter, when Hillsdale drove 40 years on nine plays to position Chargers fullback Nate Golin for a 1-yard dive.

The Titans answered with a 12 play, 60 yard drive that ended in a 1-yard push by junior tailback John Ciavarra to equal out the score at 7-7.

Then, the Chargers jumped ahead with a touchdown by Golin and a 36 yard field goal by Blake Barisich to leave the score at 17-7 heading into the half.

Leaping into the second half, the Titans pushed 80 yards on 11 plays to set up Jason Long's seven year scoring jaunt, which cut the lead to 17-14. Hillsdale answered moving 61 yards on 8 plays for a 24-14 advantage. In the 4th quarter, a 30-yard field goal by sophomore kicker Jon McCartney cut the lead to 24-17. A potential scoring drive was broken when the Titans fumbled on Hillsdale's 32-yard line.

A five-yard touchdown clinched the Chargers win at 30-17.

Senior quarterback James Graham led the offense with 21 of 37 completed passes, which accumulated 202 yards and one interception. Ciavarra posted 90 total yards, while Long added 63 yard. Senior wide receiver Dan Detwiler led both teams with six catches for 50 yards.

Defensively, junior cornerback Joe Stamper posted 14 tackles with senior defensive tackle Charles Szabo and senior inside line backer David Kern each adding 11. Senior ILB RJ Pabis added a quarter back sack in the loss.

Two athletes named in NCAA national stats

Two athletes were recognized this week in the NCAA Division II National Statistical Leaders.

Sophomore kicker Jon McCartney represents the football program in the statistics. McCartney is currently ranked in a tie for 23rd place nationally in field goals made per game. He has connected on three of six field goal attempts in three games, an average of one field goal made per game.

"Jonathon is doing very well," Coach Sean Kelly said. "He's taking care of four of the main components of the game (kickoffs, PATs, field goals and punts) and he's done well in all four. He is one of the hardest workers on the team."

Freshman goalkeeper Kevin Humbertson is representing the men's soccer team. Humbertson currently ranks in a tie for 17th nationally in saves per game with 6.67 (40 saves in six games).

Coach Thakar has been very pleased with Kevin's overall performance and his contributions to the team.

"Coming up from high school Kevin was one of the best goalies in Western PA," Thakar said. "Right now he is playing very well. With him only being a freshman, we are fortunate to be able to have him for the next three years."

Cross country success continued in Latrobe

By Meredith Etcher
STAFF WRITER

The men and women cross country teams posted strong showings last weekend at the St. Vincent College Invitational in Latrobe, PA.

The Titan men captured their third invitational title in four meets by winning the four-team event, while the Lady Titans finished second out of seven teams, falling to only Mercyhurst.

For the Westminster men, leading the way was the one-two punch of sophomore Jacob Gleason and senior Keith Schrag. Gleason finished third with a time of 27:47 over the eight-kilometer course, while Schrag was just behind in fourth place in 27:55. Other top Titan finishers included sophomore Scott Fabry, who finished ninth in 28:50; freshman Bryan Mackrell, who placed 12th in 29:08; and sophomore Matt Rodjom, who was 14th in 29:17.

"This team continues to get stronger every week," Gleason said. "These invitational wins are nice, but our main focus is on GLIACs and regionals."

The Lady Titans posted a pair of runners in the top ten. Junior Jennifer Bennett placed second in 20:18 over the five-kilometer course, while senior Julia McGlumphy was sixth in 20:53. Other top Lady Titan runners included freshman Kelly Schmidt who finished 11th in 21:23; sophomore Desiree Henry, who placed 14th in 21:34; and sophomore Beth Butcheri, who was 15th in 21:38.

The Titan cross-country teams return to action on Saturday, when they travel to Alliance, Ohio to compete in the Mount Union College Invitational.

New cheerleading coach sparks new attitude

By Heather Salada
STAFF WRITER

Last spring the cheerleading program received new leadership, when Westminster hired Bess Ondako as the new cheerleading advisor.The hiring came after requests from last year's squad for an advisor who would be more actively involved in the cheerleading program.

Former athletic director Joe Fusco understood the concerns of the cheerleaders and offered the position to Ondako, who has experience as a middle and high school cheerleading coach.

"Attitude is the biggest change in the program this year," Ondako said. "The girls are enthusiastic about the upcoming seasons."

Ondako plans to become more immersed in the cheerleading program by attending practices and games. She is reorganizing the program to include such moves as mounting, liberties and extensions. She also plans to travel with the girls to the Gannon and Mercyhurst football games.

Although Ondako has been influential in the development and operation of the new program, she describes herself as a very "hands off" advisor when it comes to making up cheers and routines. She said that she wants this responsibility to fall on co-captains junior Sheila Scrima and sophomore Jamie Freund.

"I am really happy with the eagerness of the squad this year," Scrima said. "Everyone is willing to try new things".

Scrima added that she believes the group has become more organized with a very efficient start to the new season.

As cheerleading advisor, Ondako's other duties will include overseeing the new attendance policy created by Scrima and Freund. She will also supervise fundraisers and manage any uniform issues.

Ondako earned her degree in English and Secondary Education from Westminster in 1994. She married Larry Ondako in 1998; he also attended Westminster and is the assistant men's basketball coach. Ondako works as a merchandise representative for Tommy Hilfiger.

YOUR HEALTH

Doctors debate on the symptoms of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

By Nicholas Drozdowski
U-WIRE WRITER

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) -- Doctors know little about what causes the condition of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS). Only after years of research have doctors narrowed down the symptoms of the disease and agreed on a term for the illness.

CFS encompasses a group of persistent and common symptoms for which there is no known cure. The disease is so controversial that doctors and medical researchers do not agree on all of its symptoms.

In the past, doctors labeled the symptoms of CFS as Iceland Disease or Chronic Epstein-Barr Virus Infection. The medical community recently revised the name of the disease to CFS to help diagnose and treat those who suffer from the disease.

The symptoms of CFS include exhaustion after exercise, low grade fevers and chills, according to Jablonski's Dictionary of Syndromes & Eponymic Diseases. These symptoms must be persistently present and without a discernible cause for at least six months before a patient can be labeled with CFS.

Doctors can diagnose a patient with CFS if they find no other cause for the chronic fatigue and discover that four or more of the following symptoms have been persistent for at least six months: impaired memory or concentration, sore throat, tender lymph nodes, muscle pain, multiple joint pain, new headaches, unrefreshing sleep or post-exertion malaise.

Jaime Wellman, an 18 year-old college student from Western Michigan University, was diagnosed with CFS in August of 1995. Wellman describes her life with CFS on her homepage.

"It is a struggle for me to get out of bed in the morning, not because I am 'tired,' but because I am EXHAUSTED," Wellman writes on the site. "My body just will not do as I tell it."

Treatment, like the theories of CFS's cause, is also controversial. Doctors have tried various treatments, such as antivirus and antidepressant treatments, with little success.

Other doctors have prescribed natural vitamin treatments and various kinds of diets for CFS patients. Studies have proven that these treatments have much higher success rates and longer-lasting results than other methods.

Although few students suffer from CFS, the illness remains problematic.

"At this time, more research has to be done on the diagnosis, causes and treatment of CFS, as it likely represents a spectrum of diseases that all lead to debilitating fatigue," Dutta said.

Professor won't teach early classes so students can rest properly

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) -- Psychology Professor Gary Stollak, who has consulted students about their sleeping problems, said he stopped teaching 8 am classes because his students looked like they were in pain.

"The number of hours and quality [of sleep] are critical for mental health, learning," he said, adding that alertness is important for maintaining relationships, learning and other daily interactions.

Stollak said changing sleep schedules is relatively easy compared to kicking habits such as drinking and smoking. He said poor time management can decrease sleep time and that most students could be studying earlier in the day instead of spending time on other activities. In turn, they could get more sleep at night.

Peter Gulick, associate professor of medicine in the College of Osteopathic Medicine and an expert on chronic fatigue syndrome said good, deep sleep, which includes dreaming, is imperative to replenish the body after a day's work.

"[It's necessary] in order for your body to really repair itself," he said.

Jonathan Kermiet, a health educator at Olin Health Center, said lack of sleep also can weaken the immune system, leaving students susceptible to colds and the flu.

Exactly how many hours constitutes a good night's sleep varies among sources. Stollak said eight to nine hours would be adequate, while Gulick said seven hours was good. Kermiet said a good night's sleep varies for each individual, but that most people need at least six hours.

Trying to make up for lost sleep time on the weekends is an unhealthy practice.

"You need to do it slowly with your body," Gulick said. "You can't just do it at one time. You just overload your body one way or another."

But some students say they don't have enough time to get adequate sleep.

So how can students get a sufficient amount of quality sleep?

"There is something called the nap," Stollak said. "I can't imagine a world, or a job where I can't take a mid-afternoon nap."

Stollak said people should take naps, even if they feel groggy when they wake up from it.

But Gulick said if people get at least seven hours of sleep each night, a nap should not be necessary.

Raise in cigarette prices may cause smoking ailments to decline

By Levi Harris
Indiana Statesman Indiana St. U.

The price of cigarettes went up again. A pack of Marlboro Lights now costs $3.10 in the Campus Cupboard, and a friend of mine told me that his Camels now run him $3.40 back home in Illinois. So what? People shouldn't be smoking anyway. Smoking is evil. It causes cancer and emphysema. It makes your clothes stink, robs you of years of your life and kills innocent bystanders.

Now see, I have a fundamental problem with that logic. I have a problem with one group of people forcing its views upon another. It irks me that a person cannot go sit by the fountain and smoke a cigarette without being glared at with contempt. I guess I could deal with the prudish people who despise smokers, though. If they want to express their opinions, then more power to them.

The problem I have is with the government, and with society as a whole.

These days, when a man gets lung cancer, he files a lawsuit against the state or against tobacco companies instead of admitting that it's his fault for smoking all those years. Then the tobacco companies pay ungodly amounts of money to these people. How do they pay? By raising the price of cigarettes. Then the government gets crabby and raises cigarette taxes, and the price goes up some more.

I suggest that smokers take responsibility for themselves. I mean, face it. If you are a smoker, you may as well make your peace with the idea of lung cancer. If you inhale tar and carbon monoxide day after day after day, you are going to die. Period. It says right on the package in big bold print, "These cigarettes have been known to kill things in California. In the day that you smoke thereof, you shall surely die." So smoke and smoke well, but when you get lung cancer, don't whine about it.

They don't outlaw tanning beds for causing skin cancer. They don't ban Whoppers for causing arterial blockage and heart disease. But cigarettes are different.

Don't be fooled, America. No one in Washington gives two hoots in hell about your lungs. They want money, and they'll take it any way they can get it.

This is an issue of freedom. They are trying to tax tobacco into oblivion, leaving smokers and tobacco farmers penniless.

Sports shorts

Rowland and Haines earn wins against Michigan Tech

The women's tennis team dropped to 0-9 overall and 0-8 in the GLIAC during a road trip to the upper peninsula of Michigan.

In their Thursday match against Michigan Tech, the Titans accumulated two game wins but were unable to win with a score of 7-2. Northern Michigan then swept the Titans 9-0 on Friday, while Lake Superior State shut them out 9-0 on Saturday.

In the Michigan Tech match, posting wins for the Lady Titans were sophomore Brenda Rowland at #4 singles and sophomore Shannon Haines at #5 singles.

"We played well but it was just too much tennis in nine days," Coach Kip Haas said. "We played hard but we were outplayed."

The Titans look forward to another Michigan trip next weekend, when they will face Northwood and Saginaw Valley State.

Kendall led Lady Titans volleyball with 16 kills

By Brent Wilson
STAFF WRITER

The Women's Volleyball team dropped to 11-6 overall last Friday with a four set loss to Wayne State. The Lady Warriors topped the Titans with scores of 15-8, 16-14, 13-15, and 15-9 en route to winning the contest.

Westminster senior outside hitter Shadra Kendall led all the Lady Titans with a game high of 16 kills, junior teammate Andrea Cronie was close behind with 12 kills. Senior Danielle Kean had a team high 34 assists and came up with a match best four service aces. Kean also led the Lady Titans in digs with 16. Kendall and Cronie followed up with 14 digs each. Jess Furman, a senior middle hitter, added in a team high five blocks.

The Lady Titans dropped to 1-3 in the GLIAC Conference with this loss to Wayne State.

Mens' soccer earns 8-0 win against Ohio Valley

By Luke Schuster
STAFF WRITER

The men's soccer team improved to a record of 2-6 after blowing out Ohio Valley 8-0 last Friday.

"It was a big win and gave our team some badly needed confidence," junior Jake Joyce said.

Leading the team to victory, Senior Dave Kantner scored 4 out of the five first half goals. Junior Deric Baumgartner scored the other goal before the end of the first half. Other Titan players who helped the team to victory include senior Mike Zebrine, sophomore Steve Reitz and freshman Pasquele Reno who all scored goals for the Titans.

"We pretty much dominated Ohio Valley. Even though we still need to improve our fundamentals, I would say it is a huge victory for our team," senior Dave Remensky said.

OPINION

Question of the week

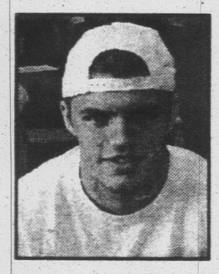
What are your expectations for the new student union?

Andrew Parshall, senior
"I just think it's great that someone is putting money into fixing the place."

Emily Ross, sophomore
"A Barnes & Noble would be good-someplace to drink coffee and study."

Katie Rankin, junior
"I want more of a food court set up with a variety of choices."

Sara Russell, sophomore
"Just make the appearance nicer-now it looks like it's from the 70s."



Cory Shaw, sophomore
"A game room with a big screen TV would be good."

Danielle Vought, junior
"A fast food chain like McDonald's would be nice."

Megan Toomey, junior
"The food is the main problem now so anything to fix that would be good."

Lielah Borycki, junior
"I would like to see a place for video rental."

Mike Zebrine, senior
"I think they should bring in a fast food chain or a Starbucks."

OUR VIEW: Mandatory Attendance

Every day students drag themselves out of bed and to class only to fall back asleep at their desks. These students then become distracting to the professor and the rest of the class. Why would someone come to class only to sleep? The answer: MANDATORY ATTENDANCE.

At the beginning of each semester, the professor stands in front of the classroom and details the guidelines for the course, often including attendance policies. Some have adopted a "three strikes you're out" kind of policy. Students have three absences to "waste" before their grade begins to drop rapidly. This instills a fear in students. No one wants to see their grades drop especially when it's due to something they can't study for.

So students will come to class sick, tired and not wanting to be there. It's just an observation, but shouldn't professors want students in their classroom who want to be there? Research has found that people, in general, who enjoy what they are doing, will learn quicker and perform better.

There wouldn't be a problem with attendance policies, except when it comes to professors who don't teach. Everyone has had one of them. Included in this breed are the professors who put their notes on the 'N' drive and then read these notes word-for-word for an hour or hour and a half. If they don't know that no one is paying attention, there's an even larger problem. Students are sleeping and doing other homework. Why are the students here? Simply, they are there because they have to be.

Shouldn't professors want students in their classroom who choose to be there? Research has found that people, in general, who enjoy what they are doing, will learn quicker and perform better.

A solution does exist. Professors should incorporate a surplus of information in addition to the text. Instead of reading the notes to students, they could tell a story or talk about related current events. The students want to hear what they have to say on issues. Students like expansion on ideas and more examples. This is what makes classes interesting; and when classes are interesting, students will want to come.

Over the years, it seems as though professors have become lazy. They feel that by reiterating what the book says word-for-word, they are teaching. If that is the definition of teaching, then just about anyone could do it and the four-year program should be eliminated. However, professors and instructors have put a lot of time into their education. They received positions at this college because they were good teachers, not because they could read Power Point well. Students appreciate the intelligent of many of the professors on this campus. Maybe that's why so many are disappointed to find out they have to sit through an hour of regurgitation from the book.

Should mandatory attendance be done away with? Probably. Maybe this will challenge the professors to find information not in the book and to make class interesting so students will want to attend.

Through a liberal arts education, students are taught to open their minds and to combine information between class and other disciplines. The challenge for the professors then should be to open THEIR minds, parallel information between the book and real life and above all else teach. We all know you can.

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Realizing the grasp that time has on our lives

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — Do you see yourself as the master of your life? Do you believe that you control your every move and thought? Think again. Although you might not realize it, you are not the sole dictator of your own destiny. You follow another's bidding — a universally accepted yet rarely acknowledged lord whose domain no one can escape.

What is this extraordinary being that rules both the homeless man and the U.S. president with an equally heavy hand? What could possibly control every human's behavior without our even realizing it? The answer is time — a natural phenomenon meant to serve mankind but has eventually become our own master.

Just close your eyes and imagine an ordinary college day. An obnoxious beeping jars your sleep. The clock blinks 7:15 am, and you sigh as you endure another rude awakening from your alarm. After groggily stumbling to your shower, wolfing down a meager breakfast — if any — and rushing out the door, you launch into your scheduled day at the University.

Throughout the afternoon, you shuttle between your classes, your work and your home, constantly watching the clock to stay on time. At the end of the day, time might allow you a precious hour or two of relaxation while still leaving enough space for a less-than-decent five-hour night of rest.

Whether you are a freshman, a grad student or a professor, time is your unforgiving taskmaster who leaves no room for error. We live our lives one deadline at a time, and we arrange our college schedules around the next paper to write, the next lecture to give or the next meeting to attend.

We squeeze in time for ourselves, our intimate relationships and our personal endeavors in the hours left empty, and even then, our time is measured. Every waking and sleeping moment, whether spent at work or at play, lies in time's inescapable realm.

Time is such a simple and obvious concept impacting our daily lives, yet paradoxically, few of us rarely stop to ponder it. Humanity is so immersed in time we no longer detect its presence. We resemble a deep-sea fish that never quite discovers the existence of salt water. We take time completely for granted, never questioning it, yet forever answering to it.

Yet we have a very intuitive sense of rhythm and tempo. Time's effects upon our bodies, although constantly battled, are always evident. We divide our lives into the past, present and future, and we measure almost every personal accomplishment with the ruler of time: the length of a relationship, the span of a career, the years spent in college.

The beginning of time occupies philosophers, physicists and cosmologists. Plato reasoned that the planets were created in order to mark the passage of time. Supposedly time and the heavens came into being at the same moment, and if they were ever to be destroyed, they would simultaneously be dissolved. Some of today's thinkers have modernized

On a more abstract level, a somewhat-flawed theory states that the present does not exist. Consider this classic time problem. When you ask what time it is and you eventually receive the answer, that specific point in time has already passed. As soon as you realize the present is here, it now lies in the past, and the future arrives before you know it. Therefore, the present does not exist.

But with all these realistic, philosophical and historical perspectives on time, what does it truly mean to us in our daily lives? Our world has harnessed itself to time. We are obsessed with this abstract concept, and since the advent of the Technology Age, society strives to speed time up. Next-day deliveries, fast-food restaurants, high-speed Internet connections— all of these satisfy our need to save time. We are relentlessly driven to accomplish more in a shorter time period.

Theoretically, the time we save translates into more free time and thus more relaxed lifestyles. But despite our time-conserving society and the technological devices that aid us in all we do, our lifestyles are no more relaxed than before. If anything, our rapid pace increases our impatience, intolerance and stress.

We hold ourselves accountable for every minute spent and are plagued with guilt if time slips through our grasp. We compete in a vicious race against time, perpetually trying to beat the clock, yet unaware that time is the inevitable winner.

With every deadline met, another looms in the near future. The tighter our schedules become, the more emphasis we place on punctuality and thus the more enslaved we become to the clock. Dependability and responsibility should obviously not be ignored, but neither are they to be deemed the be-all and end-all. Everything must be taken in perspective, and unfortunately, our perspective on time has become rather skewed.

We are not machines that function efficiently and flawlessly, nor should we treat ourselves as such. We are human beings, and our most basic values of love, sympathy, friendship or happiness are in no way indebted to the passage of time.

Although time holds no obligation to us, we religiously oblige ourselves to time, often at the expense of our personal lives and principles. We sacrifice ourselves, our friends and our lovers for the sake of time, that unsympathetic entity that waits for no man or woman.

Consider how time commands your own life and interferes with your personal relationships. Take more control of your priorities, and don't blindly follow the dictates of time by losing your human qualities. Relax enough to chat with a friend for those extra five minutes. Spend time to pamper your body and your mind. Remember, you must use time, or time will use you.

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Cost of higher education discriminates against the underpriveldged students

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Like many of you seniors out there, I amat the point where I am trying to plan my life after Penn State. I have been looking at law schools, studying for the LSAT, and in the midst of all this, going broke.

This brought back memories of four years ago applying to undergraduate schools, only then it was something my parents took care of for me — $50 here for an application fee, another $1,000 there for an SAT prep course.

Now, as an "almost" adult who feels somewhat responsible for the investments my parents make on my behalf, I am realizing how absolutely ridiculous the higher education system is in the United States.

When I was in London last semester, I learned that in the fall before I arrived there had been student protests on college campuses. The reason was due to an increase in tuition — from being free to being roughly 1,000 pounds, or about $1,800 a year. By the time I left, the government in Scotland was already in the process of abolishing college tuition fees altogether.

When I told people there how much I pay to go to college, they could not believe it. I must be rich, they said, along with every other student.

For being a country that prides itself on equality and equal opportunity, I think that the cost of higher education today is blatantly contradictory.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, average in-state tuition for public universities is about $28,000 during four years. It is also worth mentioning that during the past 15 years, the cost of a public four-year college education has increased by 234 percent, while the average family income has increased only by 82 percent.

All of us have made it here, probably some with much more difficulty than others. All of us are among the "lucky ones" that comprise the future leaders and middle class of America. Those that aren't so lucky have virtually no chance to achieve the success that we can. True, many people elect not to attend college, but many are denied the right purely on a financial basis, which only maintains the cycle of keeping the poor poorand the rich rich.

It doesn't stop after paying college tuition fees. To be marketable after graduation, internships are a must. Some internships pay very well. Others pay nothing at all. Future employers don't decipher. For those that need to work in the summers to pay off college loans, an unpaid internship, regardless of prestige or experience, is not an option.

In the beginning the application process for law school, discrimination against people with less money has become more evident. To go to law school one must take the LSAT, which is $70. One must also register with the national Law Services — another $100. Application fees generally run $60 a school, and with the difficulties of getting into law school, it is recommended that applicants apply to at least seven schools to ensure beingaccepted somewhere. Then of course there is the LSAT prep course, which is $1,000. It is true that taking the course is not imperative, but the fact remains that those that can afford it will have the upper hand on the test, which will then get them into a better school, which will only reinforce the cycle.

When I really thought about it, I was surprised that the American public has accepted this status quo. Then it dawned on me that those who are adversely affected by the system are those most unlikely to have the resources to get to a position to change it. Scholarships, financial aid and student loans do exist to eradicate some of the unfairnesses of America's higher education, but they can only do so much for only so many people. In America's society today, the blatant discrepancy between opportunities for rich and for poor in higher education is embarrassing.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Ashley "Webster" W.

Well, it was Sunday, and as we all know Sunday is a fun day. So, Bash, John DeRiggi and I decide to have fun and make a run to Hermitage to take in our latest movie Stir of Echoes. We hopped into the infamous Ford Probe (sorry Derrick, it isn't a Lincoln Continental) and took off down 208. It was here at the stoplight that we came across a cyclist suited out in yellow and white Spandex on his racing Huffy 10 speed. We drag raced and he proceeded to pass us like we are standing still, while giving us the thumbs up. The Probe couldn't hack it. It was going to be a weird day.

Needless to say everyone wore their seat belts, and we made it to the theater in just enough time to make a run to Giant Eagle to snag some beverages and Pepperidge Farm cookies. Cookies, which I might mention, had nut traces in them, which Deriggi immediately became allergic to.

"It was like having a thousand needles sticking into the back of your throat," DeRiggi said in a raspy voice.

It is at this point that we enter the theatre with our loot, secretly hidden in John's cargo pants. He's a smoothie, definitely a smoothie. It is here that we see "Spandex boy the cyclist," sneak into the theatre before us. Man that guy's fast!

I digress...

OK, about the movie. Tom Witsky, played by Kevin Bacon, becomes hypnotized at a party. The unsupersititous man soon comes to have strange and violent visions. It seems that while he was hypnotized he was told to "open his mind." Through this statement he becomes aware of a higher reality which includes ghosts and eerie premonitions. The phenomenon also has some crazy side effects. It seems that our boy has trouble sleeping as well as an insatiable urge for orange juice. Tom begins buying oj in bulk and drinks it by the carton. Two words: Tropicana spokesperson.

The movie continues and the plot begins to unravel. It seems that Tom isn't the only one with these abilities. His young son Jake has acquired them as well. Together this father and son duo works to solve the mystery of the ghost who haunts both of their minds.

The most exhilarating and entertaining part of the movie is when Tom begins to act a little odd. Because of repeated delusional visions he proceeds to tear up his rented house. First he makes like Odie and starts digging up the back yard.

When asked by his ever-faithful and extraordinarily patient wife what he is doing as he holds a garden hose in one hand and a pick in another, he responds that by making the ground wet it is easier to dig. Well, after making the backyard look like an oversized preschool sandbox, he decides to dig in the basement. Unfortunately for our boy the floor of the basement is not dirt: nope, it's cement. It's here that he makes like Don Kelley and rents a jackhammer.

(Yep, big Don strategically and precisely maneuvered one during the summer. Stud.) Along with these and many other scenes our crazed hero eventually solves the mystery of his delusional visions and everything returns to normal. Well, at least as normal as can be with a kid who talks to the dead.

Tom's wife Maggie (Kathryn Erbe) plays the role of the housewife trying to hold the family together amidst a mass of insanity. Her husband keeps seeing visions, sleeps on the couch watching TV, and doesn't go to work even though there is a baby on the way. All the while her son is talking to ghosts and has bouts when his voice changes from a nine-year-old to that of a ghost which occasionally possesses and often carries on conversations with him. The woman is tough. She truly holds it together. Kudos to you Mag.

The acting in this movie was quite commendable. Kevin Bacon comes through impressively as the obsessed and delusionally plagued husband Tom Witsky. While at the same time Kathryn Erbe portrays the contrasting and amazingly sane and loyal wife, Maggie. Even Zachary Cope does a decent job at playing Jake, their prodigal, though not especially creepy son.

As for the plot, I didn't find it to be overly inventive or believable, but still attention getting. And unfortunately it was quite predictable. However there were quite a few sequences in which the tension was quite powerful. Also the collages of Tom's disturbing visions and dreams, added to the chaotic tension which was progressively built up, helped to give way to an action-packed ending.

The setting for the movie was not overly spectacular, but quite appropriate. You won't find awe-inspiring special effects, or especially exotic settings - just the outskirts of an average neighborhood, housing average people, with an L-train added into the background for that necessary ghetto effect.

In closing, Stir of Echoes was an engaging, interesting, and surprisingly thought inspiring movie which helped me to consider the possibilities of the afterlife, ghosts, post-mortem communication, and hypnosis.

Note: As I am summing up this review, my esteemed colleague, "Kid Sparkle" is wiping the multiple stains from his tight black Structure shirt and dark blue carpenter pants after eating his McDonalds Hotcakes which were smothered in maple syrup and ketchup. Sunday, bloody Sunday.

Derrick "Kid Sparkle" B.

This is the story of a boy. A boy wearing baggy pants. This boy had a crazy day. After waking up naked next to an autographed picture of Blondie, with The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars on the hi-fi, and a bottle of Absinthe in his hand, it was apparent that Sunday had begun, and yes, Kid Sparkle may very well be the lost member of Funkadelic. The saga begins...

After perusing the morning paper and gulping down piping hot coffee with the geriatrics at McDonalds, Ash (Hot Carl) and I booked it back to our underground lair (Studio 202). We changed out of our velvet jogging suits, changed into Versace, Kenneth Cole, and Kangaroos and high tailed it to Hermitage to catch a matinee, and cut up on that trendy girl with the tongue ring.

Ash and I fist fought like men to decide what movie we'd see. Since Ash has girly arms it wasn't hard to lay him out. My pick for a movie? Stir of Echoes, because it stars Kevin Bacon. I've been a big fan of Bacon since I mastered all of his moves from Footloose.

The theater itself smelled like a field: like me after I cut the grass and roll around in a big pile of dirt, and leaves, and stuff you find in nature, like Davey Crockett, granola bars, and bear skin rugs. A quick scan of the room revealed no grass or piles of leaves, but after a second look I did notice a large man with a Frisbee, wearing a suede leather vest, and a Quicksilver Messenger Service T-Shirt.

After Ash threw up, it dawned on us. Pastcholi! We're talkin' a gallon or two of the stuff. I'm guessing he bathed in it inside a big wooden barrel with a dead skunk and a whoopee cushion at the bottom. I thought I was gonna die, but luckily I still had my clothe pins from hanging up photographs in the dark room I took with the secret camera I hid somewhere on campus.

Based on a 1958 novel by Richard Matheson, Echoes stars Bacon as Tom Witzky, a Chicago telephone linesman. After being hypnotized by his wife's (Katherine Erbe), sister, Witzky is tormented by supernatural images. Mainly, he trips out on bloody, sickening flashes of a murder and rape (full of chipped teeth, fingernails being bent backwards and removed and suffocation by plastic bags), and a ghost of a teenage girl, due to "a door in his mind being opened" while he was hypnotized. Apparently, Witzky's son Jake's door is ajar too, as he also communicates with the supernatural world.

The movie is better than it should be thanks to intense, believable performances by Bacon, and Erbe. Echoes weakness lies in the fact that it fails to create any real dread or horror, and most of the things (kidnapping, suicide, rape, and murder), that should be shocking, are not, leaving the viewer largely unaffected. Luckily, a fair amount of suspense is conjured up in several places, particularly the end. I know what you're thinking. If it's predictable, how can it be suspenseful? Think of it like a cross-country road trip with a poisonous cat hidden somewhere in the car. You know where you're going, but aren't sure what's going to happen on the way there. But you will have a great story to tell when you arrive.

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Grammy Award winning artist at Down Under

By Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter, Barbara Bailey Hutchison will appear in the Down Under on Saturday Oct. 2nd at 8 pm. Her entertainment geared toward all ages will top off the events planned for Family Day.

Hutchison has performed at many colleges, universities, festivals, benefit concerts, performing arts centers and high schools across the country, as well as touring throughout the United States, Japan, Korea and the Philippines. She has also released over 13 albums, several of which have international distribution.

After being nominated for three years, she finally received her Grammy Award for "Best Musical Recording for Children," after she recorded several lullaby CDs for JABA Records in Nashville, Tennessee.

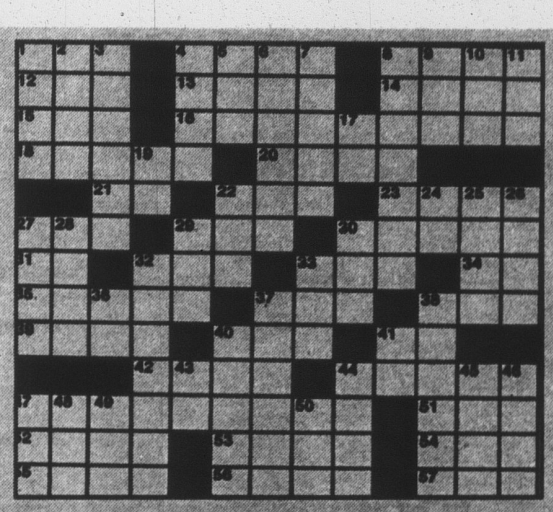
Hutchison's performance promises to be a treat according to Chris Dallas of Kelley Entertainment. "Barbara has made a career of bringing her emotion packed music to life with her remarkable voice, sense of humor, and animated stage performance."

She generally prefers auditorium or coffeehouse settings. "They offer the students and community members more personal contact with the artist," Hutchison said. It also provides her with the opportunity to sign autographs and talk with the audience members one on one.

Stop and enjoy the sounds of Barbara Bailey Hutchison this Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the Down Under.

Across
1. Determine heredity characteristics (abbr.)
4. Fees
8. Ride (p.t.)
12. Referee (abbr.)
13. Arm bone
14. Paradise
15. Sick
16. Comment
18. Think lumber cut
20. Early-growing grain
21. Myself
22. "Perfect" number
23. Wooded valley
27. Stinging insect
29. My Gal _____
30. Locality of a crime
31. Paid notice
32. Female cattle
33. Friend
34. Am
35. Cloth
37. Each
38. Alcoholic beverage
39. Short jacket
40. Able
41. Internal Revenue (abbr.)
42. India garment
44. Upper-crust
47. Gracestones
51. _____ Snead
52. Above
53. Ooze
55. Lessen the force of
56. Receptacle for holding items
57. And not

Down
1. Drop
2. Woman's name
3. On fire
4. Sunset
5. Ultimate (abbr.)
6. Protective cover
7. Smooth silk fabric
8. Remake
9. Poem
10. Lair
11. Suffrix used to form adjectives
17. Elevated train
19. Mid-West state (abbr.)
22. Marble
24. Suffix used to form verbs from adjectives
26. Oil car
27. Packaged hay
28. Blue pencil
29. Male offspring
30. Covered truck
32. Criticize
33. Comes after hair or safety
36. Negative word
37. Type of dive
38. Penitentiary
39. Helmet decoration
41. Mid-West state
43. Be
44. Glimpse
45. Tropical plant
46. Emergency (abbr.)
47. Disorderly crowd
48. Butterfly catcher
50. Brewed drink



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Jakob the Liar [PG-13]
4:00, 7:15, 10:10
Mickey Blue Eyes [PG-13]
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Simon Sez [PG-13]
3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00
The Sixth Sense [PG-13]
2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
Stir of Echoes [R]
2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
The Thomas Crown Affair [R]
3:30, 7:10, 9:40

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2:50, 7:10, 11:10
American Pie [R]
12:45, 5:00, 9:15
Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me [PG-13]
1:10, 5:05, 7:25, 11:20
Big Daddy [PG-13]
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Runaway Bride [PG]
1:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:25
Blue Streak [PG-13]
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The Sixth Sense [PG-13]
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Double Jeopardy [R]
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Mumford [R]
7:05, 9:45
Outside Providence [R]
4:55, 10:10
Runaway Bride [PG]
5:05, 7:45, 10:20
Stigmata [R]
4:30, 7:10, 9:35

HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Those without your sense of humor may hold you accountable to your words so you won't gain much in the long run by joking with them. Don't be bossed around by your friends, just your professors.

TAURUS
A creative project could hit a snag. But that's better than snagging your favorite sweater. Unusual people will seem to populate your world. But then again, what else would you expect to find at college?

GEMINI
Don't be so modest about your achievements. Delegate your workload & allow others to join your team. Enjoy a gourmet feast meant to thank you for your help. But if it came from the cafeteria, you may want to look for recognition in other areas.

CANCER
It's a good time to start a new health regime. Your system may need some special care to maintain the balance you need to stay strong and energetic.Little jokes and comments that were taken with good humor may suddenly provoke wounded reactions.

LEO
Your financial judgment is excellent, count on your ability to understand the precise value of someone, something or some idea. This is not a contest to see who knows the most. It's the ability to make it up as you go along that appears to be magic.

VIRGO
A little romance could perk you up, even if it's only a fantasy. Just don't have this fantasy in the middle of chemistry lab.While you may have to spend time on a tough job, your patience will solve a very complex problem.

LIBRA
You're not the type to sweat the small stuff, but you could be worried about any number of small details. Creativity and people are the areas where your strengths are great. If you do a good job in these areas, you may get some recognition and a lep up on the corporate ladder.

SCORPIO
You may feel a gnawing in your stomach. It's just the pancakes you had for breakfast. Or something or someone may have to be removed. This is called "addition by subtraction." The race into the future requires that you travel lightly.

SAGITTARIUS
You may get a chance to reconnect with a lost friend, lover, or colleague. Working with others, however, may require that you share your opinions more discretely.You'll feel better if you get productive and have fun at the same time.

CAPRICORN
You may need to resolve some inequities so you can become a happy camper once again. You would do well to consult a cool-headed friend whose judgment you value. This will help you to temper your strong emotions with reason.

AQUARIUS
This week's scenario is highlighted by your leadership abilities tempered with your hard work. You'll be able to tap into that stream of imagination that is such a strong part of your makeup.

PISCES
You may see others motoring around with all sorts of energy and not understand what the heck they're doing. Then you'll realize if you weren't hungover, you'd feel just as energetic as everyone else.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCOUNTING INTERNSHIP - Katz, Ferraro, McMurtry, Ruzomberka, PC (formerly Katz and Assoc., PC) is looking for an accounting intern. Qualifications include a QPA of 3.0, junior or senior status, and the ability to do data entry, prepare tax returns and financial statements and some auditing. This Jan.-April internship pays $8.50 per hour and will include a 55-hour work week. For more information, contact Michelle Sharp, Katz, Ferraro, McMurtry, Ruzomberka, PC, First & Market Bldg. Suite 600, 100 First Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15222. Telephone number is (412) 471-0200, and fax number is (412) 471-03670.

PITTSBURGH JOB FAIR - The Pittsburgh Technology Council's @pgh.cafe (pronounced at Pittsburgh cafe), an annual social event where students and faculty can meet with project engineers and executives of local technology companies to discuss career and internship opportunities, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 3-7 p.m. in Folger Hall at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. This job fair is focuses on a relaxed "cafe-like" environment in which students can speak personally in a more casual setting with reps from area tech companies. For more information, contact the website: www.tech-center-pgh.com and click on @pgh.cafe or call Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338.

OFFICE HELP WANTED - State Farm Insurance has openings for two part-time positions. One position requires proficiency in word processing, ability to move files, and willingness to do light bookkeeping. The other position is office help doing filing, typing, and creating flyers. For more information about these flexible hour positions, call Madeline Matta at (724) 654-1320 or (724) 658-1830.

PART-TIME CASHIER WANTED - The Mini-Mart Subway on the corner of Routes 18 and 208 is looking for part-time people to cashier, prepare food, cook and clean. Pay is $5.75 per hour for this 20-hour per week position, and all shifts are available. For more information, call Mary at (724) 946-8672.

CAREERS 2000 - Graduating Seniors — the Career Center has information on Careers 2000, a national college recruitment conference. You can also apply on line at www.careerconferences.com.

USGA INTERNSHIP - The Keystone Public golf Association is looking for resumes to fill the USGA Boatwright Internship. For details, contact Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338.

CHRISTIAN RESOURCE PERSON - The Concord Presbyterian Church, located about 45 minutes from New Wilmington, is looking for a Christian education resource person to work with high school youth teaching church school and possibly the Pioneer Club program on Sunday. Pay is $100-$125 per week. For more information, contact Robert Mathias. 625 Hooker Rd., West Sunbury, PA 16061 or call (724) 894-2701.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Fiddlesticks, a children's program from the Pittsburgh Symphony, is presenting The Ultimate Space Odyssey Saturday, Oct. 9, and volunteer

helpers are needed. Volunteers will help to organize and entertain 3-5 year olds with activities before the performance from 8:30-11:15 a.m. and will be also be able to watch the performance. For more information, please contact Amy Baldonieri at the Pittsburgh Symphony at (412) 392-4870 or Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338.

RECYCLING PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS - The Wilmington Township recycling program needs volunteers for the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. For details, contact Emily Baker Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, at (724) 658-6925, or Norb Kendall at the Municipal Township Building at (724) 946-2560.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 1
Chapel Fall Retreat
Zeta Tau Alpha Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Golf at WC/SRU Invitational
11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
12:50 Education Department Special Speaker, Barbara Kiefer of Columbia University: "Award-Winning Children's Books" — CFH 116
7:15 pm Volleyball vs. Grand Valley State (H)

SATURDAY 2
FAMILY DAY
Chapel Fall Retreat
11:00 am Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Children's Library
Alpha Phi Omega Retreat
1:00 pm Football vs. Ashland (H)
7:00 pm Mass — Chapel
8:00 pm Newman Club Ice Cream Social - Old Main Tower Room
8:00 pm CPC Presents Barbara Bailey Hutchison (singer/songwriter)— Down Under
TBA Cross Country Invitational @ Mount Union, OH

SUNDAY 3
Alpha Phi Omega Retreat
Chapel Fall Retreat
1:00 pm Volleyball vs. Ferris State (H)
1:00 pm Women's Soccer vs. Edinboro (H)
3:00 pm Junior Voice Recital: Matt Newman - Chapel (Reception following in Tower Room)
6:00 pm Theta Chi Meeting @ Chapter House
7:00 pm Vespers - Chapel
9:00 pm Movie -Down Under

MONDAY 4
Phi Mu Inspiration Week
11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
Zeta Tau Alpha Magazine Drive Begins
4:00 pm Men's Soccer @ Lake Erie, OH
5:30 pm Panhellenic Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 pm Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
6:15 pm Phi Mu Carnation Sister Revelation - PH 112-113
6:30 pm Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 pm Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 pm Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:15 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting — TUB A/B

TUESDAY 5
5:30 pm Allies Meeting — PH 114
6:00 pm Circle K Meeting — TUB A/B
8:00 pm Bleasby Colloquium - TBA
TBA Phi Mu Open House

WEDNESDAY 6
8:00 am - 4:00 pm Career Center Accounting Consortium — Embassy Suites, Pittsburgh
11:30 am Faculty Forum: TLTR - TUB A/B
2:00 pm Women's Soccer @ Findlay, OH
4:30 pm Men's Soccer @ Findlay, OH
5:00 pm Student Alumni Association Meeting - TUB A/B
7:00 pm Henderson Lecture - Beeghly Theatre
7:00 pm SGA Meeting - TCF 116
7:15 pm Volleyball vs. Gannon (H)
8:00 pm Student Pre-Law Association Meeting - PH 114
8:00 pm CPC Meeting - TCF 116
8:00 pm Binge Drinking Task Force Meeting - TUB A/B
8:30 pm SAVE Meeting - TCF 111
9:30 pm Seekers Meeting - Down Under

THURSDAY 7
JEANS DAY
7:00 pm IFC Meeting - TUB A/B
10:00 - midnight Back to the Beat (Live Dance/Radio Program - Down Under

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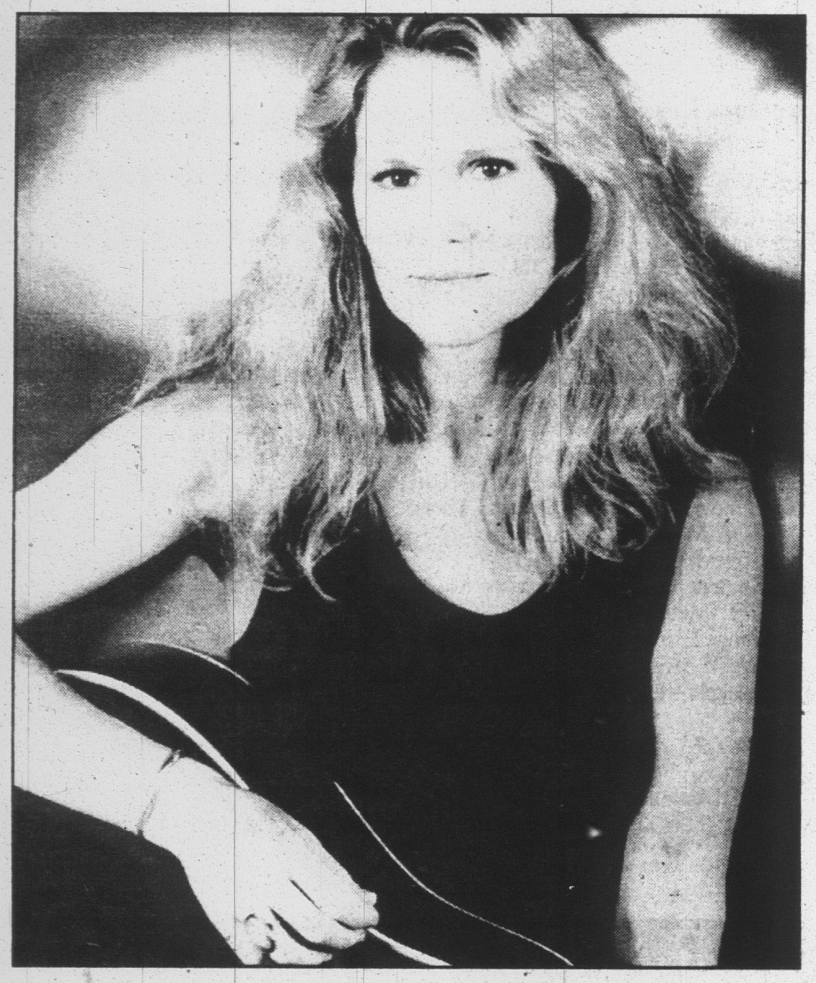

Barbara Bailey Hutchison

Barbara Bailey Hutchison has captivated audiences worldwide with her sincere music and powerful voice. Voted "Best Solo Performer" and "Best Acoustic Performer" by colleges & unviersities throughout the United States and Canada, Hutchison choses her material to inspire and amuse.

Critics claim Hutchison to be the "ultimate chameleon when it comes to waving her own unique style into the web offolk, pop, country, blues or whatever genre she chooses to perform."

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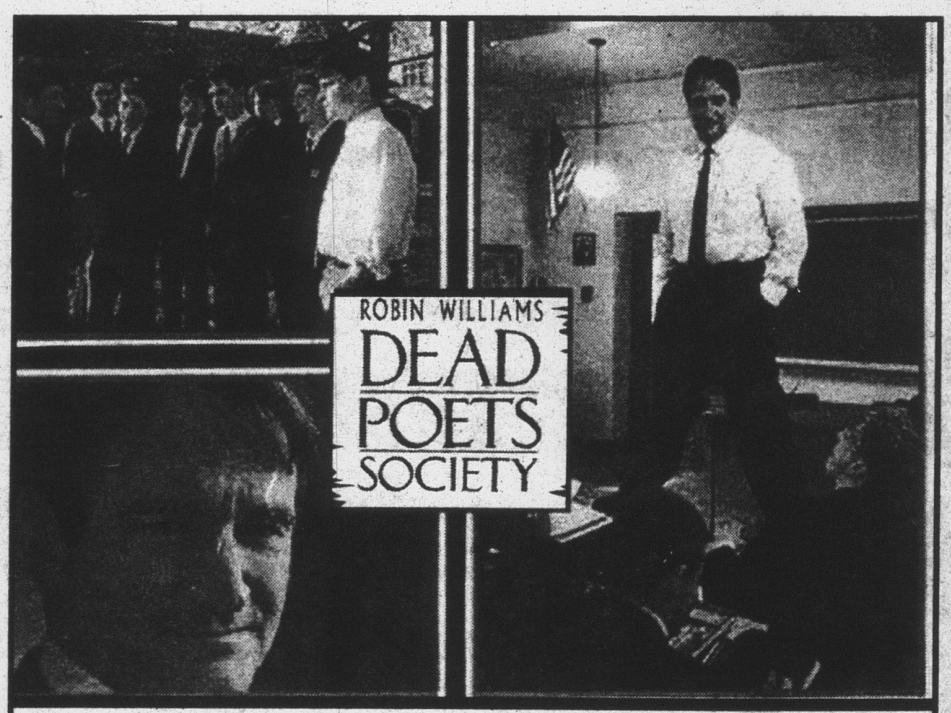

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Students challenge their fears during Fall Retreat

Photo by Brad Dell
Repelling and caving were two of the Fall Retreat activities.

By Jennifer Body
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty put on their hiking gear this weekend and headed into the great outdoors to enjoy nature and conquer fears on the annual Fall Retreat.

Traveling to Seneca Rocks, West Virginia, approximately 45 students left campus Friday afternoon and returned early on Sunday. The weekend was meant to be a fun but at the same time spiritual event. Students braved their fears by either repelling down a 200-foot rock face, climbing and repelling on a 50 foot mountain "chimney" and caving through tight, damp and dark places. Many students also dealt with other fears, as they learned a lot about themselves and the Spirit.

"I've never felt closer to the Lord than when I was 5 thousand feet off the ground on the side of a rock with nothing holding me but a rope," sophomore Kristen Kress said.

Arriving at the campsite after dark Friday, the group briefly gathered together before breaking off into their smaller activity groups - rock climbing, repelling and caving. These groups then spent some time getting acquainted by sharing their fears and expectations for the weekend.

Wake-up call came at 6:30 a.m on Saturday. After packing their bags with food and extra clothes and the groups headed out for their adventures.

Other than the caving team, which drove 45 minutes to their site, each group had to hike about an hour and a half straight up the mountain to reach their destination.

"The hardest thing for me wasn't the repel," sophomore Brad Dell said. "It was the hike up...I can't believe I climbed that mountain."

A full day was spent outdoors. The groups didn't return to campus until after 8 pm.

Junior Jennifer Smith had never attended the Fall Retreat before, but was impressed with the results.

"It was amazing how much we learned to trust one another. It was definitely a bonding experience," Smith said. "It was awesome to see how helpful everyone was being. It was nice to see people working so well together."

When asked about participation next year, Smith was not hesitant. "Of course. It's been the highlight of my whole year."

Sunday morning began at 7:30 a.m. with a group worship service, where students shared their experiences from the weekend, followed by various bonding and fun activities before returning home.

Faculty in attendance for the weekend included, Steve Montgomery, director of the Titan Traverse, Keturah Laney, Chapel assistant and Tim Little, Coalition for Christian Outreach representative. If you missed this year's Fall Retreat and are interested in going next year or would just like more information, please contact Wayne Nickerson, Dean of the Chapel at EXT. 7115.

This year's Fall Retreat was marked by the fellowship of many diverse people working together toward a common goal of helping one another and having a memorable time.

"The retreat gave me a sense of clarity that is very hard to find back on campus," Kress said. "It showed me a little bit of how I think God meant the people to feel. You felt ever supported, encouraged by all who know you can do anything when you know for certain you cannot - loved, fully valued and immediately trusted."

Photo by Brad Dell
Students traveled to West Virginia for a weekend of self-reflection.

Horse and buggy crash in front of Ferguson

By Meghan Duda
C0-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

An Amish buggy without a driver overturned after a spooked horse broke its reigns at the Whitings Auction Barn on Rt 158 at 9:40 p.m. last Fri. night.

The horse and buggy then proceeded on Market Street and through the traffic light. After hitting a borough sign, the horse swerved into the northbound lane sending the buggy into a tree. The buggy overturned and the guides snapped and dug into the horse's hind legs. The wounded horse then dragged the buggy, now on its side, one hundred feet before coming to rest between Ferguson and McGill.

Campus security, New Wilmington police and students were able to move the buggy out of the way of oncoming traffic.

Greg Gollinger was driving in the northbound lane on Market Street as the buggy approached. Gollinger had to swerve to miss a head on collision.

"I was driving (in front of Ferguson) when I saw the buggy swerving from one lane to another," Gollinger said. "I swerved to miss the buggy and the horse moved too."

Ferguson resident Jen Gales was first on the scene. "We were watching TV and heard the horse and buggy. No one was there yet so I called security."

Chief Richard E. Hanna of the New Wilmington Borough Police identified the owner of the horse and buggy as Seth D. Byler. Byler was at the auction barn during the incident.

Injuries to the horse were minimal with only small cuts to the hind legs.

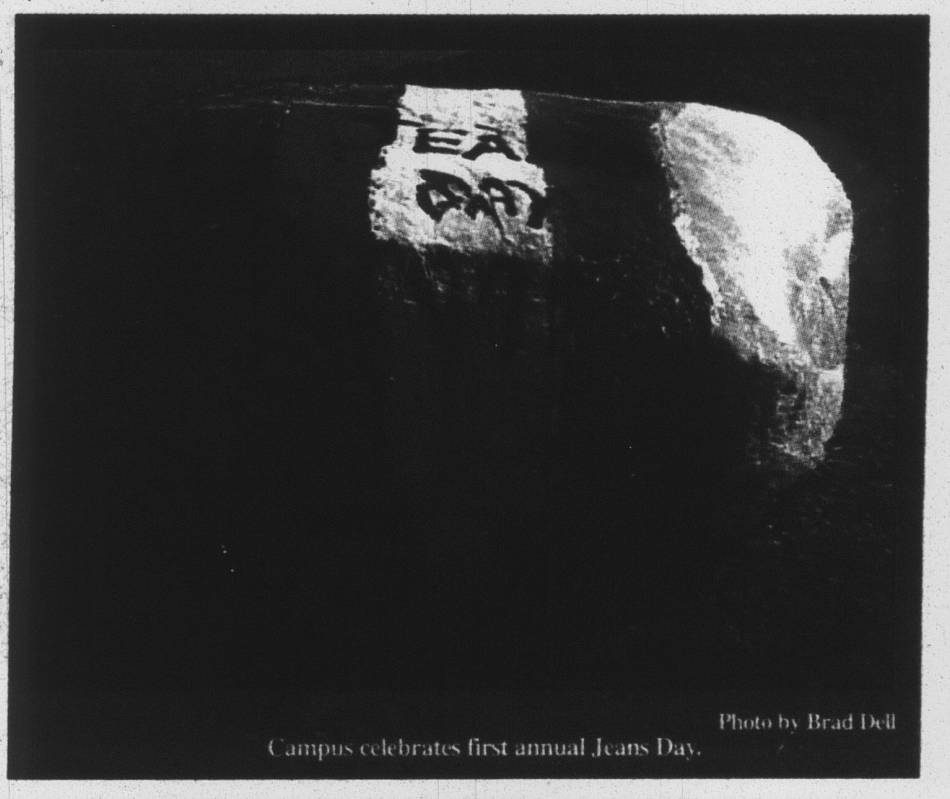

Photo by Brad Dell
Campus celebrates first annual Jeans Day.

Weekend Weather

Friday: Scattered showers Lo 42° Hi 42°
Saturday: Mostly cloudy Lo 46° Hi 61°
Sunday: Partly cloudy Lo 44° Hi 61°

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CAMPUS NEWS

WWNW changes format to please campus

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Due to a large number of faculty complaints, the format of the campus radio station, WWNW, has changed from alternative to a softer variety for this school year.

Last year, the alternative format was under criticism by the faculty and staff, who make up the majority of the listening audience during daytime hours. However, most of the listeners at night are students.

To remedy the problem, supervisor of WWNW Dr. David Barner, program director and production manager Erik Robbins and three other members of the station's management staff met last spring and decided that the new format would include daily play of popular songs from the 70s, 80s and early 90s. The staff also elected to continue rock and alternative music during the evening and night.

"We wanted to give the faculty and staff something they could enjoy," Robbins said. "A lot of them listen to us while they are on campus during the day, so we do not want to play something they hate. The students also can handle what we play during the day, and many of them like the alternative format at night." Robbins said the songs during the day are from artists like Tom Petty and John Mellencamp, while the nighttime lineup features such bands as Limp Bizkit and Live.

The station also underwent a change in the promotion department. Brian Miller, the head of promotion, is spreading the station's name all over campus.

"Brian is really enthusiastic," Robins said. "He had us at the activity fair, which let freshmen learn about us."

Robbins added that several juniors and seniors have mentioned to him that they had never heard of WWNW until this year.

Robbins also said that this year more students than ever before have asked about employment opportunities at the station. "I want the station to be something everyone can be a part of."

Currently, all spots are full. Broadcast Communication majors get preference, but Robbins is still taking names on a waiting list.

Newsline 9 joins television lineup

By Tricia Spargal
STAFF WRITER

With the cancellation of WCTV, campus television station, Channel 9, offers a new program to keep the campus informed.

Newsline 9 airs Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 7:35 to provide campus as well as local news.

Many had concerns that freshmen broadcast communications majors would have little involvement in the department due to WCTV's cancellation.

Department Chair, Dr. David Barner, feels that Newsline 9 will keep freshmen very busy, with a few freshmen anchors on the 35 minute program.

Newsline 9 brings with it a new faculty member, Ray Necamp, who comes to the college with 17 years of news experience and six years of teaching experience.

He said he agreed with Barner that Newsline 9 will help to ease freshmen into everything needed to produce a news show. "With three short programs, our hope is to involve even more people than WCTV did," he said. "We can use an entirely different crew every night."

Necamp is pleased that Westminster has a broadcasting program, but he would like to see more emphasis placed on news. "With the growth of cable outlets, there will be many more openings for broadcasting in news," he said.

The rest of the Channel 9 lineup has remained the same. Inside Lawrence County, which offers local news and an interview, airs on Thursdays, along with Coach's Corner, which features college athletes and coaches. Channel 9 also covers Westminster's sports events.

Chapel Corner: Habitat for Humanity begins work

By Wayne Nickerson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In February 1987, ten Westminster students headed to Braddock, PA to do the first Saturday Habitat for Humanity work event. It has been almost 14 years since that first attempt.

The college has a Campus Chapter now. Students have worked at Habitat projects in all the surrounding counties. They have done projects in Florida, South Carolina, Mississippi and Arkansas. Some students have lent a hand in Guatemala, Mexico and Nicaragua. It's been a good ride.

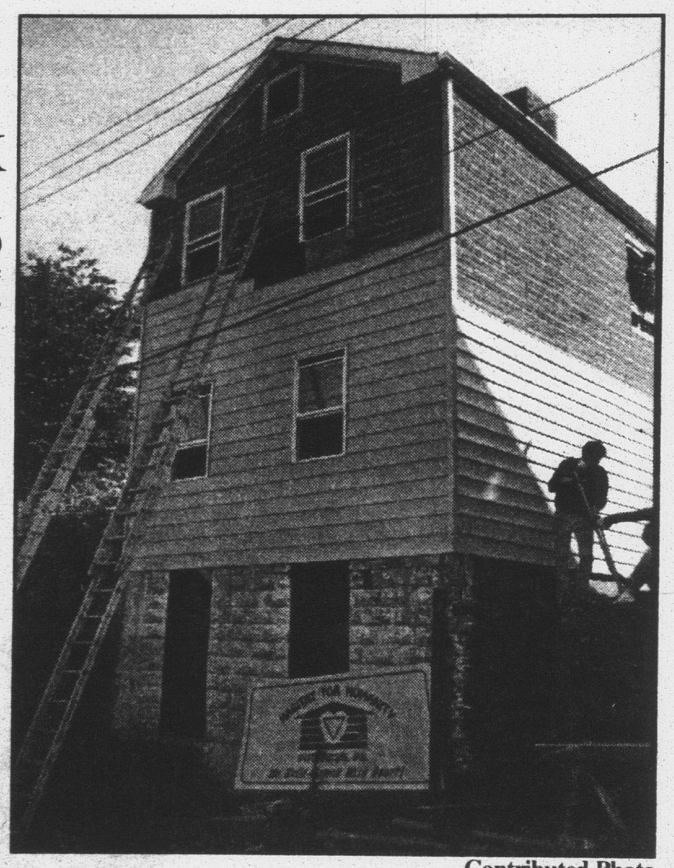
Habitat has the impossible goal of eliminating poverty housing through out the world. It is happening, one house at a time. It is a good effort that is clearly rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but embraces such an obvious need that people of all faiths have come to its call.

The Westminster Chapter of Habitat for Humanity is up and running for this year. Already over 50 folks have joined. It is not too late for you to join. Membership forms can be found in the Chapel Office, 316 Old Main. The $15 membership pays for transportation costs to take college vehicles to work sites as well as fund the t-shirts the chapter produces each year.

There are many ways you can help. Fund raising efforts for October include leaf raking, Trick or Treat for Habitat in the borough and a sleep out on the quad on Oct. 15.

If you are interested, call Wayne Nickerson in the Chapel Office.

The first work day is Oct. 23rd. The group will roof a house in the Penn Hills section of Pittsburgh and work on a new home in Butler County. The sign-up lists for these work days is on the bulletin board outside the Chapel Office.



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Campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity is hard at work in the surrounding area.

Safety Advisory

John Lechner
Safety and Security

Information has been received from local officials that residents in the Neshannock Falls area (approximately 2 miles southeast of campus) have reported an individual in their neighborhood acting suspiciously. He has been watching people from brushy areas for about a week. He has been seen in the area near the Wilmington Auction Barn and walking on abandoned rail lines in this general vicinity.

Subject is described as a white, male, 45-50 years old, 325-350 pounds, brown hair cut short (not over the ears), a beard, no mustache and an unkempt and slovenly appearance. We have no information that the person has been involved in any wrongdoing since he has been seen in the area, but his activities are highly questionable.

This alert is a precautionary measure. If you walk or run in these areas be observant and careful. If you see this person, it is recommended that you avoid contact with him. If he is seen on or near the campus report it immediately to Security at 7777. Walking in groups after dark is always advisable. Keep your car locked and inspect the back seat before entering the vehicle. Also, Security will provide escort service after dark upon request.

Public relations students experience interaction

By Courtney Panik
STAFF WRITER

A group assignment in the introduction to public relations classes has resulted in a battle of the newsletters.

Instructor Suzanne Prestien initiated a competition between both sections of her *Principles and Practices of Public Relations* classes. She said the goal was to make the students work hard practicing their writing skills.

"I'm pleased with the way the assignment is going." Prestien said, "I expect great things from both classes."

The students are in the process of creating their own story ideas, which will mostly pertain to PR related topics. Prestien divided each class into three groups - each responsible for either hard news, soft news or layout. The groups work together conducting interviews, editing and reaching deadlines.

The hard news section will include PR in the workforce, class demographics, homecoming and professor biographies.

Soft news will contain student profiles.

Freshman Laurel Miller is writing about the correlations between the birthdays of her classmates and celebrities. "I think this project gives us the opportunity to learn about the other PR class, as well as people I might not talk to in mine."

The layout groups are responsible for photographs and graphics and are under pressure of a fall break deadline. The students in this group must wait for the articles to be completed before they can begin their work.

Sophomore Laura Beth Mours is working on layout and enjoys seeing her classmates work. "You get to see how everyone else interprets the information and projects."

Prestien is surprised with the enthusiasm from both classes. Section A sent a student to photograph the English/public relation department picnic. Section B sent surveys via email to its classmates.

"The project is a fun way to heighten the competitive spirit between the two classes," sophomore Shanna Sallmen said.

Two public relations and one English professor, whose identities have not been revealed, will judge the letters. The winner will receive a prize that has yet to be announced.

The winning newsletter will not affect the students' individual grades. Rather the grades will be derived from both completing newsletter criteria and individual effort.The newsletters are expected to be ready by the end of October. Copies will be available in Prestien's office located in West End.

Dr. Faires presented Henderson Lecture

By Alyssa Detore
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Barbara T. Faires, professor of mathematics, cited artists such as M.C. Escher and Michelangelo and mathematician Sir Roger Penrose at her Henderson Lecture about the mathematical analysis of Italian pavements.

"It's kind of nice to take time to do this kind of work," Faires said. "You don't usually get this opportunity at Westminster."

Numerous faculty members and students crowded into Beeghly Theater on Wednesday evening to hear Faires' lecture. The lecture followed the geometry and abstract algebra of the first and second century Italian pavements through the twentieth century tiles.

Faires interest in Italian pavements grew after sabbatical travel in England and Italy in 1994. When she returned home, she decided to use the books she owned to evaluate the artistic tiles.

Faculty member can nominate themselves or another professor to present a lecture, and a committee of faculty and administrators selects the final presentation.

Faires' lecture is the fifteenth since the Henderson Lectureship began in 1985. Dr. Joseph R. Henderson and his wife Elizabeth established the lectureship. Joseph Henderson served as Chair of the Department of Education, Director of the Graduate Program and is a professor emeritus of education. Elizabeth Henderson is a retired school teacher.

Faires said that she was honored with the invitation to speak at the Henderson Lecture.

Students reacted positively as well.

"I often forget that math is applied to everyday life," said Nicole Zellar, a junior quantitative reasoning student. "The fact that Dr. Faires formed an entire lecture about tiling really surprised me."

Faires graduated from East Carolina University in North Carolina and received her Ph.D. from Kent State University.

Before joining the faculty here, Faires taught at both the Governors School of North Carolina and of Pennsylvania. She has also been a member of the faculty at Carnegie Mellon University.

Dr. Faires, who began at Westminster in 1976 has been Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Dean of the College, Coordinator of the Diversity Symposium and is currently Chair of the Faculty. Faires has been a national officer of the Mathematical Association of America for the last eight years and has co-authored a calculus book with her husband, J. Douglas Faires.

Her publications are available in the Bulletin, Proceedings and Transactions of the American Mathematical Society, Annals of the Fourier Institute and Mathematische Nachrichten.

ZTA shows support for breast cancer awarness

By Kylee Ellis
STAFF WRITER

During the month of October, Zeta Tau Alpha will engage in activities that support the Susan G. Komen Foundation, a breast cancer awareness organization.

"Breast Cancer affects many of us whether it's a family member, friend, or acquaintance and it makes us feel good as a sorority to support such a wonderful cause," Stephany Apollon, a senior Zeta Tau Alpha sister said.

Throughout October the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha will raise money to donate to the foundation. Their goal is to raise $10,000 by the end of the school year. The sisters have already reached $4,000.

"I am confident that we will reach our goal by the end of this year without a doubt," said Natalie Yingling, president of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Denim Day is scheduled for today, October 8th. This event is sponsored by Lee Jeans and will be celebrated nationally. Students and faculty can make a $5.00 or more donations to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and wear denim that day to show support for breast cancer patients. The new pledges of Zeta Tau Alpha will distribute shower cards at local Giant Eagle's and Wallmarts. Shower cards will also be given out in all women's dorms.

"Think Pink" cards with pink ribbons attached will be passed out on campus and ribbons will also be tied around trees in the community. Sisters will be wearing the pink ribbons everyday throughout the month.

"Tying pink ribbons around trees on campus and in the community is a great activity for the sisters to do as a sorority," said Summerlea Hobbs a sister of Zeta Tau Alpha.

"We hope to make more people aware how common breast cancer is," said Heather Salada, the Service Chair for Zeta Tau Alpha and coordinator of the activities, "by doing these activities we will show how much our philanthropy means to us."

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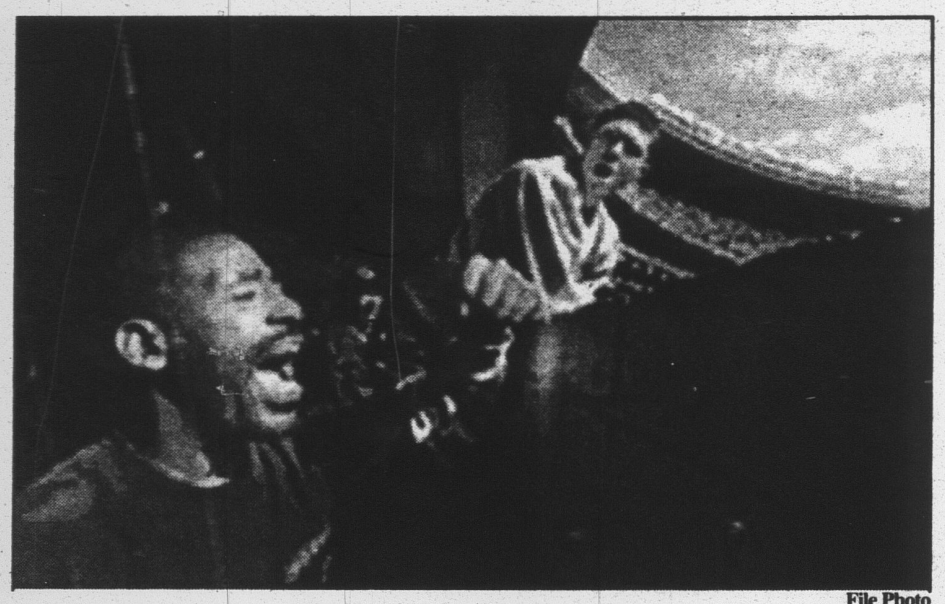

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Fans who watch from The Wall have developed a sense of community.

Steelers' fans remain faithful through the highs and lows

By Michael A. Fuoco
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

With 375 miles of travel behind him, all "Jersey John" Tobias wanted to do yesterday was to stand for four straight hours and scream his voice to shreds.

"This is the greatest part, other than tailgating, to be able to stand and watch the game," the Point Pleasant, N.J., native proclaimed. "When you stand here you're right on the field and it's a different sensation than sitting."

About 200 other Steelers fans bellied up Sunday to an expanse of concrete-block wall and chain-link fence in the first-level concourse near the west end zone. Most of them, like Tobias, have for years eschewed their season-ticket seats in favor of standing for the entire game along a perch 20 feet above field level and miles away from the rigid confines of a space in the stands.

Here, in this land of liberty, fans can smoke, eat, drink and be merry with room to move.

If you're right on The Wall, there's nothing in front of you but the field and players. Look up from the field and the scoreboard and Jumbotron are right there.

The Wall received national publicity during a Monday night Steelers' victory over the Buffalo Bills, Sept. 16, 1996, when an 8-foot section fell to the ground below, possibly because of fans leaning on it through the years. No one was injured then, nor during a similar collapse last season during a 23-9 drubbing by New England on Dec. 6.

Body of a woman found in buring building

By The Tribune-Review

The body of a woman was found Sunday morning in Homestead in a burning building that had been abandoned a decade ago.

"The cause of the fire was suspicious in nature," Homestead fire Chief Bill Purifoy said. "Very, very suspicious."

The body of the black woman was found in the basement of the three-story structure.

Additional tests were ordered after an autopsy yesterday proved inconclusive.

The fire was spotted around 6 a.m. in the former Frederick Funeral Home in the 300 block of East Ninth Street.

Flames were shooting from the first-floor windows and thick smoke was streaming from the second and third-story windows of the home when firefighters arrived.

It took 45 firefighters from five communities approximately an hour to bring the fire under control.

Although the funeral home was supposed to be vacant, Purifoy did not rule out the possibility that someone could have been living there.

When firefighters arrived, they conducted a primary search of the building for victims.

Firefighters were conducting a secondary search when they found the body.

Homewood choir performed for President Bush

The children sitting on the gymnasium bleachers last week at Holy Rosary School in Homewood probably have never seen a president in the flesh - let alone sung for one.

On Thursday, 80 or so pupils from three Catholic elementary schools will do just that when they sing "America the Beautiful" at the Extra Mile Education Foundation's 10th anniversary celebration at the Carnegie Museums in Oakland. Former President Bush will be the keynote speaker at the event.

In 1990, Bishop Donald Wuerl, head of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, formed the Extra Mile foundation to save three financially troubled schools: Holy Rosary, St. Agnes in Oakland and St. Benedict the Moor in the Hill District.

Numerous corporations and charitable organizations support the foundation, which contributes about $1.25 million - 60 percent of their operating budgets - to the three schools.

Tuition of $1,180 per child accounts for 30 percent of the schools' budgets, while the remainder comes from school-based fund raising and parish and Diocesan subsidies.

Of the 709 children who attend the schools, all but a handful are black and more than 90 percent are non-Catholic.

While most children who go to the schools aren't Catholic, they are Christian, and their parents are grateful for the religious education they receive, said Sister Elizabeth Ann Herbert, principal of St. Agnes for 34 years.

Drought emergency order lifted across PA

By John M.R. Bull
Post-Gazette Harrisburg
Correspondent

HARRISBURG - Gov. Ridge lifted the drought emergency order - which brought mandatory water-use restrictions - in 54 of the 55 counties where it had been in effect since July 20.

"Pennsylvanians' work to conserve our water - and the rains Hurricane Floyd and other storms brought to Pennsylvania - helped us get through the drought," Ridge said. He said in some areas, water consumption dropped 35 percent during the emergency.

Twenty-seven counties, including all of Western Pennsylvania, were placed under a "drought warning," which calls for a voluntary 10 percent reduction in water use. Thirty-nine counties in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania were upgraded to "drought watch" - which seeks a voluntary 5 percent cut in water use.

Ridge said Somerset County remained under an emergency because three community water systems still hadn't recovered and needed to continue rationing.

"This summer, we faced a very serious drought across Pennsylvania," Ridge said. "It was essential in July to conserve water immediately. We asked Pennsylvanians to conserve water - and they did."

The state's Drought Information Center reported yesterday that "considerable" rain had fallen in Pennsylvania over the previous 24 hours, with 15 percent of the state getting more than two inches.

The National Weather Service last week reported that groundwater levels had "shown some improvement," with five of 10 U.S. Geologic Survey observation wells in Western Pennsylvania near normal levels and five others below normal.

"While the drought is over, the damage isn't," Ridge said yesterday, "and we can't forget those who were so badly hurt by it. Our farmers have lost at least $700 million because of this drought."

State officials have been lobbying the federal government for drought aid. A meeting two weeks ago to discuss drought aid was canceled, ironically, by flooding in central and eastern Pennsylvania due to Hurricane Floyd.

Drug use may be the cause of car accident that killed Amish

By Jeffrey Bair
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cocaine, speed and marijuana may have caused a man to drive his van into a tractor-trailer, killing himself and five Amish passengers on the turnpike in south-central Pennsylvania, state police said.

The Amish had hired Randy Brubaker, 40, to drive them to Lancaster County from their new homes in Indiana County and back - a trip of 210 miles one way. Brubaker was not Amish but lived nearby at his father's farm in Homer City, about 55 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

The westbound van he was driving hit a tractor-trailer near Bedford, about halfway home at 5:10 a.m. on May 31.

Brubaker had enough methamphetamines, cocaine and marijuana in his system to interfere with his motor skills, Trooper Daniel Smith said Thursday.

Brubaker's alertness, judgment, perception, coordination, responses and "sense of care and caution" could have been impaired.

The van drifted into the center barrier, went back into the westbound lanes and then crossed the median through an opening for police cars and ambulances. The van hit an eastbound rig driven by Brian Vanat of Oklahoma City.

Martha Stoltzfus, 19, and her sister, Anna Mae, 17, both of Homer City, Indiana County; Lydia King, 20, and her sister, Suzie, 16, both from Gap, Lancaster County; and Amis King, 21, of Penn Run, Indiana County were killed in this accident.

Vanat and van passenger Benjamin King, 20, were injured.

$480 million plan to renovate Fifth and Forbes area

Downtown Pittsburgh slated to receive new shops, restaurants and cinema

By Dan Fitzpatrick and Tom Barnes
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITERS

After two years of sweat and strain, Mayor Murphy plans to unveil a $480 million development deal designed to fill the heart of Downtown with new shops, restaurants and an 18-screen movie theater.

To make way for Nordstrom and 40 or more other new shops, dozens of property owners along Fifth and Forbes will be asked to sell their buildings. The city wants to acquire 64 properties in the seven-block area, which Murphy sees as an unattractive "hodgepodge" of wig and manicure parlors, low-cost jewelry and novelty shops, pager stores and fast-food restaurants.

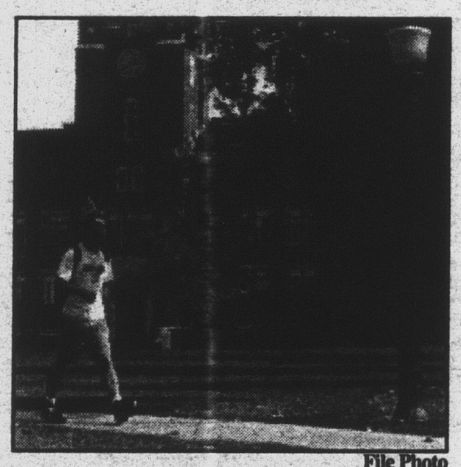
But, it is unlikely the makeover effort will come without a fight. Based on initial news reports about Murphy's project, two architectural groups - Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation and Preservation Pittsburgh - have criticized the mayor's effort as being too demolition-oriented and lacking a focus on more Downtown housing.

The specter of a court battle also looms over the project. If property owners refuse to sell, the city could be forced to drag out the threat of eminent domain.

To make room for local retailers, the Urban Redevelopment Authority has reached a development agreement with Market Square property owners Nicholas and Jim Patrinos.

They plan to develop four to five new buildings as part of the Market Place project. The Patrinos' buildings would be used for relocating local tenants, and they would be built in the Market Square area.

Grove City professors hope for tenure status



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Grove City College

By Milan Simonich
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

GROVE CITY, Pa. At age 30, Shane Brower had a new wife, a doctorate in physics and a ticket to lifetime job security. He was on track at Youngstown State University to enter the promised land of academic life - faculty tenure.

Then Brower surprised graying professors by giving up sure-fire career protections for what could be a much riskier venture.

He quit his job at Youngstown State and last month joined the faculty of Grove City College, one of the few American campuses where nobody receives tenure.

Grove City, a rising four-year school 60 miles north of Pittsburgh, limits each faculty member to a one-year contract. Everybody from the college's president, John Moore, to the rawest faculty recruit can be let go almost any time, though newcomers such as Brower face the most rigorous evaluations.

"I can't say it concerns me," Brower said. "If you're doing a good job, you don't need tenure."

His view raises one of the oldest debates on any campus: Does tenure protect lazy, uninspired teachers, or does it save good faculty members from being fired on a whim?

Many point to the longevity of Grove City faculty members - the average stay is more than 13 years - as evidence that teachers do well there without tenure.

Critics of Grove City say the 123-year-old college is a prime example of why tenure is necessary. They charge that the school has been guilty of unfairness and using politics to trample the careers of top teachers.

Pitt faculty call for support of gay students

By Bill Schackner
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

Faculty leaders at the University of Pittsburgh want top school trustees to reaffirm their support of gay and lesbian students, in the wake of controversial remarks by trustees Chairman J. Wray Connolly.

The faculty assembly yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution expressing "support of our gay and lesbian students and all students to freely and with dignity pursue their academic studies and careers without hindrance or discouragement."

The assembly further agreed to ask that the board's executive committee, which is chaired by Connolly, state its support for the resolution.

During a sworn deposition in a civil rights case, Connolly expressed concern about gays and lesbians working in child care, for fear they might impress an alternative lifestyle on children.

Chancellor Mark Nordenberg distanced the university from those remarks after they became public last month.

But the assembly wanted to go further, because of lingering worries among students and faculty, said Tom Metzger, an assembly member whose committee on educational policies drafted the resolution.

"What we're trying to do is allay some fears that [Connolly's comments] may be some sort of institutional or faculty policy," he said.

Seven current and former employees charge in a complaint with the city that Pitt's denial of health insurance for their gay and lesbian partners violates the city's law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Pitt denies the charge.

Pitt spokesman Ken Service said the resolution adopted yesterday is consistent with university policy but he declined to predict how trustees would react.

Also yesterday, the assembly announced that a civil rights lawyer who has handled high-profile gay rights cases across the country will discuss domestic partner benefits at a campus meeting, set for 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 20 in the William Pitt Union.

Speaking will be Evan Wolfson, an Allderdice High School graduate and senior staff attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a national gay rights organization in New York City.

The program is being organized by a committee of the University Senate.

Other speakers will likely include Nordenberg and Nathan Hershey, president of the University Senate.

Theme restaurant may come to Pittsburgh

The trend of "eatertainment" may bring a Hard Rock Cafe

By Teresa F. Lindeman
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

At the House of Blues-Orlando recently, Steve Winwood kicked off the second anniversary party during a week that featured performances by Huey Lewis & the News, Ziggy Marley & the Melody Makers and Blues man Buddy Guy.

Is Pittsburgh ready for this?

The funky chain of theme restaurants is on the new short list for Downtown, according to Chicago developer Urban Retail Properties Co. Although no tenants have been signed for the $480 million Marketplace at Fifth and Forbes, both the House of Blues and ESPN Zone, a huge, interactive sports bar, reportedly are among those interested in the project.

The next couple of years could bring a collection of some of the top names in the "eatertainment" business to the region.

Already, Dave & Buster's has committed to bringing simulated alpine skiing and interactive video games next year to a 55,000-square-foot restaurant at the U.S. Steel's old Homestead Works.

Closer to town, merchants at Station Square wouldn't be surprised to see a Hard Rock Café move in, based on months of hints that lease negotiations are in the works. Neither Hard Rock nor Forest City Enterprises, which owns the mall, would discuss potential locations.

Marketing and real estate experts say the combination of entertainment-oriented restaurants could create a strong package to serve visitors to the new stadiums and the expanded convention center, as well as give Pittsburghers something new to do on Saturday night.

Attracting both audiences will be the key, said Brian J. Ratner, senior vice president, development for Forest City. "These are restaurants that need both a strong local component and a strong tourist component."

The analysts confidently describe the successful players as those that strike the right mix of good food and some kind of entertainment that can't be found everywhere else. That can be easier to recommend than to achieve.

Some well-known restaurants haven't been able to find that balance. For example, Planet Hollywood, the movie-starred restaurant that Sylvester Stallone and Bruce Willis helped create, tumbled into bankruptcy this summer. The chain had been considered a possible tenant for the Fifth and Forbes project.

If the House of Blues and ESPN Zone chains come instead, movie paraphernalia will be replaced with live music and a haven for sports junkies.

Founded in 1992 by Hard Rock Cafe pioneer Isaac B. Tigrett, the House of Blues has built its reputation serving up Mississippi Delta-style cuisine and free concerts. Based in Hollywood, Calif., the chain pairs its restaurants with music halls that can, in some locations, hold 2,300 people.

Over the years, the House of Blues has expanded its reach by getting into record production, radio and TV programming, even hotel development.

Meanwhile, ESPN Zone has gone the sports bar route, only much bigger and more high-tech. Game addicts can eat a chicken sandwich while reclining in a leather chair and watching the big game on a 13-foot TV screen. They can also choose a booth outfitted with a TV that can pick up just about any game being broadcast anywhere.

"If the games are on the air, we'll have it," said spokesman Adam Scholder.

The chain opened its first 35,000-square-foot site in Baltimore in 1998 and

has since moved into Chicago and New York City. Next on the schedule,

Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Scholder said that no other sites have been announced and that the chain hasn't set major expansion goals.

"I'd love to see them come," said Jeffrey W. Letwin, senior member of the

Restaurant Services Group at the law firm of Doepken Keevican & Weis.

He's not just talking about ESPN Zone. Letwin, who makes regular jaunts to

Denver and its array of dining establishments, believes Pittsburgh consumers need more restaurants to choose from, and he thinks the market can support them.

But if they all arrive at once, there could be some confusion in the short term as each tries to carve out a niche, said Herky Pollock, a real estate broker at CB Richard Ellis/Pittsburgh.

"To me, there's a lot of competition for similar dollars within the marketplace," said Pollock, who noted national chains are looking at developments on the North Side, Shadyside and Squirrel Hill, too. He expects establishments in the Strip and even Station Square to see some of their customers checking out the competition.

In the long term, he's hoping the region can support it all and convince that

visitors this might be a great place to live.

NATIONAL

Ohio senator opposes marijuana legalization

"WASHINGTON (AP) -- An Ohio senator introduced legislation Monday to overturn a referendum in which District of Columbia voters overwhelmingly approved legalization of marijuana for medical uses.

No matter how well-intentioned the motive behind the initiative, Republican Sen. George Voinovich said, "it would be unconscionable for the United States Congress not to exercise its constitutional duty and prevent the district from going forward."

"Illegal drug use is wrong," he said. "The district government and the United States government should never condone it, regardless of the professed purpose."

The Constitution gives to the District of Columbia limited self-government with most of the powers of the states but to Congress the power to override them. Voinovich heads a Senate subcommittee with authority over matters involving the city.

Last year, by more than a 2-to-1 margin, Washington voters supported an initiative that created an exception to the prohibition on drug possession. The exception allowed physicians to recommend use of marijuana to ease symptoms of a serious illness such as AIDS or to reduce side effects of treatments such as chemotherapy.

Anyone without prescriptions caught with marijuana would still be subject to the former punishments: six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.

Voinovich said the medical marijuana initiative "would present an enforcement nightmare to police and would serve as a de facto legalization of marijuana in D.C."

Wreckage site of Titanic to become tourist attraction

WASHINGTON (AP) - The company with exclusive rights to salvage artifacts from the Titanic lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday, one that sought to keep tourists away from the wreckage.

The nation's highest court, without comment, turned away arguments by R.M.S. Titanic, a New York-based salvage company, that allowing visits to the wreckage site "will encourage lawlessness and anarchy on the high seas."

A federal appeals court ruled in March that the company could not prohibit "visiting, viewing, searching, surveying, photographing and obtaining images of the wreck or the wreck site as long as these activities do not constitute any salvage effort or interfere with RMST's salvage rights."

The judge's decision was challenged by Deep Ocean and Phoenix businessman Christopher Haver, who wanted to participate in one of many tourist expeditions.

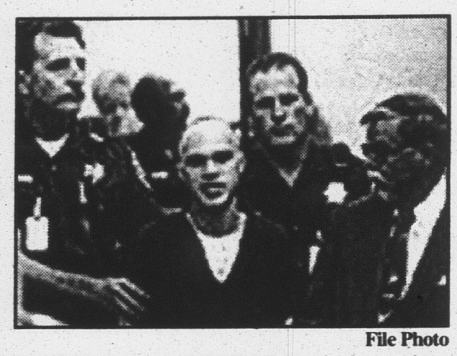
The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals partially reversed Clarke's ruling, sparking the appeal acted on Monday.

Jurors hear testimony in the case to determine fate of child murder

VISTA, California (AP) -- Jurors begin to hear testimony Monday on whether a drifter, who admitted to killing a 9-year-old boy in a beach restroom, should be sentenced to death or receive life in prison without the possibility of parole. The defense says Brandon Wilson is a delusional manic-depressive who believed God chose him as "an agent for destruction of mankind."

The prosecution, however, cites Wilson's videotaped confession two days after the slaying in which he made no mention of hearing God but said he killed for the thrill of it.

Prosecutors also note Wilson's careful preparations before the murder and efforts to avoid arrest afterward as evidence he could distinguish between right and wrong. Wilson's relatives sent a letter to Matthew's family to express their sympathy.



File Photo

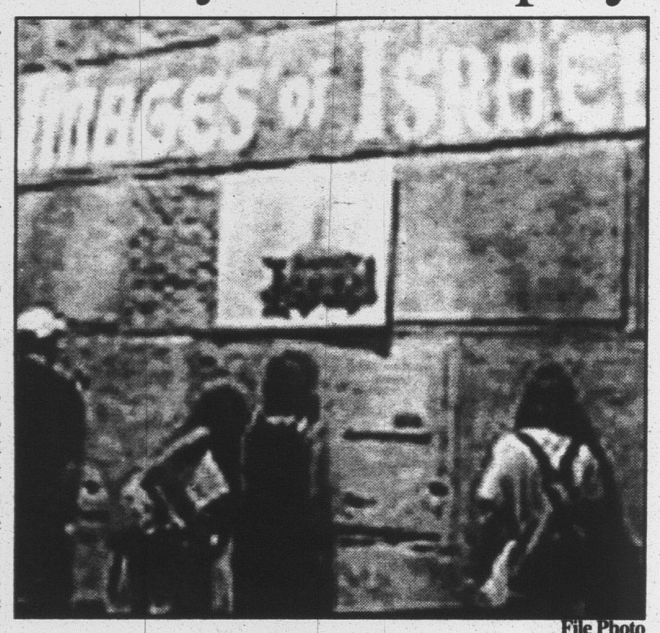
Wilson claims delusional manic depression.

Arab and Muslim groups want equality in Disney World display

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) -- After threatening Disney with a boycott over an Israel exhibit they hadn't seen, some Arab and Muslim groups toured the display and decided they wanted an exhibit for Palestinians.

Six members of the delegation said they planned to meet with Disney officials and demand that such an exhibit be allowed.

The delegation was escorted by Disney officials through the Israel exhibit at Epcot, which is part of Walt Disney World's 15-month millennium celebration. The Millennium Village, which opened to the public today, covers 24 countries, with the exhibits partially paid for by the countries themselves.



File Photo

Images of Israel exhibit at Epcot Center in Disney World.

Some members of the delegation said the exhibit was fair in presenting material on Islam and Christianity as well as Judaism. But others objected to what they said is the impression that Jerusalem is a unified city.

For its part, a Jewish group was unhappy the exhibit makes no reference to Jerusalem as the Israeli capital.

"What we're trying to do here is showcase cultures," said Linda Warren, Walt Disney World's senior vice president of marketing and brand management. "We're completely trying to stay out of politics."

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MCI World Com Inc. acquires Sprint Corp. in a $115 billion merger

NEW YORK (AP) - MCI World Com Inc. has forged the largest corporate takeover in history, announcing a $115 billion acquisition of Sprint Corp., the nation's third-largest long-distance company.

The combined company will be called WorldCom, and will control 30 percent of the U.S. long-distance market, offer wireless phone and paging services and an Internet network. WorldCom also will be a stronger competitor to AT&T Corp., the nation's largest long-distance and cable TV company.

The deal would be the largest corporate merger ever, eclipsing the pending $82 billion deal between Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp.

MCI WorldCom is the nation's second biggest long-distance company and one of the world's biggest operators of the networks that make up the Internet, but has no wireless calling business. Sprint PCS would fill that hole nicely.

"The merger with Sprint is particularly timely as wireless communications emerges as a critical component of full-service offerings," said Bernard J. Ebbers, president and chief executive of MCI WorldCom.

Even the mightiest telecommunications companies are racing to grab an edge in technology and geographic reach so they can compete in a market where distinctions between telephones, television, radio and computers are disappearing.

Consumers might not see any immediate benefit from the acquisition of Kansas City, Mo.-based Sprint because long-distance and wireless calling rates are already at historic lows. The new WorldCom, however, will offer a broader range of products by combining the strengths of MCI WorldCom and Sprint.

Tuition increase confirmed

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The College Board, an association of colleges, schools and educational organizations, Tuesday released two studies reporting that college tuition and fees increased, on average, between 3 and 5% this year. Tuition increases averaged 5% for each of the past several years.

At four-year private universities, students are paying $671, or 4.6% more than last year. The average cost rose from $14,709 to $15,380.

"I think it is a very important signal that we have broken through the 5% and are making progress," said David Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

College Board President Gaston Caperton said the lower rates of increase are a "very positive trend for American families."

The second study released by the College Board, Trends in Student Aid 1999, looked at student financial aid.

While financial aid for students now totals $64 billion annually - 80% higher than 10 years ago - more students are shouldering tuition and housing increases by taking out student loans. Today, loans comprise 58% of financial aid, compared to 40% in 1980-81.

Caperton said students and parents should keep tuition prices in perspective. "The cost of not going to college is much higher than the cost of going to college," he said. "There has been a great deal of focus on the price of a college education, and too little focus on its value."

INTERNATIONAL

Japanese exposed to radiation in accident

TOKAIMURA, Japan (AP) - The probe into Japan's worst-ever nuclear accident deepened Monday, with investigators focusing on a series of irregularities and missteps that led to and worsened last week's release of radiation.

The accident Thursday in Tokaimura, a town 70 miles northeast of Tokyo that houses a sprawling nuclear complex, exposed at least 49 people to radiation, including three who were hospitalized.

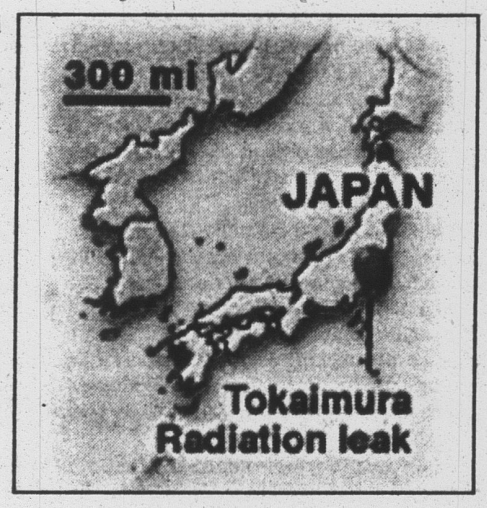
Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, chairing a meeting of the government task force on the accident, ordered emergency safety checks Monday at all facilities in Japan handling nuclear fuel.

Reportedly, workers put too much uranium into a bucketlike container, setting off an uncontrolled atomic reaction that continued for hours, spurting radioactivity into the air.

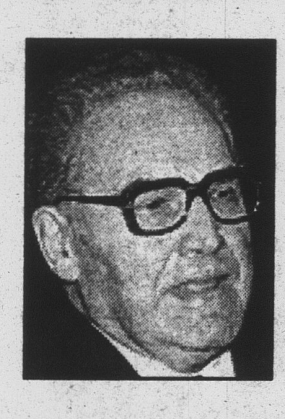
Instead of relying on high-tech equipment, the workers were using their hands to pour the potentially deadly material into the container and were not using a device that would have limited the amount of uranium, company officials said.

The Asahi newspaper, citing unidentified police sources, reported that one of the workers had ordered two colleagues to speed the process along by skipping even more steps.

The accident has heightened already rising anxiety in Japan over the safety of its nuclear facilities, dealing a blow to the government's plans of expanding the country's reliance on atomic power.



WWII concentraion camp commander jailed



ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) - The last known living World War II concentration camp commander was sentenced Monday to 20 years in prison - the maximum punishment permitted - for war crimes committed more than a half-century ago while running Croatia's infamous Jasenovac camp.

Dinko Sakic, 78, was found guilty of carrying out or condoning the torture and slayings of inmates while in charge of the concentration camp in 1944.

Jasenovac was considered the worst of more than 20 camps run by the pro-Nazi puppet state of Croatia. Tens of thousands of Serbs, Jews, Gypsies and anti-fascist Croats died in the camp, described by Jewish groups as the "Auschwitz of the Balkans."

Chief Judge Drazen Tripalo said that while commanding Jasenovac, Sakic "maltreated, tortured and killed inmates - acts that he either personally ordered, participated in, or did nothing to prevent his subordinates from doing."

A long list of the crimes for which Sakic was convicted included hangings and mass killings, and personally killing four inmates. He also bears responsibility for the crimes of his subordinates, the verdict said.

Sakic's trial was the first such proceeding in Croatia, which proclaimed independence from former Yugoslavia in 1991.

Rebels in Thailand release hostages

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Five armed rebels who seized the Myanmar Embassy released dozens of hostages Saturday and flew in a helicopter to the Thai-Myanmar border, where they were allowed to go free.

The pro-democracy rebels released all 38 hostages, and another 51 Myanmar citizens who had hidden inside the walled embassy compound.

The rebels, during the 26-hour takeover, demanded a return to democracy in their military-ruled homeland.

The five were armed with assault rifles and grenades but reportedly did not mistreat any of the hostages, which was said to include 10 foreigners.

Several of the foreigners chanted "Free Burma" and waved revolutionary red headbands and flags as the rebels took off from a grassy playing field at the Thai Air Force Academy. Myanmar is also known as Burma.

In a statement sent to news media, the dissidents, calling themselves the Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors, demanded the release of all political prisoners in their homeland, a meaningful dialogue between Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi and the military, and the convening of an elected parliament.

Witnesses said the rebels stormed through the embassy gate on Friday armed with rifles and grenades they had hidden in guitar cases.

Gunshots were heard in the early hours of the siege, but there were no reports of anyone being shot.

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Nuclear treaty talks continue

MOSCOW - As the White House and Senate Republicans prepare for a bruising battle over a landmark treaty banning nuclear weapons tests, top Russian and American nuclear officials said that they had agreed to consider new ways to prevent cheating on the pact.

At the talks this weekend in Moscow, the United States Energy Secretary, Bill Richardson, said he had proposed several measures to strengthen monitoring under the pact, including visits by American experts to the closed Russian nuclear test site at Novaya Zemlya in the Arctic.

Yevgeny O. Adamov, the Minister of Atomic Energy, said in a separate interview that he was willing to open talks on the proposals. But he also insisted that such measures should be part of a package deal that would also include such cooperation as access to American supercomputers in order to help Russia maintain a safe, reliable nuclear arsenal.

"We are ready to discuss the whole range of these activities," Adamov said. "We are opposed to accepting just one measure in isolation."

But selling supercomputers to Russia - or even giving Russia's nuclear weapon scientists access to them - is still highly unlikely.

Apart from national security concerns, the Administration does not want to be criticized by Republicans for giving the Russians technology that might be used not only to improve safety, but also to design new nuclear weapons.

Adamov, however, insisted that the American attitude was shortsighted.

Iraqi President Hussein seeks peace with US

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has reportedly given Jordan's king a message for President Clinton, suggesting a reconciliation and a dialogue to settle outstanding problems.

Diplomats in Amman have been quoted as saying that Saddam's message was given to King Abdullah II by Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, who made a surprise visit to Amman on Sunday.

Abdullah is scheduled to meet with Clinton on Oct. 12.

Saddam has promised to reconsider oil agreements made with Russia and France with the aim of offering oil concessions to U.S. companies. Priority would be given to American firms in rebuilding Iraq's battered infrastructure.

It has been suggested that Saddam's sudden move was built on the assumption that the United States has failed to normalize relations with Iran, which is considered a threat to U.S. interests in the Gulf. Iraq would like to revive the good relations it had with the United States during the 1980-88 Iraq-Iran war.

Several reports of Iraqi attempts at rekindling a friendly relationship with the United States have been denied by the U.S. administration.

SPORTS

Paul's Points

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

In the postgame show before the Steelers took on the Jaguars last Sunday, I couldn't help noticing that when asked if Kordell Stewart was the main reason for the offense, the average player sputtered something like, "No! We're a family, and if just one person isn't on the same page as the rest of us, we all suffer as a unit. We don't blame one person."

Fine. You don't have to say his name, but at some point, the "one player who isn't on the same page" is going to keep costing you games, especially if he's the quarterback. Jerome Bettis can't run 30 times a game every game and the Steelers' defense can't get a shutout every game.

The Jaguars game was obviously pathetic, but they won. For the Steelers, it was just ugly.

The Jaguars dropped one interception and had another called back on an offsides penalty. There was the two 4th down calls, Kordell's fumbles in the end zone, the safeties, yuck. It was not pretty and surely pained loyal fans to watch.

What's the problem with the offense? I have one theory as to what a major part of the problem with Kordell is. It doesn't seem to be getting much press, but the stats would seem to support it. What (or who) is it?...Chan Gailey.

To start off the 1997 season, the Dallas Cowboys went into Three Rivers Stadium and pounded the Steelers 37-7. However, it was not a precursor of things to come as Dallas finished 6-10, losing its last five games. The Cowboys totaled a grand 29 TD's and 306 points.

So Jerry Jones fired Barry Switzer, the head coach. He hired Chan Gailey, Pittsburgh's offensive coordinator whose crew had just scored 44 TD's and 372 points for the 11-5 division champions. The Steelers made Ray Sherman the new offensive coordinator.

Last year the Cowboys were the division champs with 42 TD's. Pittsburgh was the team ending with five consecutive losses, 26 TD's, and a 7-9 record. Kordell was clearly not the perfect quarterback for Sherman, so Ray was out and Kevin Gilbride was in.

You still don't see what this has to do with Kordell? OK... with Chan in 1997: 21 passing touchdowns and 11 rushing. 75.2 QB rating. With Ray in 1998: 11 passing touchdowns and 2 rushing. 62.5 QB rating. (With Kevin? Well, you've seen the games this year.)

Do you think that Chan Gailey's departure had something to do with the offense's lack of production? I do.

I doubt Mike Tomczak is the answer at QB, and Pete Gonzalez or Anthony Wright starting might end up like Tim Couch in Cleveland...a good youngster thrown to the wolves. They'd get better if they play, but would not produce results now. And trading for another QB is out of the question because Kordell has himself a lovely five-year contract extension signed this past May that pays him around $25 million. Kordell would sit on the bench because I doubt other teams are clamoring to acquire him and his contract.

Things in Pittsburgh are rapidly turning into a total mess. Meanwhile, in Tennessee, some guy named Neil O'Donnell is leading the Titans to the top of the AFC Central. Is it possible that Steelers fans may soon long for those good 'ol days?

Women's soccer team holds Edinboro scoreless

By Megan Sulsberger
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Titan soccer team has launched into the busiest part of their season, following a 3-1 loss to Gannon last Wednesday, and a 0-0 tie with Edinboro Sunday.

The team's record currently stands at 2-6-1, as they remain optimistic and head into their final eight, play-off determining games.

"The remainder of the season will now be 90% league games, and like last year, the top teams are all knocking each other off, so as in last year's run for the conference title I expect us to be in the thick of the race," coach Tom Keller said.

The dismal weather dimmed the team's usually energetic mood on Wednesday as Gannon took an early lead only three minutes into play. The Lady Titans rebounded to knot the score at 1-1 as freshman forward Katie Krone scored off of a corner kick by freshman forward Tammy Newell.

Regaining control of the game, the Golden Knights then scored once before halftime and again in the second half to seal the 3-1 win. Since the game was called due to the inclement weather 25 minutes in the second half of play, sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Morrison saw an impressive nine of twelve saves to highlight the match.

"Having a goalkeeper background I expect a lot out of my goalkeepers," Keller said. "Sarah is under a lot of pressure playing for me, but has not played her best games yet. She is just now peaking in time for our conference play and will be a very important part of our success."

Although resulting in a 0-0 tie, Sunday's game against Edinboro included the excitement of a double-overtime sudden-death ending.

"We were definitely more prepared for the game against Edinboro," sophomore midfielder Allison McCormick said of Sunday's high intensity match.

"A double overtime sudden death game is tough on everyone involved, the players on the field and the players on the sideline who have helped prepare by playing tough with their teammates in practice," Keller commented on the match."

As both teams missed repeated attempts to end the game in victory, sophomore striker Ashley Pyle was forced to cheer from the sidelines due to injury.

Lady Titans Newell and Krone, as well as sophomore Stacy Tempalski filled the void with their numerous attempts at goals and team enthusiasm. Freshman Erin Quinlen also started her first game in the season to help shut down Edinboro's tough offense.

"They were really fast, but together we managed to hold them. We were ready to play today because we knew what to expect," Quinlen said.

The women will travel to Findlay with the men's soccer team on Wednesday to jumpstart their seven final GLIAC conference matches.

Keller said that he believes his team to be playoff contenders.

"I think we had one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the Great Lakes region with two division one teams and three nationally ranked division two teams," he said. "Playing this type of competition has prepared us to make a run for the conference title."

Despite record football team remains optimistic

By Chris Comtois
STAFF WRITER

The football team dropped to 0-5 overall after a 24-10 loss to Ashland on Saturday.

Ashland got on the board first with a six-yard touchdown run by Paul Bockmore to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead. Westminster answered with a 61-yard drive totaling 13 plays. With just six seconds left in the half, sophomore Joe McCartney hit a 26-yard field goal to cut Ashland's lead to 7-3.

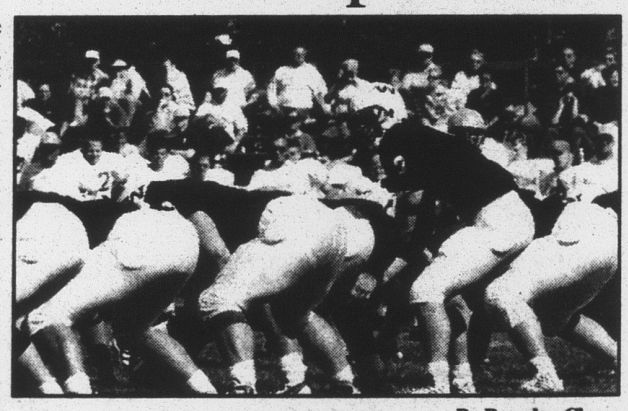
Bockmore upped the lead to 14-3 on a one-yard touchdown run with 2:42 to play in the third quarter. The Titans came back with a seven-play, 65-yard drive, highlighted by a 33-yard pass from senior quarterback James Graham to senior WR Matt Dvorsak. The Titans scored on a six-yard touchdown pass from Graham to junior tight end Brian Rigby with 21 seconds left in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was all Ashland's, as they scored a 22-yard field goal and then iced the victory with Bockmore's third touchdown of the game.

"The team was disappointed with the loss, but overall we are still optimistic," junior Mike Riwniak said. "We are looking forward to next week's game. We feel we have a great shot against Saginaw Valley."

The Titans led Ashland in several offensive categories, including first downs, passing yards and total net yards. Graham completed 21-of-34 passes for 228 yards, with one interception and one touchdown. Dvorsak caught a team-high seven catches for 98 yards and moved into a second-place tie on the Westminster career reception charts with 115 catches. Dvorsak needs just 15 catches in the final six games to become the school's all-time leading receiver. Tailback junior John Ciavarra led the Titan ground attack with 42 yards on 14 carries.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior inside linebacker R.J. Pabis lead the way with 12 tackles, while free safety Adam Jones added 11 tackles of his own. Junior cornerback Aaron Stamp posted an interception, his third of the season and the 15th of his career.



By Brandon Cleary
The football team continues to strive for a victory in the GLIAC.

Stamp is now tied for fifth place all-time at Westminster in interceptions. Junior cornerback Joe Stamper added nine tackles and a quarterback sack.

The Titans travel to Saginaw, Michigan on Saturday to take on Saginaw Valley State University. Kickoff is scheduled for noon.

Tennis team looking for first win; improving individual match play

By Torie Krivak
HOLCAD STAFF WRITER

The women's tennis team fell short again, as they were swept in a non-conference match at Slippery Rock on September 30.

The Rockets did not lose a set en route to the match victory. The Titan's record is now 0-8 in the GLIAC and 0-10 overall.

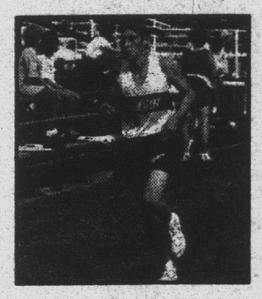
Although the team is having a difficult time, they stay optimistic for the matches to come.

"We look forward to the last matches and hope to capture our first GLIAC win," sophomore Brenda Rowland said. "We have been playing some rough teams but winning a few matches individually."

The Lady Titans return today, as they travel to face Northwood University in a GLIAC matchup in Midland, Michigan.

Jacob Gleason continues strive to lead the pack

By Meridith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR



Sophomore standout Jacob Gleason has lead the men's cross country to strong showings at all of their meets this season.

At the first two meets of the season, the Westminster Fisher Invitational and the Thiel Invitational, both the team and Gleason finished first. Gleason posted times of 27:08 and 27:59, respectively. At the Penn State Behrend Invitational, Gleason remained undefeated with a time of 28:03, and the team placed second after Cuyahoga Community College. The team had another victory at the St. Vincent Invitational with Gleason finishing third at 27:47. Last weekend, Gleason won the Mount Union Invitational with a time of 27:37, and the team came in second to Mount Union.

Following is an interview with Gleason about the cross country team and his expectations for the rest of the season.

How is the season going this year?

"It's going well so far. We are getting better and better each week. Now we are gearing up for GLIACs and regionals."

What are your personal and team goals for GLIACs?

"I think we should be in the top five at GLIACs. Our goals are to improve individually and as a team from last year."

What are your team strengths and weaknesses?

"We work really well together in practice and at meets. Everyone is unselfish. Our only weakness is that we are slightly injury prone."

Is the training any different this year?

"We are doing a lot more strength training. I lift five times a week now, and I never did that before."

How has the competition this season compare to what you will face at GLIACs?

"So far, it's been fairly close. Hillsdale is the best in the conference and we haven't come across anyone like them yet. The Slippery Rock Invitational this weekend will be the most comparable."

Called game leaves the Titans and Gators tied

By Justin Nicolette
STAFF WRITER

The men's soccer team battled the Allegheny Gators to a weather shortened 1-1 tie last Wednesday.

The game opened with an outstanding goal in the 10th minute from Westminster senior forward David Kantner. The goal was scored off an assist by junior midfielder Derek Baumgartner. Kantner now has five goals in his past two games after posting four goals in an 8-0 massacre of Ohio Valley College last Friday.

"I have really been in the zone these past few games. Let's just say I have been eating my Wheaties," Kantner said.

In the 35th minute of play the game was evened to 1-1, and the match remained scoreless. Titan goalkeeper Kevin Humbertson faced a total of eight shots with three saves against the Allegheny Gators.

Coach Girish Thakar was very pleased with the way his team played. "I cannot single out one or two key players. It takes a team to play this game and that's just what we did."

The non-conference contest was called in the 78th minute of the match due to inclement weather conditions. The Titans' record is now 2-6-1, while Allegheny moves to 7-2-1.

"There really wasn't anything we could do about the weather," Coach Girish Thakar said. "Maybe we will have better luck with it next week."

Photo by Brandon Cleary

The Titans were held to a tie after the game was called due to the weather.

Men and women's cross country place second

By PJ Pearson
STAFF WRITER

The cross-country team came in second place last Saturday at the Mount Union Invitational in Alliance, Ohio.

Both teams competed in a six-team field. Mount Union captured the men's title, while Heidelberg won the women's.

Leading the Titan men was sophomore Jacob Gleason, who finished with a time of 27:37 over the eight-kilometer course. This is Gleason's fourth individual race title out of the last five races. Other top finishers for the men's team were senior Keith Schrag, who placed fifth with a time of 28:10 and freshman Bryan Mackrell, who placed 15th at 28:10.

For the lady's team, junior Jennifer Bennett placed eighth with a time of 20:43 in the five-kilometer race. Some other top finishers were senior Julia McGlumphy, who placed 10th with a time of 20:57 and freshman Kelly Schmidt who placed 13th with a time of 21:15.

Gleason said that the team was hurting a little last week because of illness.

"I feel we are getting stronger every week and we feel good for N.C.A.A. regional meet in a month."

The cross-country team only has four weeks left in the regular season. They travel to Slippery Rock on Saturday for the 10 a.m. Slippery Rock Invitational.

Volleyball team drops two to Grand Valley and Ferris State

The volleyball team dropped to 11-9 overall and 1-6 in the GLIAC last weekend, with a pair of home league losses.

Grand Valley State topped the Titans in four sets on Friday 15-5, 13-15, 15-8, 15-8. On Sunday, the Lady Titans were swept by Ferris State, 15-5, 15-6, 15-9.

Against GVSU (15-2, 6-1 GLIAC), senior outside hitter Shadra Kendall led the offensive attack with 10 kills, while fellow senior middle hitter Jessica Furman added seven kills. Senior setter Danielle Kean posted team-high totals of 26 assists and 18 digs in the loss. Juniors Andrea Cronie and Sarah Verhoff each recorded 10 digs, while freshman Suzanne Fitz added a pair of solo blocks.

Kendall and sophomore outside hitter Shannon Simmons shared team kill honors against Ferris State with eight kills apiece. Kean recorded 21 assists. Kendall added a team-high eight digs, while Kean and Cronie added seven apiece.

The Titans will travel to Michigan this weekend to compete against Northern Michigan, Michigan Tech and Lake Superior State.

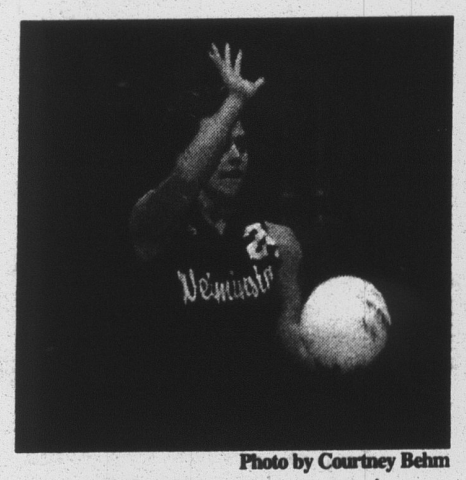


Photo by Courtney Behm

Junior Sarah Verhoff steps back to serve.

For the love of the game

By Meredith Etcher
SPORT'S EDITOR

Westminster athletes have heart.

The college sports teams were not as successful last year as in the past, which is to be expected in a transitional year. But now, most of the fall sports are still not doing well in the league, yet they continue to practice and strive for an upset over teams that are bigger, stronger and faster.

They are in a special situation this year. Upperclassman players know that this will be the last that winning will produce a chance at a championship.

This season will be the last year that this school of 1,500 will compete against teams such as Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech, who average over 6,000 students and recruit players from around the world. These schools offer full scholarships to most of their starting athletes, which is extreme in comparison to the scholarships that are offered here.

The move to Division III will be hard, but not where the competition is concerned. The competition will be on an equal or lower level, so most sports teams will expect a winning season. Yet, this can only be done during the regular season because of NCAA rules saying that the teams cannot win the league or play in the postseason. The reason is justified since Westminster will still have athletes that are on scholarship. Unfortunately, this means that this is the last year that the junior and sophomore classes have a chance at a championship. Yes, it was a bad idea to move to DII in the first place, especially considering the size of our school and the facilities and scholarships that Westminster has to offer, but it is too late to point fingers. We are a DIII school in size and competition, but for the next two years we will be nothing.

The athletes this year and last have struggled. They have played against better teams and lost more games than ever before. But this does not stop the Titans from playing their hardest and practicing longer and more intensely. It is incredibly frustrating to play on a team that should be winning NAIA or DIII championships, but instead are losing to top DII teams in the GLIAC, and in some cases, the country.

It takes a lot of heart to practice and train for a team that is playing out of their league. The fan support has also been lacking because students do not want to go to see their home team lose. If students realized the amount of blood, sweat and tears that are put into each sport, the support would be much greater.

A few teams have risen to the competition and defeated the majority of the GLIAC teams. The men's swim team, for example, won the GLIAC last year and is expected to be a power again this season. The women's soccer team was 7-2 in the GLIAC last year, and was led by ten freshmen, now sophomores, that will never be able to compete for a title after this season. The cross-country team has won a number of invitationals this season, and is hoping to travel to Boston to compete in regionals. Unfortunately, the teams that bring in the most amount of money to the school, football and men's basketball, did not do as well.

Westminster athletes have shown class by sticking with the sport that they love. Practices are intense and the athletes have not given up, even under the unfortunate circumstances that they have faced. Next year, victories will be expected, instead of wished. Teams will practice as hard and the payoff will be evident.

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OPINION

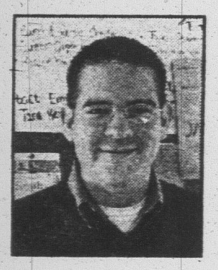
Question of the week

What are your feelings concerning Allies' Jeans Day?

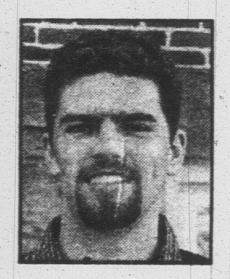
Kylene Adams, sophomore
"I think equality among people is something we should all strive for, so anyway our campus can show that is good."

Beth Alexander, senior
"I think people should be able to be themselves."

Jessica Urda, junior
"I support it because people have the right to make their own decisions."



Matt Grubbs, junior
"I don't support it. I don't like discrimination but the two together [discrimination and homosexuality] rule each other out. I don't think they should be put together."



Mark Johnston, senior
"I like the idea of Jeans Day to make people think about whether the agree or disagree. They consciously have to make decision."

Janae Mehalik, senior
"I think it is good to create awareness, but I've never really had to deal with anything like this."

Angie Locke, junior
"I'm wearing jeans because it is my way of showing I'm against discrimination,"

Emily Baker, junior
"I'm just in support of nondiscrimination."

OUR VIEW: Take another look

Have you ever wondered how different your life would be had you attended a different college or university? Perhaps you have even questioned your decision to be a Titan. Relax. You are attending the best liberal arts college in the country.

You may be thinking that is a mighty bold statement. Can the statement be supported? Do you want facts? Do you want the truth?

The truth is no statistics exist to qualify Westminster as the number one college in the country. It's a matter of perspective. So step back and look at the big picture.

Westminster challenges its students to achieve personal excellence. Westminster opens doorways to spiritual enlightenment and fulfillment. Faculty and staff devote enormous amounts of class and personal time to ensure the quality of education far surpasses other institutions.

Student organizations have a strong presence on campus and are in search of even stronger leaders to help tackle the tough social issues of today. Westminster students' thirst for variety is quenched by numerous clubs and athletic teams that are open and available for all students to join. Westminster's campus and surrounding grounds are as safe as they are beautiful.

Are you still in doubt? Then consider...

Have you tried the new bell peppers at the "make your own sub stand"? Have you ever gotten the opportunity to appreciate Dr. Zehr's hair? Is your log-in password for the computer pornographic in nature? Who would win if the girls' soccer team played the boys' soccer team? Have you ever put on a play at Beeghly Theater?

These are the best four years of your life, whether you admit it or not. These are the days you'll remember.

Are the long blue swim team jackets the next fashion trend? Do you know the history of the Orb? Do you think that the squirrels in the quad ever eat the bugs in the quad? Do you sometimes pretend that Old Main is a castle and you are a monkey?

Instead of randomly hooking up, have you ever considered asking a girl or guy on a date? Are you an independent? Smile! Are you Greek? Thumbs up! Have you ever been swimming in Lake Britain? Why not? Have you ever walked down the train tracks to New Castle pretending you are an old hobo named Hambone? Have you ever gone to the amphitheater and sat in the middle of the stage to ponder the word "amphitheater?"

Have you and your friends ever considered wearing "outfits" to the cafeteria? Have you ever asked your friends to go hang out in the quad for the afternoon? Are you over 21? Go have a beer if you want and don't feel bad about it cause that will make you drink another twenty. Feel good! Who pays over $20,000 to feel bad?

Go swim during open pool times and play in the deep end. It is heated, you know. Why not drive to Applecastle on a Tuesday and buy a giant pickle? Go hit some golf balls. Go run around campus. Go check your "e" and tub mail. Go give yourself a nickname like Mr. Peppy! Go get some ice cream at Isaly's and then have it spill on the ground and cry. Yes cry! Throw your head to the sky and yell at the top of your lungs, "I am a Titan and I am proud of it!!!"

Still not convinced? Picture yourself in ten years and realize that your youth is behind you, you have been divorced 2 times and corporate downsizing cost you your job. While writing out alimony checks breathing your own stank breath from the enormous amount of coffee you drink everyday to pull your miserable behind out of bed, maybe then it will hit you. You will finally realize that yes, Westminster is and always will be the best college in this country.

These are the best four years of your life, whether you admit it or not. These are the days you'll remember.

But do your homework first.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

RESPONSE TO THE HOLCAD ARTICLE SEPTEMBER 24, 1999

The Student Health Center has made several changes this year including scheduling appointments to see the doctors. We looked at the Student Satisfaction Survey conducted last spring by the Student Affairs Office and attempted to address student concerns. In the survey, students stated that they frequently had to wait for a long time to see the doctor. They also indicated that they wanted "more individualized care." The goal of scheduling appointments was to cut down on the wait to see the doctors, to give students more control over when they see the doctor and to allow students to schedule appointments with the doctor of their choice. We started to schedule appointments at the beginning of this term to try to help students to see the doctors in a more efficient manner. For example, if a student has a class at 9:20 a.m., he can schedule an appointment at 8:20 a.m. and be reasonably certain of seeing the doctor without being late for class.

Thus far this term we have had no difficulty scheduling students to see the physician on the day of their choice. Students have scheduled appointments the day before or called and left messages during the evening, night, or early morning. We have been able to see all the students who have indicated that they wanted to come that day. We have also been able to see most students who come to the Health Center while the doctor is here. The only exceptions have been when it was near 9 a.m. and several students with appointments were already waiting. Even then we always see students experiencing acute illnesses or injuries.

We see an average of eight student each day. That does not mean, however, that each student gets 7.5 minutes with the doctor. Each student's visit is individual. Some visits, such as one to recheck an already treated ear infection, take a short time. Other visits, such as one to evaluate abdominal symptoms, may take significantly longer. This accounts for the long waits often experienced, even with scheduled appointments.

The doctors have been arriving promptly at 8:15 a.m. and frequently do not finish seeing students until 9:45 a.m. They have been at the Health Center seeing students until 10:15 on several occasions this fall. Westminster College pays the doctors to be at the Student Health Center for one hour each weekday morning. Our doctors have always been generous to students staying beyond that one hour when there is a need.

Please keep in mind that this is an experiment. We would like to try this system until Fall Break. We are particularly interested in feedback from students who have tried the appointment system. These students have been extremely cooperative in scheduling appointments and arriving on time for those appointments.

Yes, we too are concerned that it will become more difficult to schedule appointments the same day students request them as the term progresses. We encourage students to call or stop in the Health Center as soon as possible when they are ill or injured. Also I encourage them to share their concerns directly with me.

We will explore the possibility of increasing the doctors' hours at the Health Center next year. We listen closely to our students and will do the best we can to accommodate their needs. In the meantime, we must make every effort to work with what we have in the most productive and efficient way without sacrificing our students' healthcare.

Judith Duda
Director, Student Health Center

FOR THE LOVE
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Competing in the GLIAC is useful because it allows younger players to gain experience that will be essential for next year. Unfortunately, these are the same players that will not be contenders for a conference or national title.

The goals of the teams will be different than in the past. Instead of hoping for a title, they will have to shoot for an undefeated season or beating rivals. The players have shown desire to play their sport to the best of their ability, regardless of the results. That should be commended as much as a victory, because it takes courage and strength of mind, as well as a hard-working attitude and a desire to improve as a team and as a person.

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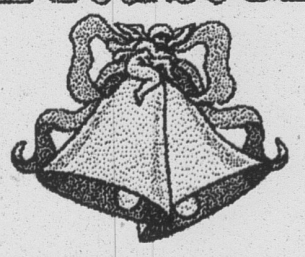
We would like to thank our friends from the Westminster Community for sharing and celebrating our special day with us. A special thanks goes out to the Brothers of Theta Chi for showing us what true brotherhood is all about. Thanks for the memories!

God Bless,
Rob and Apryl Lytle

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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THREE KINGS REVIEW

Ashley "Webster" W.

Three Kings begins with an opening scene of a vast, flat, dry desert. The only relief from this extensive plain is a mound in the background. Atop this mound stands an Iraqi soldier armed with a gun and waving frantically.

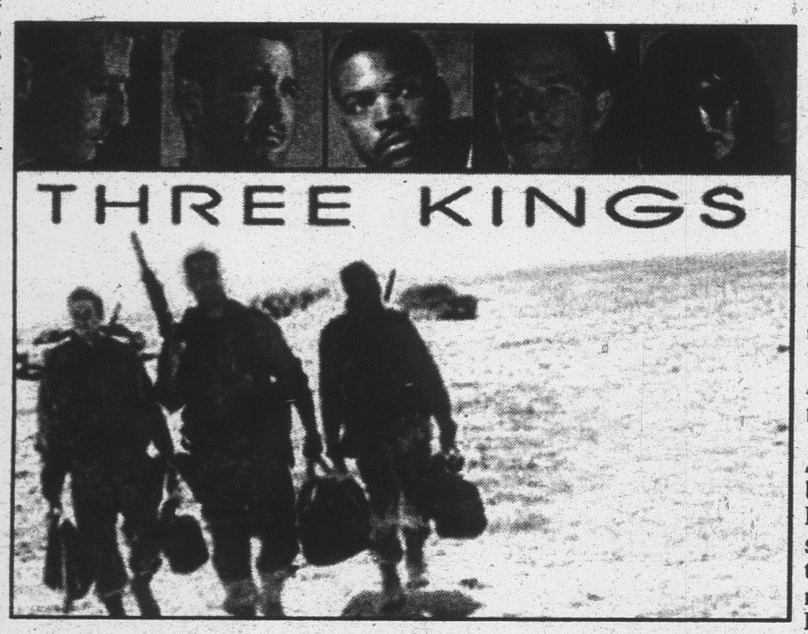
In the foreground stands a group of loitering American soldiers. It is here that Troy Barlow asks his comrades the million-dollar question: "Are we shooting?" The final reply after much discussion is, "yes." Troy puts his gun up to his shoulder, locks in his sight and fires.

In the distance an Iraqi soldier falls and the American soldiers run over to the mound. As they stand around, the dying soldier Vig sums up the sentiments of his comrades with the comment (said with a Southern accent), "I didn't think I'd get to see anyone get shot in this war. Take a picture."

Thus began a movie that is a commentary on the media, politics, war and specifically: Desert Storm.

The introduction to the movie gave me the impression that I was going to be sitting through 125 minutes of violence and bland humor. However, greatly to my surprise I found myself watching an intense, action-packed film which not only gave the audience a commentary on the Gulf War, but also a quite deep and strangely thought provoking plot.

The four main characters Archie Gates (George Clooney), Troy Barlow (Mark Wahlberg), Chief Elgin (Ice Cube), and the intellectually challenged Vig (Spike Jonze, Beastie Boys video director) embark on a treasure hunt for gold hidden in an Iraqi bunker. They have with them a map found in the posterior of an Arabian civilian.



Unfortunately our boys incur a few bumps upon the road to finding their fortune. But with each of these setbacks and inconveniences comes an insight into what occurred behind the scenes during the Gulf War: thievery, hoarding, torture, political tension and more.

What begins as a get rich quick scheme turns out to be a highly introspective and eye-opening story of the trials and tribulations of war and how four men fought and triumphed to help the lives of Iraqi villagers.

The actors in this movie came through with flying colors. At the forefront is Clooney, with a powerful performance portraying Archie, the mastermind behind the heist and the decisive quick-witted leader. Second in line is Wahlberg, also with a wonderful performance, thus proving his growth as an actor, though he is still in need of improvement if he plans to compete with Clooney's screen presence. Ice Cube, with a solid performance as Chief Elgin, and Jonze as the jesteresque, Gomer Pyle character, are also are worthy of mention.

Some of the most memorable and inventive aspects of the movie were the wonderful special effects and cinematography. The strange camera angles, frames played in slow motion and especially the "bullet scenes" made for a very interesting visual experience. An effect which I had never seen before, at least not as graphically, were the "bullet scenes," which portrayed the director's (David Russell) focus upon responsible violence. Russell wanted the audience to understand and comprehend just what happens when a person is shot. To make the scenes as realistic and graphic as possible the crew actually filmed a bullet going through a cadaver. The audience sees the internal damage incurred when a bullet penetrates a person's body.

You name it, they've got it: guts, blood, gore, all of the disgustingly realistic consequences. Man, I cringed more at this then when I watch "Kid Sparkle" eat. Tomatoes with milk anyone?

Slightly reminiscent of Tarantino's token style, Three Kings gets props from me. It proved itself to be a worthy

Derick "Kid Sparkle" B.

This year has failed to spit out any movies that hold any real significance or give you that disoriented feeling when you walk out of the theatre: movies that you want to see twice.

The fall looks promising, (*Fight Club*, *Sleepy Hollow*), but so far, the pickings have been slim, until now. Enter *Three Kings*.

David O. Russell (director of indie flicks such as *Spanking the Monkey*, *Flirting With Disaster*) makes his big budget debut here and succeeds with flying colors. From the opening shots, it's apparent that the film isn't a standard action/adventure. With a Tarantino vibe running through the movie, it's probably the hippest war film ever made. Which war? It takes place immediately after Desert Storm.

The troops are ready to return home, and the movie makes it clear that although the U.S. won what was a technological war, all is not well across the sea. The Iraqi rebels Bush urged to rebel against Saddam have been left to twist in the wind.

Three Kings stars George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg and Ice Cube as three soldiers who come across a map. The map leads to Kuwaiti gold stolen by Saddam. The three stars decide to make it their own. Things go awry, though, and the rest of the movie is 2 hours of pure adrenaline.

Thankfully this feeling' doesn't let up, ever. The suspense at times is almost unbearable, and the hectic, out of control shooting style doesn't give you a chance to guess what's coming up next. The stylized violence, though at time extremely graphic, is never gratuitous, just realistic.

Cube gives a strong performance, but not strong enough to out shine Clooney and Wahlberg, who mesh perfectly. Wahlberg brings a boyish innocence and curiosity to his lines, while Clooney is at his most perfectly cocky self since *From Dusk Till Dawn*.

Revealing anymore here will take away first viewing pleasure from what is one of the greatest movies to hit theaters in a while. I'm givin' *Three Kings* props.

Time to hit the court. I like to dribble/ I like to shoot/ but my favorite move is the allee-oop. Mindless stupidity will return after fall break.

Graphics Design instructor creates unique lamps with a personality

By Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

Laura Stuart, this semester's Graphic Design instructor, possesses artistic talents that "shine through" in her artwork.

Other than her greeting cards, paintings and "funky" tables and chairs, her uniquely stylized lamps radiate creativity.

Stuart began designing her lamps when she was attending The Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

"I didn't have any money [when I was in school] and I wanted cool things, but I couldn't afford cool things. That's when I started going to Thrift stores and picking out unusual things and re-doing them."

Later a friend saw her work and encouraged her to re-do old lamps.

As her lamps became more popular, she began selling them.

"I sell most of my artwork in galleries in Pittsburgh, but a lot of my lamps are in a store right here in Volant," Stuart said.

As a resident of Volant, The Ruby Lampshade provides her with local clientele. Some people even request custom-made lamps.

"A doctor once asked me to make him one with all kinds of medical symbols all over it. It was a lot of fun."

The most unusual thing about her lamps is their names. "Because of the three-dimensional quality of the lamps, they become like people to me - that's why I name them," Stuart explained.

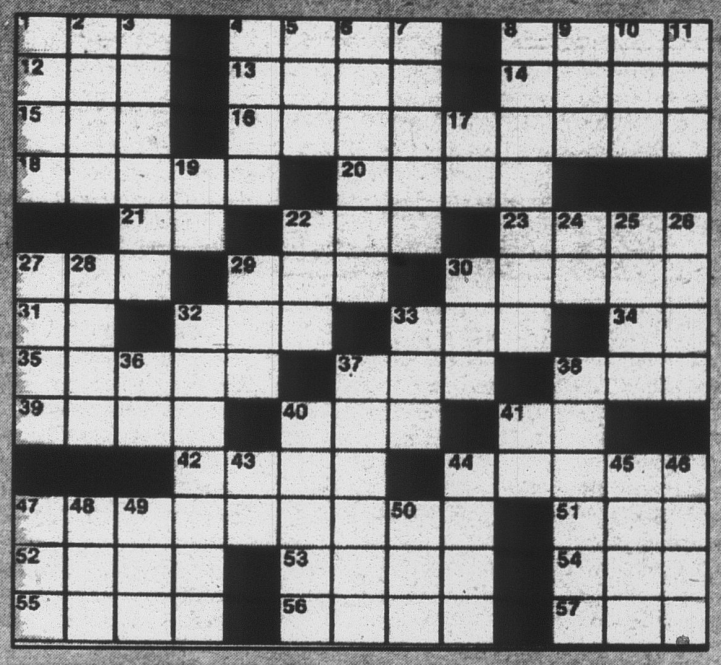
She chooses to create most of the lamps with funky, dynamic personalities. "I was always pretty shy, so these wild lamps allow me to express what I always wished I could be like. My most current ones are Cousin Serena from Bewitched [pictured] and Glenda the Good Witch from The Wizard of Oz."

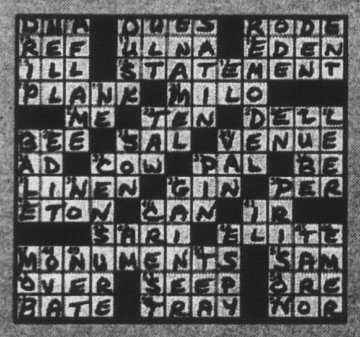
Anyone interested in a custom-made lamp should contact Stuart at lstuart@westminster.edu. Or if you are just curious and want to see more of her work, check it out at The Ruby Lampshade in Volant.

Contributed Photo
Cousin Serena from Bewitched

ACROSS
1. Winglike structure
4. Arabian prince
8. Note
12. Tattered cloth
13. Ice cream holder
14. Used in fishing (2 wds.)
15. Hail!
16. Part
18. Predictable
20. Aquatic plant (sing.)
21. Football score (abbr.)
22. Pigpen
23. High wind
27. Centimeter-gram-second (abbr.)
29. Amer. short-story writer
30. High male singing voice
31. College degree (abbr.)
32. Painting
33. Conflict
34. Equally
35. Servitude
37. Hearing organ
38. Toward (Naut.)
39. Hearty
40. Paper sack
41. Impersonal pronoun
42. Relative (abbr.,pl.)
44. Mitten
47. Divider
51. None
52. Stars and stripes
53. Serum (Pl.)
54. Answer (abbr.)
55. State
56. Cable car (Brit.)
57. Confederate general

DOWN
1. Native of Arabia
2. Volcano ash
3. People with authority to act
4. Ecclesiastic (abbr.)
5. Cow noise
6. Prisoner
7. Answerr
8. Person in charge
9. Direction (abbr.)
10. Males
11. Mel - (ballplayer)
17. Officer of the Guard (abbr.)
19. Notice (slang)
22. Drunkard
24. Article
25. Bread
26. Formerly (Archaic)
27. Money
28. Festive occasion
29. Prior time (prefix)
30. Black street substance
32. Typical; usual
33. Swish back and forth
36. Southern state (abbr.)
37. End of Lent
38. Without tone
40. Explosion
41. Mid-west state (abbr.)
43. Erbrium symbol
44. One-thousandth of a kilogram
45. Climbing plant
46. Or
47. Sergeant 1st Class (abbr.)
48. ___Whitney
49. Tap gently
50. Os (plural)





HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Whether it be at work or at play, try hard to be more attentive of others problems, feelings. It'll help you to realize that not everything has to revolve around you. You need to break away from negative attitudes towards people & don't purposely try to hurt other's feelings.

TAURUS
Partners may feel unstable, family members may be in a little bit of a tizzy, everything may feel a little out of place. Patience will be required. Once you get over the initial hurdles the rest will fall into place.

GEMINI
Take your positive spirit wherever you go & use it in everything you do. You'll feel comfortable enough to reveal your soul. Strength and confidence emerge when you realize that you are not alone in this world.

CANCER
Listen for hints or suggestions on how to streamline your time. Events this week may become a starting point for personal & professional successes. Don't panic, take comfort in the past, with its old ways and old solutions.

LEO
You may be called on to stand up and explain yourself. Avoid defensiveness, be objective. Priority should not be on how things are done, but on completing the tasks at hand. Face your fears early and recognize that change is inevitable.

VIRGO
There's no place like home, but home may be where the action is now, more action than you prefer. Just relax, it isn't the end of the world. The focus is on your ability to understand the big goal and find ways to get there. A friend or colleague could provide some needed support for you.

LIBRA
Enjoy yourself, a dynamic companion could help you take some exciting risks - nothing ventured, nothing gained. Conversations with neighbors or siblings could test your patience, remember, you are not required to fix all the problems you hear about.

SCORPIO
You'll experience a growing awareness of who you are and what you need. People will vie for your time & attention. Be sure to spend some quality time with those who really matter to you.

SAGITARIUS
Spend time by yourself if at all possible. Your usual cool may not be evident and your emotions could be extreme. A good, solid understanding of yourself and your own needs is very helpful at this time. Recent events have given you confidence to blow others off.

CAPRICORN
You may feel a little strange or tentative, so do make sure you're well-prepared before you get up in front of people. Fix, adjust, adapt, and change, so that the beauty shines through. You won't need a mirror to see your worth.

AQUARIUS
You will feel as if all of your plans are going as planned. Good time to check your source material. Make sure you are playing on an even playing field. Defensiveness could push you to go too far, so keep yourself under control. Rather than blow your stack at someone, dig into a demanding task.

PICES
You sometimes feel a little left out, but this week proves to be a very busy time for socializing, making business contacts & maybe finding your soul mate. Don't look to far, your dreams may be just beyond the horizon. It's all about priorities.

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4:50, 7:40, 10:30
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4:40, 7:00, 9:15
Wild Wild West (PG-13)
4:35, 7:05, 9:50
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5:05, 7:45, 10:20

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3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
For Love of the Game (PG-13)
3:30, 4:00, 6:45, 7:10, 9:35, 10:00
Jakob the Liar (PG-13)
4:00, 7:15, 10:10
Mystery, Alaska (R)
3:30, 7:20, 10:00
The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
Stir of Echoes (R)
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Three Kings (R)
3:45, 4:30, 7:10, 7:45, 9:40, 10:15

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Double Jeopardy (R)
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Runaway Bride (PG)
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A guide on surviving the loss of a love

By Babs Quincy
Counselor

Who among us hasn't suffered the loss of a Lover? Old or young, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, male or female, fat or thin, beautiful or ugly and on and on, the effects of a broken heart are familiar to all of us.

Even those among us who have been in a happy relationship for umteen million years, remember all too well the poignant pain of trying to "get over" someone that left us. It happens to everyone at some time in his or her life. The circumstances may vary, but the ache in the chest, the flashbacks to happier times, the sudden crying spells, the loss of appetite, the insomnia, the instantaneous flip from sadness to rage, is universal. He or she may have left to "find himself", left to "experience other relationships", left for someone else (the worst), or left simply because they didn't love you any more.

It's very difficult.

You may think you'll never get over him. Your self-esteem is at an all time low because she rejected you. And you probably think you're the only one to feel this way. You're not.

Here's what to do: 10 Easy Steps (Actually, they're kind of hard!)

1. Accept the feelings. The feelings you experience will be uncomfortable. You'll feel sadness, anger, rage, fear, loneliness, worry, all within a day or even an hour.

2. Keep reminding yourself that the passage of time will heal these wounds. Don't be impatient. There's nothing you can do to speed up the process. The longer you were in this relationship, the longer it will take. You need time to grieve this loss.

3. Structure your time. Plan your day at the beginning of each day, using a schedule book and writing everything in, including meals, what you're going to do in you free time, study time, etc.

4. Be gentle and kind to yourself when you find yourself looking for him everywhere, hoping it's her when the phone rings and that there's something from him in your mailbox every time you open it. And even more so, when you go out of your way to catch a glimpse of him, only to pretend it was accidental. There's this irrational belief that "if only she'll see me, she'll change her mind and come running back, apologizing for being such a complete fool". You are a little neurotic right now, but it will pass.

5. Practice daily affirmations. Tell your good friends that you need them to compliment you, to tell you that there will be someone else, that you are an all-around wonderful person, and that it's so-and-so's loss. But don't just rely on your friends. Tell this to yourself-frequently. Affirmations include identifying what you like about yourself, your talents, special gifts and simple statements to remind yourself that you are loved. In fact, it's good to think about all the people that do love and appreciate you. Remember that life was good before so-and-so, and it will be again.

6. Go out and have fun, even though you don't feel like it. But don't do anything stupid, because then you'll feel worse about yourself.

7. Write a weekly letter to your Ex. This will give you a chance to vent all those feelings. Just don't mail them. Guess what? A week will come that you'll forget to write the letter.

8. Look for ways to help other people. One of the best ways to get out of a funk is to focus on someone else's needs instead of your own.

9. Exercise daily. It is a proven fact that exercise releases the "feel good" chemicals in your brain.

10. Believe that you'll get over him/her. You will. Again, you just have to be patient.

Good luck. If you find that after a few months, there is no change, chances are that your inability to recover from the loss is related to some other issue. It may be helpful to seek counseling at that time.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PART-TIME JOB - The Mini-Mart Subway on the corner of Routes 18 and 208 is looking for part-time people to cashier, prepare food, cook and clean. Pay is $5.75 per hour for this 20-hour per week position, and all shifts are available. For more information, call Mary at (724) 946-8672.

GRADUATING SENIORS - the Career Center has information on Careers 2000, a national college recruitment conference. You can also apply online at www.careerconferences.com.

INTERNSHIP - The Keystone Public golf Association is looking for resumes to fill the USGA Boatwright Internship. For details, contact Janet Waugaman at EXT. 6338.

PART-TIME TEACHING - The Concord Presbyterian Church, located about 45 minutes from New Wilmington, is looking for a Christian education resource person to work with high school youth teaching church school and possibly the Pioneer Club program on Sunday. Pay is $100-$125 per week. For more information, contact Robert Mathias. 625 Hooker Rd., West Sunbury, PA 16061 or call (724) 894-2701.

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11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
11:30 am Political Science and Sociology Colloquium, Special Speaker,Professor Ken Gormley — Phillips Lecture Hall, HSC
3:00 pm Women's Tennis @ Northwood, MI
6:00 pm Halls Close for Mid-Break

SATURDAY 9
Mid-Break
LLP Block I Classes End
10:00 am Women's Tennis @ Saginaw Valley State, MI
Noon Football @ Saginaw Valley State, MI
1:00 pm Men's Soccer vs. Grove City (H)
4:00 pm Volleyball @ Northern Michigan
TBA Cross Country Invitational @ Slippery Rock University

SUNDAY 10
Mid-Break
2:00 pm Volleyball @ Michigan Tech
TBA Women's Soccer @ Ferris State, MI

MONDAY 11
COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED
Mid-Break
7:00 pm Volleyball @ Lake Superior State, MI

TUESDAY 12
Mid-Break
Noon Halls Open Following Mid-Break
Noon Campus Club Fall Luncheon — The Cooker, Boardman, OH
LLP Block II Classes Begin

WEDNESDAY 13
Classes Resume
LAST DAY FOR A 60% REFUND
All Day Music Department Piano Sale — Orr Lobby
11:30 pm Faculty Forum: Sandra Webster, "A Research-Rich Undergraduate Curriculum:
One Department's Journey" — PH 131
1:00 pm Men's Soccer @ Mercyhurst
3:00 pm Women's Soccer @ Mercyhurst
7:00 pm SGA Meeting - TCF 116
8:00 pm CPC Meeting - TCF 116
8:00 pm Kappa Delta Open House — Down Under
8:30 pm SAVE Meeting - TCF 111
9:30 pm Seekers Meeting - Down Under

THURSDAY 14
All Day Music Department Piano Sale — Orr Lobby
11:00 am Support Staff Meeting — TUB A/B
5:30 pm Philosophy Honorary Society Meeting — PH 116
6:30 pm Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship Dinner — Down Under
7:00 pm Kappa Delta Pi Interview Forum - TUB A/B
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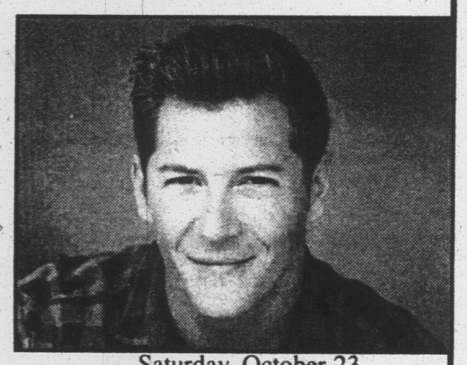

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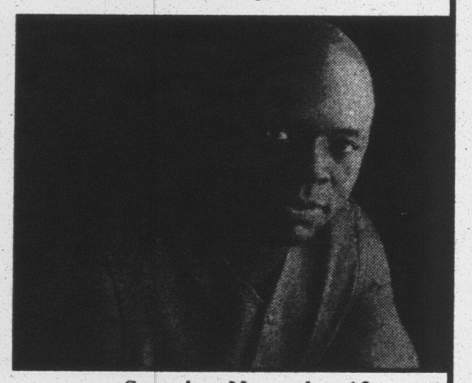

Saturday, November 13
Brad Lowery
10:00 p.m.

Movies

Inherit the Wind
Friday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 16, 8:00 p.m.

Analyze This [R]
Sunday, October 17, 9:00 p.m.

The Mission [PG]
Friday, October 22, 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 23, 10:00 p.m.

The Blair Witch Project [R]
Friday, October 22, 10:15 p.m.
Sunday, October 24, 9:00 p.m.

Contact [PG]
Friday, October 29, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, October 30, 9:45 p.m.

Cruel Intentions [R]
Saturday, October 30, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 31, 9:00 p.m.

8MM [R]
Friday, November 5, 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 6, 8:00 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.
Sunday, November 7, 9:00 p.m.

Payback [R]
Friday, November 12, 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 13, 9:45 p.m.
Sunday, November 14, 9:00 p.m.

The Mummy [PG-13]
Friday, November 19, 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 20, 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 21, 9:00 p.m.

Shakespeare in Love [R]
Friday, December 3, 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 4, 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 5, 9:00 p.m.

The Matrix [R]
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Mansell Wing dedicated

By Chris Campbell
Staff Writer

The Mansell Education Wing of the Field House was dedicated last Friday at 5:30 p.m.

"I'm very impressed by the new wing," said senior baseball player Jason Smith. "I think the improved facilities will have a positive affect on Titan athletics."

President R. Thomas Williamson, Titan coaches and various members of the community attended the event.

A public open house followed the dedication.

The addition contains coaches' offices, a waiting area, two smart classrooms, conference areas and a kitchen.

"I hope the addition improves future recruiting," said senior football player Dan Detwiler. "It will be an impressive sight to recruits when they walk into the new wing."

The addition was funded by a $500,000 gift from the Hoyt Foundation and by alumni support. The Hoyt Foundation donated the money in honor of Thomas V. Mansell ('29). Before his death in 1997, Mansell served on the board of trustees for 50 years.

Photo by Courtney Behm

The Mansell Education Wing was dedicated last Friday after months of construction.

Lube truck vandalized

By Christina Di Cicco
STAFF WRITER

Although much too early for the Halloween season, an unidentified person successfully played a nasty trick during Westminster's Homecoming weekend. The Quaker Steak and Lube wagon parked in Burry Stadium was vandalized sometime after dusk on Sept. 23rd.

"Vandalism is a senseless crime," said John Lechner, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Public Safety. "It serves no purpose."

According to Lechner, the Lube usually delivers their wagon the day of an event. Due to scheduling problems, the wagon was delivered late Thursday evening and parked in the stadium near the scoreboard.

The perpetrator broke into the wagon sometime before dawn on Friday. Campus security discovered the damaged wagon early Friday morning and notified Lechner immediately.

Quaker Steak and Lube was also notified. The restaurant sent workers to campus to salvage the wreckage. Luckily, the damages were minor, and the Lube fixed the wagon so that it was up and running Saturday morning in time for the football game. A spokesperson from the Lube was not available for comment.

"Several utensils, gloves, and various other supplies were stolen," Lechner said. "Light bulbs were broken and neon lights were also destroyed."

New Wilmington police were called for an extensive investigation. The incident report claimed it was foggy with little or no visibility. Thus far there are no witnesses or possible leads.

"I am truly disappointed, and I can only hope that the perpetrator is not a Westminster student," Lechner said. "This kind of situation puts a damper on the entire campus and hinders our reputation with out side vendors."

Any information about the damages made to the Quaker Steak and Lube wagon be reported to John Lectner at EXT. 7128 or at his office Student Affairs, Old Main.

Class of 2000 plans time capsule

By Beth Melott
STAFF WRITER

This spring, the class of 2000 will seal and bury a time capsule that is supposed to be opened during Homecoming 2050.

"I think it's interesting to think what represents Westminster [now] and what it will be [in the future]," said Mary James, director of alumni relations.

The Class of 2000 Time Capsule Committee had its first meeting on Oct. 7. The committee is made up of members of *The Argo* staff, the Senior Class Gift Committee, the Student Alumni Association (SAA), the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Alumni Office.

The committee will meet throughout the year. They will spend the fall semester planning and making basic decisions. In the spring, with the help of SGA, the committee will poll seniors to get their ideas for the capsule. SAA will then assist in gathering the objects for the capsule and help coordinate its assembly. The committee also hopes to hold an event with seniors in the spring. Plans will be announced as they are finalized.

The committee is still unsure what they should put in the capsule. Some ideas include an activities calendar, photos taken by The Argo staff, information from the mock convention and a Titan card.

The goal is to provide the class with objects they will remember as part of their lives when they return.

"Basic day-to-day things are what we'd want most," James said.

Because of the rapid changes in technology the committee wonders how future advancements will effect the use of things like videos or CD-ROMs.

Storage of the capsule is an issue yet to be faced.

Also, decisions must be made concerning how many objects will be placed in the capsule.

This is not Westminster's first time capsule. Two others were found this summer during excavation for the Field House renovations. One was buried in 1950 and will be opened at next year's Homecoming festivities. The second was made in 1975 and will be opened at an undetermined date.

Tennis team wins first match of the season

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BASH AND ASH RETURN TO DISCUSS *FIGHT CLUB.*

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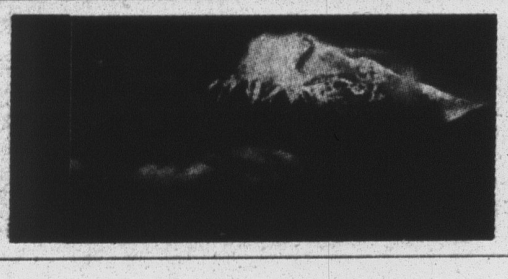

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Saturday: Showers high 48 low 32

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CAMPUS NEWS

Beta Beta Beta celebrates half of a century of learning

By Beth Lockshmidt
STAFF WRITER

The Beta Beta Beta biology fraternity celebrates fifty years on campus this year.

The national fraternity is a student organization for chemistry, biology, math and physics majors. Westminster's chapter is only 1 of about 130 chapters nationally recognized.

"This year is going to be a very special year," said Ann Throckmorton, professor of biology. "We had a float in the homecoming parade, and I got to meet the very first Beta Beta Beta president."

Throckmorton hopes that sometime this year the group will be able to have all the past presidents come back to Westminster for a reunion.

The 50-member fraternity gives students the opportunity do fun, but beneficial activities.

Last spring, the group planted a tree grown from a seed of a tree planted by George Washington in the yard of President Williamson. They also planted an apple tree with a seed from Johnny Appleseed. They also planted trees in the outdoor science lab and helped keep the area clean and organized.

This year the fraternity is planning a Halloween party and picnics and parties throughout the year. Other plans include three trips - one to observe a research institution in Pittsburgh, one to the Cleveland rain forest and one to Florida for a campout.

To join Beta Beta Beta, students must have had at least 2 biology courses and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

The once a month meetings have different speakers or student presentations.

Contact the biology department at EXT. 7206 for more information.

Lambda Sigma seeks to represent each Holocaust victim

By Wendy Hamilton
STAFF WRITER

Lambda Sigma, a sophomore honor society dedicated to service projects, is making the Holocaust a hot topic on campus.

Members of the society are collecting pop can tabs to represent the six million Jewish men, women and children killed by the Nazis during World War II.

The idea of collecting pop can tabs came from Bill Walter, an eighth grade history teacher at a Jewish school in Pittsburgh. He began collecting tabs in May of 1998 and has collected approximately 3 million. Walter's motivation was to give his students a clear, visual understanding of the enormous human devastation caused by Adolf Hitler.

"It's exceptionally humbling to sit down and count the tabs because each one represents a life," said Molly Weaver, a member of Lambda Sigma, who heard about Walter's project and brought the idea to the society.

The goal of the group is to collect 6 million tabs. To accomplish their goal, Lambda Sigma encourages campus support. Anyone can participate by saving all the tabs from aluminum cans and giving them to any Lambda Sigma member.

A drop-off bin to be located in a convenient location is in the final stages of development.

"People have to be internationally conscious as much as they are nationally aware because the Holocaust could happen again," Weaver said.

Visitation day gives potential students an orientation

By Mike Burnett
STAFF WRITER

After a successful Campus Visitation Day last Saturday, the admissions office anticipates more success in the next day scheduled for Nov. 13.

"Our visitation days are set up to present the entire picture of Westminster to each prospective student," said Nevinger, a '98 graduate of Westminster. "Our main goals of the events are to have every student enjoy the time on campus and ultimately to apply."

At Saturday's Visitation Day, the Jazz Ensemble played during the social time as well.

Visitation Days include campus tours, a demonstration of the smart classrooms, a viewing of the residence halls, and a faculty fair, which provides students with an opportunity to talk with instructors in all departments as well as students each major program.

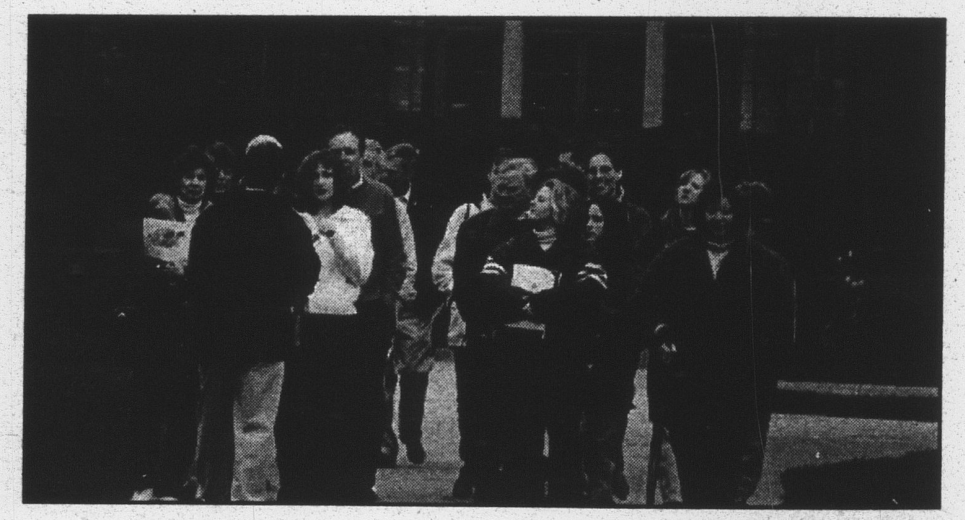
A meal in the dining hall around 12:15 concludes the day for the visitors.

"The visitation days are a 'full meal deal' of Westminster," said Nevinger. "We want to provide prospective students with a well-rounded view of Westminster College."

The smart classroom demonstration is a new addition to the campus tour for this year. "The smart classroom demo will certainly showcase the technology factor at Westminster," Nevinger said.

Two visitation days are scheduled for the fall semester and two more for the spring semester.

"I believe it is important for the prospective students to see campus when students are around to see what college is really like," Nevinger said, when asked about the significance of the visitation days in a college choice.



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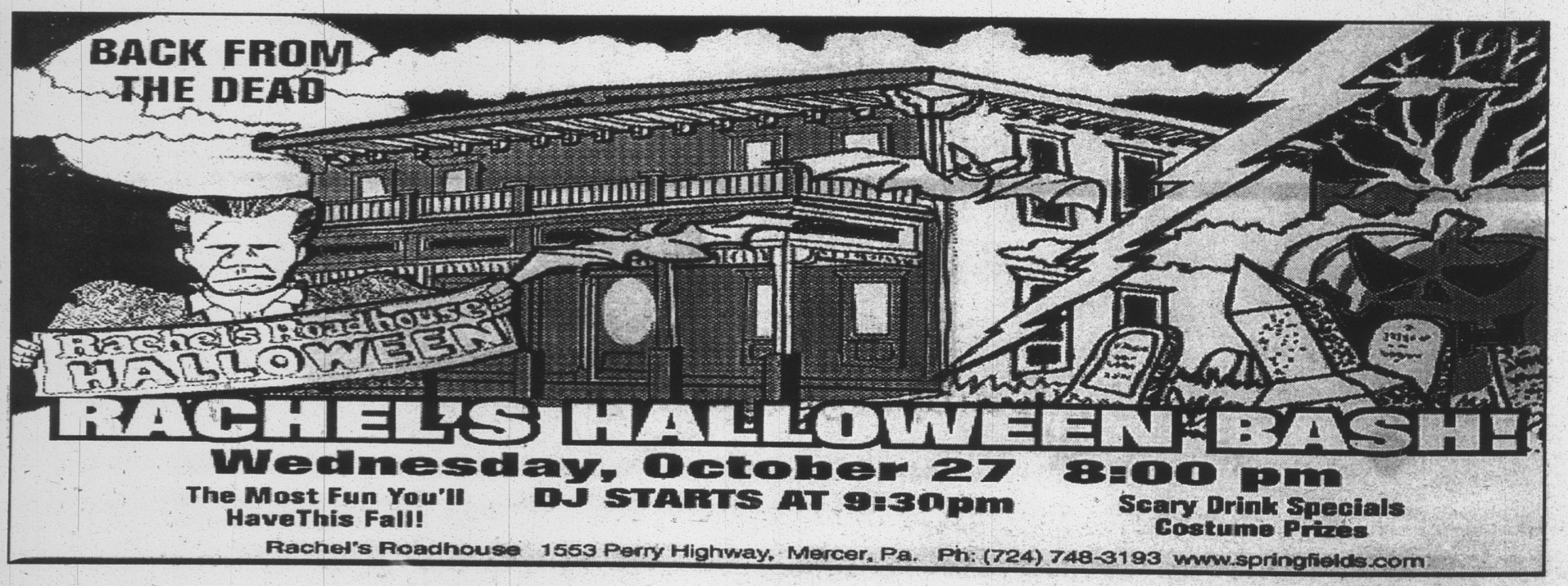
Visitation days allow future students to become aquainted with campus.



Chapel Corner: Sleeping out for Habitat means earning money

By Wayne Nickerson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The thing I don't like about sleeping on the quad to raise money for Habitat for Humanity is NOT the excessively bright lamp lights that could safely negotiate at 747 landing. It is NOT the drunks heading back to the residence halls from fraternity parties. It is NOT even the semi-secret presence of our security forces, walking aimlessly around the campus. It IS the Old Main tower bells...striking the hour. Eight Westminster members of the Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter slept out on the quad Friday night. The group raised over $800.00 toward the goal of $12,000.00 to be raised by March 5th.

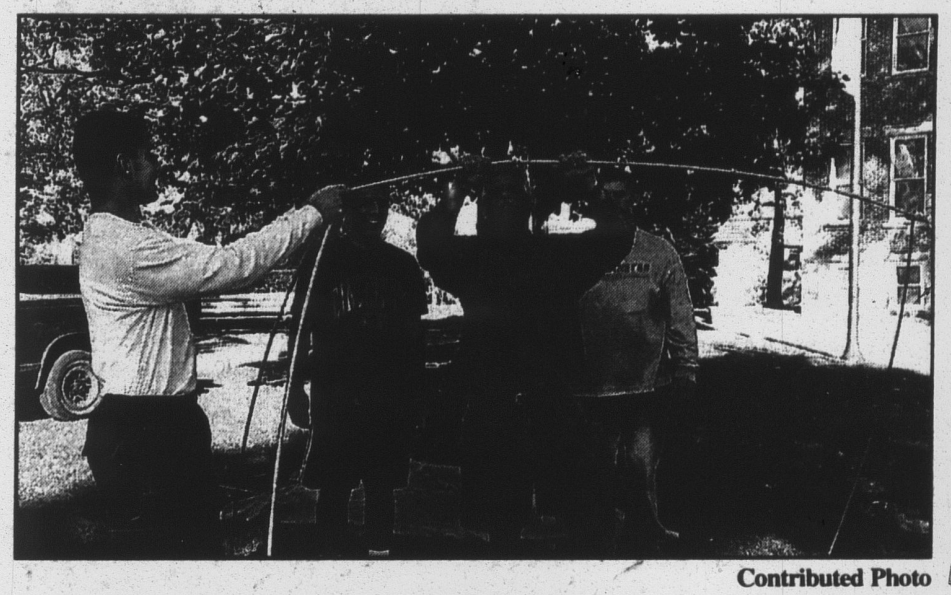
The sleepers, who actually talked until 3:30 am, included: Charles Hart, Sal Hanna, Kevin Bell, Ben Robbins, Julie Dull, Marianne Oris, Jill Boreman and Lisa Whitlow. The conversation, small campfire, apple crisp (donated by Dr. Carolyn Cuff of the Math Department) all made for a great night. Many guests stopped by to wish the sleepers well. A breakfast at the West Middlesex Diner ended the event.

Chapel - Friday, October 22nd Stephany Apolone

Mass - Saturday, October 23rd 7pm

Vespers - Sunday, October 24th Rev. Carol Rettew

Chapel-Monday, October 25th Meditation and Prayer



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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Living-learning housing attracts students to IUP

By Bill Zlatos
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Nikki Cernuska passed up her last year of high school in Lewisburg to enroll this fall at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

What clinched the Union County student's decision was the opportunity to live on a special floor for women majoring in computer science, math or technical fields.

"This special floor was going to offer me a lot of support and make it an easier transition from high school to college," said Cernuska, 17, a computer science major.

All over the country, colleges are setting aside floors, wings or entire dorms where students can live with kindred spirits.

Students who disdain Limp Bizkit blasting from their neighbor's stereo can live on floors that extend the usual quiet hours. Students who dislike confrontations with drunks can live in alcohol-free dorms.

Such floors are called theme housing or, if they have an academic bent, "living-learning" communities.

"When you have 1,200 students living together, you have to look for ways to build community and make people feel comfortable, so it's not just a huge building where people come and go and don't know each other," said Sharon Goedert, director of residence life at Duquesne University.

Besides the floor for women in technical fields, IUP has added housing with two other themes - math and community service. Altogether, IUP offers 13 kinds of theme housing serving 846 students.

Research studies show that students living in special housing with an academic emphasis are less likely to drop out than other students. Minority students and freshmen especially benefit from such programs.

Student with gun causes evacuation

By Jan Woodard
FOR THE TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Indiana Area High School was evacuated Monday morning after a 16-year-old student allegedly brought with him a "zip gun" rigged to fire a sawed-off metal dart.

Students were evacuated to the junior high school two blocks away until a security sweep of the building was completed. The teenager, a White Township resident, was released into the custody of his father pending criminal charges.

State police at the Indiana barracks said the zip gun was made from the hollowed-out casing of a plastic ball point pen. It was filled with a weak mixture of an explosive-type material along with packing and the sawed-off tip of a metal dart, which was to act as a projectile.

Trooper John R. Tamewitz said state police learned the teenager also had attempted to place a smoke bomb device constructed so it could be activated by remote control in the commons area of the high school sometime last week.

When the teenager was unable to secure the device under a wooden bench, he gave up the attempt.

Yesterday's building evacuation came after Principal Rodney Ruddock received information that another student had been threatened by the teenager. Upon checking the book bag of the accused student, a small steak knife was discovered. At that point, a decision was made to check the student's locker where the zip gun was found.

State police expect charges of possessing weapons on school property to be filed today or Wednesday with Indiana County juvenile authorities. The student also may be charged with risking a catastrophe.

City council seeks to make pedestrians safer

By Marisol Bello
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Pedestrians soon may get a leg up over motorists in the perpetual power struggle over city streets.

City Council President Bob O'Connor thinks Pittsburgh drivers ought to be friendlier to people on foot. And he wants to make it a law.

"Jaywalking is a Pittsburgh right," O'Connor said bluntly.

A resolution facing final City Council approval Tuesday would require crosswalks to be marked more clearly and would initiate a hot line for people to report dangerous intersections. He's also pushing for an awareness campaign to let drivers know they need to stop for pedestrians at all intersections.

Council already has given the resolution a preliminary approval.

O'Connor also intends to push police to toughen enforcement by spending at least a month setting up traps to ticket drivers who don't yield to pedestrians.

But drivers say the laws should focus on controlling errant pedestrians who step off the curb without looking.

In 1997, there were 353 accidents and 10 arrests for vehicular homicide. Last year, there were 309 accidents involving pedestrians and six arrests for vehicular homicide.

Pedestrians say it's about time someone took a little notice of them.

"I'm all for that," said crossing guard Linda Hardwick, who patrols the corner of Shady and Fifth avenues in Shadyside. "Give them a break, folks. You've got wheels. These people are on foot."

Unlicensed doctor advertises unapproved drug

By Robin Acton and Richard Gazarik
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

A Greensburg medical clinic, partially owned by an unlicensed physician, is advertising a controversial treatment for autism that hasn't been approved by the government and may cause serious side effects in children.

Family Resource Center Inc., in an ad in Monday's Tribune-Review, indicated it has obtained 28 doses of the hard-to-get hormone Secretin, which has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a prescribed treatment of gastrointestinal disorders but not autism.

Autism is a neurological disorder characterized by fantasies, day dreams, delusions and hallucinations. In severe cases, sufferers are unable to communicate.

Thomas M. Uhrin, 36, of Latrobe, medical director of the center at 766 E. Pittsburgh St., is not licensed to practice medicine in Pennsylvania or anywhere in the United States. He has not completed the basic licensing requirements, a medical internship or a hospital residency.

What concerns officials of the Autism Society of America, however, is his planned use of Secretin, a drug approved by the FDA for treating pancreatic dysfunction and stomach ailments.

Rebecca Moyes, family services coordinator for the Autism Advisory Board in New Kensington, said there is no established standard for dosage and frequency regarding Secretin, made from a hormone produced in all mammals.

"There isn't enough research to prove it benefits children with autism," Moyes said. "Parents need to be very careful."

There also are concerns that repeated infusions of Secretin could trigger a child's immune system to attack his own secretin, creating major medical problems. Some researchers fear that severe allergic reactions - including death - could occur when the hormone is given intravenously.

File Photo
Thomas M. Uhrin

Drug users can now legally sue their dealers

HARRISBURG — Drug users are not entirely responsible for their addictions and would be able to sue their dealers in civil court under a bill up for a vote in the state House this week.

"People get sucked into it and lose their free will, so to speak," said the bill's sponsor, James R. Roebuck Jr., D-Philadelphia. "This is another tool to help the fight against drugs, the scourge on communities."

The bill is an attempt to hurt drug dealers where it hurts most - their profits.

Critics say the bill is unnecessary, redundant and could allow drug dealers to sue to put rival dealers out of business.

Some say the bill would allow drug users to be financially rewarded for breaking the law by doing illegal narcotics, critics note. That is a major swing in legal philosophy, which currently prohibits criminals from profiting from their illegal acts.

The bill would allow drug users to sue their suppliers in civil court for any economic damages caused by their product, and for emotional distress, mental anguish and loss of companionship.

The bill also would allow users' employers, direct family members and rehabilitation centers to sue drug dealers. The bill has a provision that would allow a suit to be brought against a dealer on behalf of a fetus if a pregnant woman takes drugs.

The state House passed a similar measure last year without debate, but the bill died in the Senate.

NATIONAL

Irene detonates another blow on North Carolina

By David Nakamura
Washington Post Staff Writer

ELIZABETHTOWN, N.C. - It was just a week ago that Job Conner finally got rid of the thigh-deep, muddy-brown water that was surrounding his house, an unfriendly deposit left by Hurricane Floyd a month ago. But today, he woke up to find that it was all back, courtesy of Hurricane Irene, which dumped another half a foot of rain Sunday night on this tiny town along the Cape Fear River.

Town Manager Jim Freeman shook his head as he surveyed the water damage caused by Irene at Conner's house and others like it. Irene was the third hurricane in two months to spur flooding in this town of 4,000 people.

"All the hurricanes we had [in previous years] left a lot of debris to pick up, and wind damage," said Freeman. "There's not as much debris, but the water has hit us by surprise."

Irene, a relatively weak but very wet hurricane, was blamed for at least 15 deaths in Cuba, the Bahamas and Florida last week. Authorities blamed the storm for a single death in North Carolina, that of a motorist whose car hit a tree.

There were a few fallen trees, downed power lines and even fewer automobile accidents blamed on the hurricane.

Gulf War drug use may cause prolonged illness

By DAVID BROWN
Washington Post Staff Writer

The use of the drug pyridostigmine bromide (PB) by 250,000 soldiers during the Persian Gulf War "cannot be ruled out" as a cause of lingering illnesses in some veterans, according to a new report prepared for the Defense Department.

Numerous hypotheses of how the drug, which was given to protect against the nerve gas soman, might produce lingering symptoms years after exposure are "scientifically viable," wrote the author, Beatrice Alexandra Golomb of Rand Corp.

The 385-page review of the scientific literature on PB will be presented today at a press conference at the Pentagon. It is the latest development in an arduous search for causes of numerous ill-defined ailments collectively known as "Gulf War syndrome" afflicting some veterans. About 697,000 men and women served in the Gulf in 1990 or 1991. The number with chronic symptoms since then is unknown.

The drug increases the activity of acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter involved in muscle activity, cognition and various functions of the respiratory and digestive systems. It's been used for decades, at much higher doses than those given to soldiers, to treat the neurological disease myasthenia gravis. Neither people with that ailment, nor healthy volunteers who've taken PB experimentally, are known to suffer Gulf War syndrome-like symptoms.

The Rand report has suggested various factors that may have caused the Gulf War syndrome including the presence of conditions (such as extreme stress) that could have made PB toxic and interactions between PB and other chemicals such as insect repellants.

Minority students consistantly score lower on tests

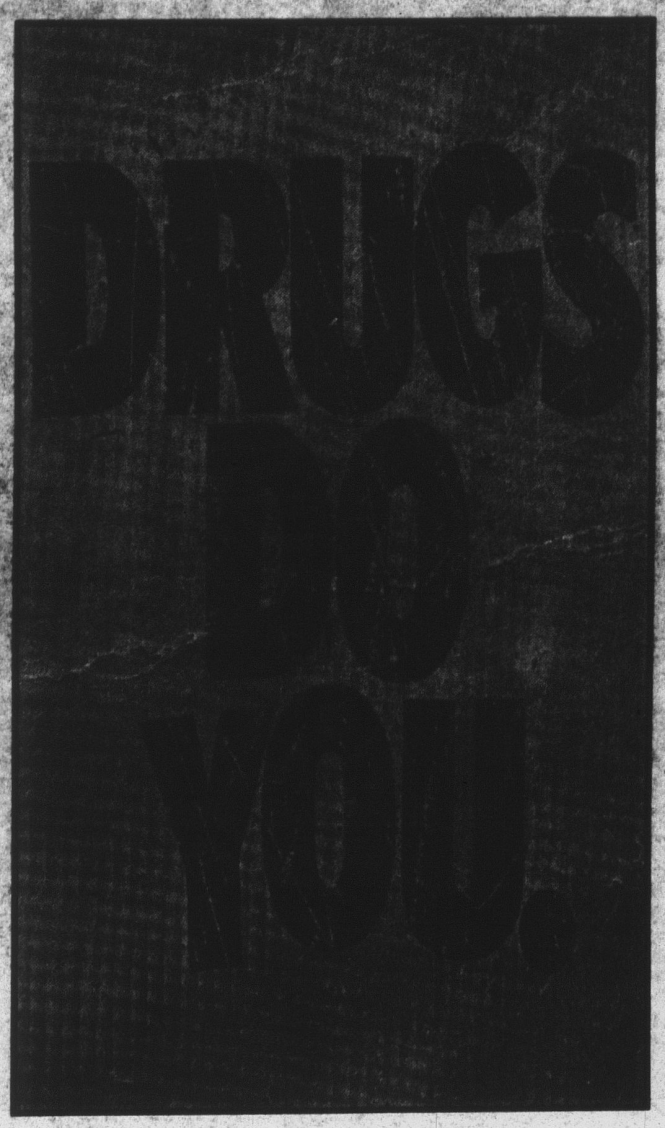
NEW YORK (AP) - Black and Hispanic students lag behind white and Asian students academically - even when they come from similarly privileged backgrounds, according to a new report.

To bridge the gap, the report issued Sunday by the College Board recommends tutoring, mentoring and other support to minority students in all grades and from all socioeconomic backgrounds.

"We are not just talking about disadvantaged youngsters," said Gaston Caperton, president of the College Board. "Even minority students from relatively wealthy families with well-educated parents do not typically perform as well as white and Asian students from similar backgrounds."

The report found some signs of progress. For example, the gap in average math scores for 17-year-old minorities versus white students decreased by 30 percent between the early 1970s and the mid-1990s. And 87 percent of all black students graduate from high school or pass equivalency tests - about the same rate as white students.

In seeking answers about why some minorities might not perform as well academically as their white and Asian peers, the report noted that some experts cited racism, and peer pressure that disparages intellectual achievement.



Self-treating Ohio doctor evacuated from South Pole

CLEVELAND (Reuters) - An ailing Ohio doctor dramatically evacuated from America's South Pole scientific base by a U.S. Air Force plane Saturday is now safely back in the United States.

"I can confirm Dr (Jerri) Nielsen has left Antarctica and is safely flown back to the United States," a spokeswoman at the U.S. National Science Foundation, which employs Nielsen, told Reuters Monday, but she would not disclose the doctor's exact whereabouts or her medical condition.

Nielsen, 47, found a lump in her breast in June, raising fears of cancer, and has been treating herself since then - including using drugs dropped by parachute in the dark polar winter in July.

She had been working with her doctors in the United States through tele-medicine but they decided that she now needs treatment at home.

The New York National Guard's 109the Airlift Wing decided to try to rescue Nielsen Saturday when there was a break in the severe winter weather and the temperature rose to minus 60 Fahrenheit.

Local news reports in Cleveland said Nielsen was met Saturday by her brothers Scott and Eric Cahill, who accompanied her from Christchurch, New Zealand, to the United States.

INTERNATIONAL

Northern Ireland stuggles to keep peace accord

LONDON (Reuters) - U.S. mediator George Mitchell launched a final phase of talks in London Monday aimed at rescuing Northern Ireland's struggling peace accord.

Political sources said rival party delegations from the British-ruled province had arrived in the British capital for discussions with Mitchell.

Sinn Fein, the political arm of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), did not hold out much hope for a breakthrough.

"Sinn Fein will be doing its best during the remaining days but it is hard to be optimistic," the party's chairman, Mitchel McLaughlin, said in a statement issued in Belfast.

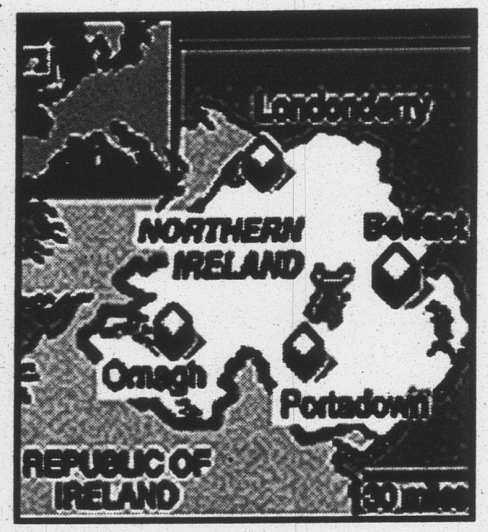
"The UUP (Ulster Unionist Party) demands are simply not doable."

Guerrillas in Northern Ireland agreed to a truce after 30 years of strife over British sovereignty but the Good Friday peace accord of April 1998 is paralyzed by political wrangling. The UUP, supported by the majority Protestant community, refuses to share power in a provincial cabinet with Catholic-backed Sinn Fein unless the IRA disarms.

Hard-liners in the UUP were unyielding. A statement was released in London saying any attempt to get their party to ditch their policy of "no guns no government" would be strongly resisted.

McLaughlin said the UUP's stance was unacceptable and ran counter to the accord.

Mitchell, a former U.S. senator who chaired negotiations which produced the pact, has been asked by Britain and Ireland to try to broker a compromise between feuding parties on the timing of guerrilla disarmament and a new political framework.



London promising city-wide millenium party

By Mike Peacock

LONDON (Reuters) - London claimed on Monday to be the number one destination to celebrate the millennium, promising a city-wide party boasting a river of fire and the world's biggest pyrotechnic display.

"The investment in making London a spectacular venue for the millennium has been far greater than in any other city," Minister for London Keith Hill told a news conference.

Up to three million people are expected to throng the streets of Britain's capital, ferried in and out by free public transport which will run around the clock.

As Big Ben, Westminster's towering clock, strikes midnight a 60 meter-high wall of flame will shoot up the River Thames at more than 1,000 km (620 miles) per hour.

That will spark the largest fireworks display the world has ever seen, organizer Michael Lockett said.

Events will stretch through the day with trees dressed and illuminated, river barges with millennium sales sailing sedately down the Thames, a Caribbean carnival mixing sounds from across London's ethnically diverse community and two huge funfairs, one on the doorstep of Buckingham Palace, Queen Elizabeth's home.

A "Global Village" will offer all the foods found in London, street theaters will line the river and at the far end of the Thames, the 850 million pound Millennium Dome will host 10,000 guests for a spectacular show which will be repeated every day for the next year.

Bombing in Chechnya targets Islamic militants

By Alkha Tosuyev

GEKHI, Russia (Reuters) - Russian troops and warplanes pounded fresh targets in breakaway Chechnya Tuesday in their drive to destroy Islamic militants Moscow has accused of trying to destabilize the North Caucasus region.

In the early hours of the morning rockets rained down on this village just nine miles southwest of the regional capital Grozny, badly damaging some 30 houses and injuring 29 people. No deaths were reported. The village was sheltering many refugees who had fled Grozny fearing a major Russian ground offensive from north of the Terek River, where federal troops are now in full control.

Deputy Chief of Staff Valery Manilov, speaking in London Monday, ruled out any storming of Grozny.

"No land operation in the accepted sense of the word is either being conducted or will be conducted," he said.

Reports from Interfax news agency said Russian warplanes had carried out about 10 raids overnight over Chechnya, killing as many as 40 rebels and destroying three cars.

The troops have told refugees in nearby North Ossetia that they can now return to their homes in the zone and Tuesday NTV television showed some boarding buses heading back into Chechnya.

But many more refugees are still too frightened to return to Chechnya, where Russian forces still refuse to rule out a full-scale offensive to wipe out the rebels.

The bulk of the refugees, estimated at nearly 160,000, are staying in another neighboring province, Ingushetia.

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Iranian leader tours sight of police attack

TEHRAN (Reuters) - Iran's President Mohammad Khatami Tuesday toured the Tehran University student hostels, scene of a bloody police attack on pro-democracy demonstrators three months ago, state radio reported.

Khatami, a moderate figure eyeing reforms, listened as students at the dormitories related the July events and asked for the perpetrators to be put on trial.

Armed policemen and hard-line vigilantes wielding clubs and chains attacked pro-democracy students in their hostels on the night of July 8-9, leaving at least one dead and more than 200 students injured, many severely.

The attack sparked six days of unrest in Tehran, culminating in street violence that shook the Islamic republic.

Khatami expressed his "sincere feelings" for the students and said a lot of work had to be done to make up for the "bitter and ugly" attack.

At the time of the attack, many students expressed disappointment that the president did not visit the scene or send a personal emissary to address the campus.

New military leader brings split opinion

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Many Pakistanis say they support their new military leader and his promise to restore order, but there were concerns over his failure to say when he would restore democracy to this South Asian nation.

In his first speech to the nation, Gen. Pervaiz Musharraf announced Sunday the formation of a National Security Council to govern the country, saying it would be made of army officers and experts in legal, foreign and national affairs and assisted by other experts.

"This is not martial law," said Musharraf, but rather "another path toward democracy."

U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan William Milam said the United States is ready to give Musharraf time to make good on his promises.

Although Washington regrets that Musharraf has offered no time frame for a return to democracy, Milam said he believes Musharraf is a man the United States could work with.

"The problems are formidable," Milam said in the capital, Islamabad. "The tasks he has set out for his new government are really immense and one hopes that once he is fully grounded he and his government will move back toward democracy."

HEALTH

Behavior modification battles willpower

By Jane Fritsch

A thin person, the kind who has always been thin, is confronted by a chocolate cake with dark fudge icing.

Unmoved, he goes about his business as if nothing has happened. A fat person, the kind who has always struggled with weight, is confronted by the same cake. He feels a little surge of adrenaline. He cuts a slice and eats it. Then he eats another, and feels guilty for the rest of the day.

The simplest, and most judgmental, explanation for the difference in behavior is willpower. Some people seem to have it but others do not, and the common wisdom is that they ought to get some.

But to weight-loss researchers, willpower is an outdated and largely discredited concept, about as relevant to dieting as cod liver oil.

The role of willpower in weight loss, however, was a major issue among scientists about 30 years ago, when the behavior modification movement began.

The behavior modification approach had its roots in a 1967 study called "Behavioral Control of Overeating." The study showed that eight overweight women treated with behavior modification techniques lost from 26 to 47 pounds over a year. They had frequent sessions with a therapist and recorded their food intake and moods in diaries. And the therapists helped them develop lists of alternatives to eating, like reading a newspaper or calling a friend.

Behavior modification is now the most widely accepted approach to long-term weight loss. Practically, that means changing eating habits - and making new habits - by performing new behaviors. Most programs now recommend things like pausing before eating to write down what is about to be eaten, keeping a journal describing a mood just before eating and eating before a trip to the grocery store to head off impulse buying.

Social factors shown to affect teenage obesity

American Journal of Public Health

New research has shown that social factors affect obesity and depression in teenagers. Parents' education, parents' occupations and family income were singled out as the three main societal elements that can contribute to higher incidence of these diseases among adolescents.

The study also connected lower socioeconomic status with poor general health in teenagers.

Dr. Elizabeth Goodman used statistics from more than 15,000 surveys of adolescents aged 11 to 21 (with a mean age of 15.9) and their parents for her study. Almost one-quarter of the more than 15,000 people surveyed were living in poverty.

"The lower a family's socioeconomic status, the greater risk of teenage obesity and depression," said Goodman. Past studies have shown that adolescent depression and obesity help estimate the prevalence of disease in adulthood.

Goodman conceded that her findings may be limited because the study was school-based. If the study accounted for children not attending school, the statistics may have been different, she said.

Although past research projects have focused on the health-risk behaviors of adolescents, Goodman felt that emphasizing those behaviors undermines the social situations and choices that precede the actions. "It's crucial to consider teenagers' social context if we are to understand adolescent health and disease," she added.

GNC expands market to include Internet selling

By The Tribune-Review

General Nutrition Centers Inc. announced Tuesday the debut of its effort to sell health and wellness products via the Internet.

The Pittsburgh-based supplier of vitamins and mineral supplements also is partnering with the Rite Aid Corp. drugstore chain in providing its "store-within-a-store" service, which is being offered via the drugstore.com site on the World Wide Web.

The two companies introduced their new plan in June when they announced the joint acquisition of a one-third stake in drugstore.com, an online retailer.

The alliance grew out of an earlier deal between the companies that also called for building 1,500 GNC stores inside Rite Aid locations and marketing a new line of supplements.

Drugstore.com will have exclusive rights to Internet sales of GNC private label products and the new Rite Aid/GNC PharmAssure brand of Rite Aid pharmacist-recommended supplements that will be available at stores of both companies.

In addition, customers can order for home delivery some of the GNC vitamin, herbal and sports nutrition products sold in GNC stores.

Life expectancy rises; AIDS death rate drops

By David Brown
WASHINGTON POST STAFF WRITER

AIDS fell from the list of the leading 15 causes of death in the United States in 1998, a year that also saw a record high in life expectancy, nearly 77 years, and favorable trends in more than a half-dozen other measures of the nation's health.

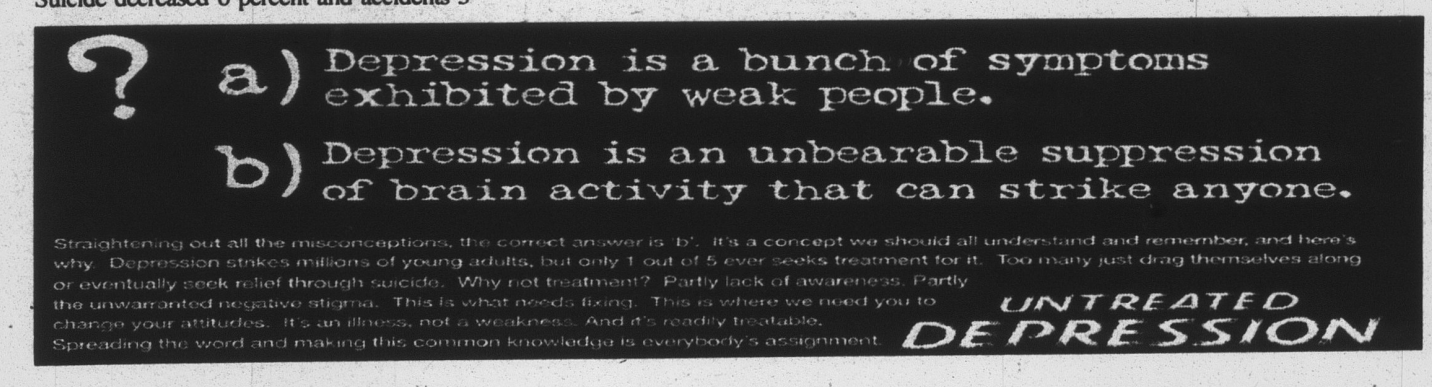
The death rate from homicide dropped 14 percent, the largest decline in 40 years. Suicide decreased 6 percent and accidents 5 percent. Mortality from heart disease, cancer and stroke, the leading causes of death, continued their downward trends, according to the latest federal survey of birth and death statistics.

"We had declines in the causes where there are drugs and treatment, as well as in the ones where behavior plays a role," said Harry M. Rosenberg, chief of mortality statistics of the National Center for Health Statistics. "You could look at it as a banner year."

The trend in AIDS mortality, while not unexpected, is nevertheless unprecedented in vital statistics in the last half-century. The disease was the eighth-leading cause of death in 1996. By 1997, it was 14th, a reflection of the widespread use of life-prolonging "triple therapy" with antiviral drugs.

The snapshot of America's health, however, was not without shadows.

While life expectancy at birth now stands at 76.7 years (up from 76.5 in 1997), it is nearly 10 years less (67.8) for black men. For black women, it is 75 years.



Muscle fatigue indicates correct weight training

New research shows that when people select an amount to lift, they usually pick weights that are too light. To get the maximum muscle-building, bone strengthening benefits of weight training, muscles need to be fatigued by lifting weights that are sufficiently challenging.

So how do you pick the right weight and keep at it until your muscles get a good workout?

Take baby steps. If you're just beginning, use light weights that you're comfortable with and do as many repetitions as you can. If you can lift a weight 10 to 12 times and honestly can't do any more, you're lifting the correct amount. But if you get up to 15 reps and feel like you might be able to keep going, increase the amount you're lifting by one pound during your next workout. Continue doing this until you reach a weight at which you can do only 10 to 12 repetitions.

Find your fatigue. After you do 10 to 12 repetitions with a weight that is a bit of a challenge, decrease the weight by a pound or so. Continue lifting with the lighter weight until you can't do any more. That's what fatigue feels like. Next workout, find the weight that produces that feeling within 10 to 12 reps.

Lift with a friend. Encouragement from others, even if they are not trainers, is often enough to push you past your comfort zone and challenge your muscles.

Organic produce sparks debate on nutritional values

By Lawrence Lindner
SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

Many people believe organically grown fruits and vegetables have higher levels of vitamins and minerals than conventionally grown produce. There are, however, conflicting views on this matter and mixed feelings about the means of obtaining a concrete scientific answer one way or the other.

One of the problems in looking at the issue is that many of the studies have been "very crude," according to Joan Dye Gussow, a professor emeritus at Columbia University Teachers College in New York, who has been studying organic foods for more than 30 years. But it's not necessarily the fault of sloppy researchers. It's hard to conduct a finely executed study on the subject, she says, because there are so many variables influencing foods' nutrition content. Among them: the mineral composition of the soil, the exposure to sunlight, the substances used as fertilizers and the particular variety of fruit or vegetable being examined.

Gussow and others feel that not having a firm answer on whether organically grown foods have higher levels of nutrients than other foods isn't important. "The United States is already well-fed," he points out, "as are other Western nations where people buy organic foods. Consumers of organic foods are not hurting for this or that vitamin because they tend to eat quite well in the first place."

SPORTS

Paul's Points

On Philadelphia

Last weekend, I took a trip to Philadelphia to see the (undefeated) Dallas Cowboys take on the (winless) Eagles at Veterans Stadium.

The Cowboys lost 13-10 when Doug Pederson threw a touchdown pass to Charles Johnson with just over a minute remaining in the game. My aunt and I (both Cowboys fans) were very sad, while my brother (an Eagles fan) celebrated with 66,000 of his closest friends.

This article is about the Eagles fans, and the reasons why they are, bar none, the rudest and most obnoxious people I've ever seen.

Now all you Philly fans, this is not sour grapes because Dallas lost. Dallas played badly and didn't deserve to win.

I know not all Eagles fans are bad, but at this game there was a larger number of morons than any other game I've been to (including Buffalo, Pittsburgh, and last year's game at the Vet).

Reason #1: Before the game started, I went to the WIP sports radio tent outside the stadium. My aunt and I were the target of a lot of "Dallas sucks" taunts, but that's not what bothered me.

What bothered me was that a thirty-something, balding, beer-bellied man was running around with a Troy Aikman doll and a chainsaw. The police had to come confiscate the chainsaw. What did the people in the tent do? Booed the police.

Reason #2: If you happened to see the game (or ESPN or the news), you saw the play where Michael Irvin seriously hurt his spine by landing on the hard concrete turf at the Vet (the worst playing surface in sports).

He was on the ground motionless for 20 minutes. The medics brought out a stretcher and carried him off on it while players from both teams were seen praying.

But the Philly fans decided to give a standing ovation to the stretcher. Chanted defense. Yelled "get up" in an amazing number of profane ways. That's disgusting.

Reason #3: After the game, as we walked out to mocking "How 'bout them Cowboys" taunts, I saw Philly fans "accidentally" spilling beer on Dallas fans. Yeah, it was an accident.

Reason #4: We listened to the radio as we drove home Monday morning. The DJ's acquired a Dallas phone book and made random calls to businesses to harass employees. That's real mature.

Reason #5: Family togetherness. You know, father and son in matching "$%#! Dallas" shirts. I also saw a two-year-old making obscene gestures.

After Dallas won in Philadelphia 34-0 last year, I heard nothing. If the Eagles don't win another game all year, they'll be forgiven. Why? Because they beat Dallas.

I root for my team, not against someone else's. Maybe Philadelphia fans could give that a try.

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Well, I was wrong about the Indians. Their pitching completely collapsed in those last 3 games against the Red Sox. Even Cleveland's monster lineup couldn't compete with 23 runs in game 4. No one at the Jake is talking about that 1000-run season now.

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One other thing...did anybody out there realize that the NBA preseason has already stared? I didn't.

Football team lost two and becomes 0-7

by Joe Ruck
STAFF WRITER

The Titans dropped to 0-7 this season with difficult losses against Saginaw Valley State and Mercyhurst.

Against Saginaw Valley, the Titans struck first with a 62-yard touchdown drive culminating in a 21-yard scoring pass from senior quarterback James Graham to fellow senior, wideout Dan Detwiler. Although the extra point was blocked, the Titans led 6-0 early in the first quarter.

Saginaw Valley wasted little time in taking the lead away. Tailback Marlion Jackson ran three yards for a touchdown. The Cardinal extra point was successful, leaving the Titans down 7-6.

After Graham hit Brian Rigby for another score, the Titans led 12-7. The Cardinal's Jackson proceeded to flash his skills, sprinting for 61 and 65-yard touchdown jaunts to end the first quarter.

Saginaw led 21-12 midway through the first half.

Senior Titan tailback Jason Long cut the deficit to 21-18 before halftime with a seven-yard scamper.

Jackson continued to burn the Westminster defense in the second half. With touchdown runs of 12 and 63 yards, the star back pushed the score to 34-18. Jackson would finish the afternoon with 23 carries for 236 yards and five touchdowns.

The Titans then displayed great character by mounting a near-miss comeback. Graham and Detwiler clicked for another score to pull within ten points, 34-24, with two minutes remaining in the game. The two-point conversion attempt was intercepted by the Cardinal's Nick Allen and returned for two defensive points. Saginaw led 36-24.

A daring onside kick was attempted and recovered by the Titans and followed by another touchdown strike to Detwiler for his third scoring reception of the afternoon. Unfortunately, time ran out and Saginaw won 36-30.

Then, last Saturday, GLIAC rival Mercyhurst College defeated the visiting Titans, 17-7.

Although the score was in favor of the Lakers, the Titans had 19 first downs compared to the Lakers' 16. Total offensive plays, total yards and time of possession were also almost evenly split.

The game, anticipated to be a shootout, was just the opposite. Both defenses held each other for most of the first half.

The first score of the game came on a 21-yard Vince Repucci field goal with 2:04 left in the second quarter, which gave the Lakers a 3-0 advantage.

Going into the locker room down only by a field goal, the Titans still felt that the game was theirs' for the taking, said junior tight end Brian Rigby.

"Our defense was keeping us in the game," he said. "We knew that we (the offense) would have to come together in the second half and put points on the board."

The first touchdown of the game came after a missed field goal attempt by the Titans' Jonathan McCartney. On the next play, with a little over two minutes left in the third quarter, Mercyhurst's Matt Kissell hooked up with receiver Justin Siemon for a 66-yard touchdown pass. Repucci provided the extra point to give the Lakers a 10-0 lead.

Two drives later, after Titan quarterback James Graham was intercepted, and Lakers scored again. This time it was Joe Magorien running three yards for the final Mercyhurst touchdown. The score capped off a nine play, 38-yard drive and boosted their lead to 17 points.

The Titans finally got on the board when junior quarterback Brian Lipiello threw a 20-yard touchdown strike to senior wide receiver Matt Dvorsak. McCartney's extra point attempt was good.

The Titans' John Ciavarra led all rushers with 72 yards on 15 carries. Graham went 16 for 32, for 148 yards, with two interceptions, while his Laker counterpart, Kissell, went 18 of 34, for 230 yards and threw only one interception. Leading all receivers was the Titans' Matt Dvorsak, who had nine catches for 93 yards and the team's only touchdown.

Leading the Titan defense were senior linebackers, David Kern and R.J. Pabis. Kern recorded nine tackles; Pabis had seven tackles and recovered a fumble. Scott Platz was the Lakers' defensive leader, recording a game high, 10 tackles.

"It was a hard-fought game that could have went either way," Ciavarra said. "For us to win, the team needs to play well both offensively and defensively."

The 0-7 Titans look for their first win of the season against Findlay next Saturday. Findlay will bring a record of 2-4 to Burry Stadium, as the Titans look forward to redeeming themselves after Findlay's fourth-quarter comeback to defeat the Titans last year.

Tennis team won first game of season

by Meredeth Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

After opening the season with 12 losses, the women's tennis team broke into the win column with a 5-4 win over GLIAC rival Gannon University.

The win was the first victory for the Lady Titan netters since the 1997 season. It also marked the program's first ever GLIAC conference win. The squad is now 1-12 overall, 1-10 in GLIAC action.

The teams split the six singles matches, but the Lady Titans earned the victory by winning two of the three doubles contests. The Titans received straight-set singles wins from junior Ellen Johnston at #3 singles, sophomore Brenda Rowland at #4 singles, and sophomore Shannon Haines at #5 singles. Haines and Rowland teamed for a win at #2 doubles, while Johnston and freshman Molly Householder posted a victory at #3 doubles.

The team dropped its record to 1-13 overall, 1-11 in the GLIAC play in Erie, as Mercyhurst College defeated the Lady Titans 7-2.

For the Titans, a pair of players earned singles wins in the contest against the Lakers. Freshman Anne Muir was a 6-4, 7-5 winner over Amy Smoolder at #1 singles, while sophomore Brenda Rowland posted a 7-5, 6-3 decision over Lauren Dujanovich at #4 singles.

The loss closed the 1999 regular season for the Lady Titan tennis team. They will finish the season this Friday and Saturday at the GLIAC Tournament.

Cross Country teams ran last section race, train for GLIACs

By Shanna Sallmen
STAFF WRITER

The cross-country teams ran their last section meet on Saturday at the Slippery Rock University Invitational.

The men's team clenched third place out of eight teams in the 10K (6.2 miles) race, ending with 76 points. The women's earned sixth place out of seven teams in their 6K (3.8 miles) race.

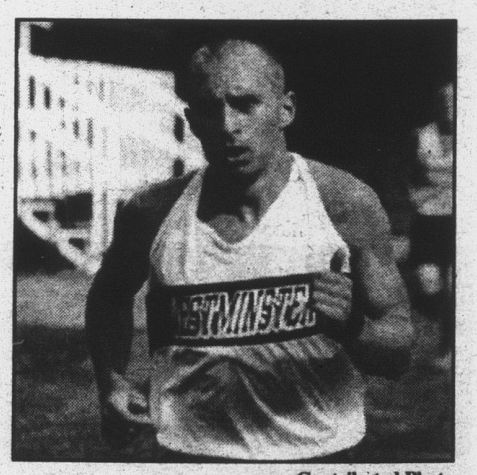
Jacob Gleason continued to lead his team finishing second out of over 70 runners with a time of 35:09. Keith Schrag was on Gleason's heels with a time of 35:53, which landed him in 7th place.

"I feel we showed the Division II state schools we're ready to compete on their level," sophomore Andy Chiapusio said.

As for the women's team, Jennifer Bennett lead with a 10th place run, and a time of 24:51.

"The team did a really great job with only a 3 point difference between the 4th place team and us in 6th place," Women's Team Coach Gary Lilly said.

Both teams are now training hard for the GLIAC championship title match in Midland, Michigan, on October 23 at 10 am.



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Keith Schrag took 7th at Slippery Rock

Women's soccer defeats Saginaw Valley

by Meredeth Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's soccer team improved to 4-9-1 overall and 4-4 in the GLIAC play with a win against Saginaw Valley and a loss to Grand Valley last weekend in Michigan.

The Titans beat Saginaw Valley 3-2 with a game-winning goal by freshman midfielder Sarah Spidel in the second overtime period.

The Titans jumped on top early in the 15th minute, as Spidel recorded her first collegiate goal unassisted for a 1-0 advantage. SVSU tied the score at 1-1 heading into halftime on a goal by Julie Valentine, then took a 2-1 lead on Valentine's second goal of the contest in the 66th minute. The team evened the game at 2-2 less than a minute later, as freshman forward Katie Krone scored her team-high seventh goal of the season off an assist

by freshman forward Tammy Newell, her second of the year. The two teams remained scoreless for the remainder of regulation and through the first 15-minute overtime session before Spidel's game-winning unassisted goal in the 109th minute of play.

The Titans won despite being outshot by SVSU 26-20. Sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Morrison made 12 saves in the league victory.

The team dropped a game the next day to Grand Valley State by a score of 3-1. The Lakers opened the scoring in the sixth minute on a goal by Cassie Teeple for a 1-0 advantage, only to see the Titans come back seven minutes later to tie the score 1-1 on a goal by Newell, assisted by sophomore midfielder Stacy Tempalski. It was Newell's fifth goal of the season, and Tempalski's first assist. Teeple scored again in the 22nd minute to put GVSU up 2-1, a lead they would take into halftime.

The Lakers then added an insurance goal in the 68th minute by Sarah McCabe to close the scoring.

Grand Valley State held a commanding 29-10 advantage in shots, while both teams posted a pair of corner kicks in the contest. Morrison made 14 saves in the loss.

The Titans finish the season with two home games Sunday and Wednesday, against Hillsdale and Indiana University of PA, respectively.

Braves visit World Series for fifth time in decade

By Dave Sheinin
WASHINGTON POST STAFF WRITER

ATLANTA, Oct. 19 - The Atlanta Braves, despite blowing a 5-0 lead after the first inning and a 7-3 lead after the sixth, are back in the World Series for the fifth time this decade, their first since 1996.

This Series will be a rematch of that one, in which the Yankees beat the Braves in six games. The Mets' loss ended hopes of the first Subway Series since 1956.

"I'm so stressed out. It was very emotional," said Jordan. "We thought we had it; we didn't. They thought they had it; they didn't. I'm exhausted, beat up, tired."

Even for the Mets - whose suspenseful, back-from-the-dead dramas have gotten progressively more absurd and more delicious - tonight stretched the boundaries of the imagination. Stuck in a five-run hole after one inning, which seemed nearly as insurmountable as the three-games-to-none hole they were in four days ago, the Mets almost lived to see yet another unlikely day.

"I'm going to take some time during the winter to watch these games and try to enjoy them like millions of people got to enjoy them," said Mets Manager Bobby Valentine. "They were fabulous games. We gave everything we had. There's a lot left out on that field."

The Braves' victory completed one of the most memorable playoff series in recent baseball history. Five of the six games were decided by one run, and the last two went extra innings. It included a 1-0 Braves win in Game 3; a 15-inning Mets victory in Game 5 that went 5 hours 46 minutes, the longest postseason game in history; and tonight's 11-inning contest.

"It was the best series I've played in in my life," Chipper Jones said.

Had the Braves lost tonight, they likely would have been playing Game 7 with the label of biggest postseason chokers in baseball history hanging over them. No team has lost a best-of-seven series after leading 3-0.

"If we had blown a 3-0 lead in the LCS, it would've been unbearable," Rocker said. "Most of the guys probably wouldn't admit it, but we were thinking about it."

After storming to a 5-0 lead in the first inning, when they knocked out Mets starting pitcher Al Leiter before he could record an out, the Braves watched in horror as the Mets exploded for seven runs in the sixth and seventh innings, tying the game at 7, before Mora stroked the potential game-winning hit, a single to center off Braves lefty Mike Remlinger in the eighth.

Mets catcher Mike Piazza - who had been bruised and battered all series, and violently upended tonight on an angry slide by Jordan in the sixth - smashed a two-run homer to right field in the seventh off John Smoltz, pitching in relief three days after starting Game 4. Smoltz's outing was a disaster - four earned runs in one-third of an inning.

"It doesn't matter now," Smoltz said. "It's on to the World Series."

But Piazza's defensive liabilities also hurt the Mets. A throwing error in the first contributed to the Braves' five-run inning, and another throwing error on a stolen base by Otis Nixon in the eighth allowed Nixon to take third and score on Brian Hunter's single. The Braves were six for six on stolen-base attempts in the game.

Nixon was running for catcher Eddie Perez, who got the eighth-inning rally started with a one-out single off John Franco. Perez, named most valuable player of the series, hit homers in Games 1 and 2 that led to Braves victories, and had the big blow, a two-run single, in the Braves' five-run first tonight.

"This," Perez said, "is the biggest thing that has ever happened to me."

Yankees have the chance to win 25th World Series

By Ben Walker
AP BASEBALL WRITER

BOSTON (AP) - Next stop for this New York Yankees express, Game 1 of the World Series.

Orlando Hernandez, Derek Jeter and the Yankees earned a return trip Monday night, once again frustrating the Boston Red Sox and their fans with a 6-1 victory in Game 5 of the AL Championship Series.

"To repeat after the incredible year we had last year is a great accomplishment," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

The defending champs wrapped up their record 36th pennant, and became the first AL team to win two in a row since Toronto in 1992-93.

The World Series opens Saturday night at the home of the NL champion. Atlanta leads the New York Mets 3-2 in the NLCS.

The Yankees faced both teams this summer in interleague play, meaning this will be the first time World Series opponents have met in the regular season.

While the Yankees won for the 14th time in 15 postseason games, Boston will now get a whole winter to figure out how to beat the New Yorkers next century.

The wild-card Red Sox brought out all their good-luck charms at Fenway Park, and yet it did no good against their longtime tormentors.

Babe Ruth's 82-year-old daughter threw out the first ball - trying to reverse the Curse of the Bambino - and Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez roused the well-behaved crowd of 33,589 from the dugout and bullpen.

From DiMaggio and Bucky Dent to El Duque and Derek, the result stayed the same in baseball's longest running drama.

Yankees win, Red Sox lose.

The Yankees will have a chance to win their 25th title. All of them have come since the Red Sox won their last championship in 1918, two years before they sold Ruth to New York.

Sports Briefs

Woman beats man in match

Margaret McGregor won every round against her male competitor Loi Chow in a history-making four-round boxing bout last Saturday night.

McGregor, 36, towered over Chow and threw combinations that racked up points but did little damage. On the other hand, Chow, 33, threw awkward punches and retreated most of the fight.

"It was like a dream coming true right before my eyes," McGregor said. "This was the biggest day of my life. I fought my best tonight. All I want to do is keep getting better and better. I don't care who it is, I'll fight anybody."

Chow's blood pressure was high an hour before the fight began, and the doctor told him to rest awhile before taking it a second time. Chow passed the test before the fight.

Chow said that high blood pressure was a factor in the loss.

"I didn't feel right," Chow said. "I don't think I got whipped. I hit her with a couple of good shots."

When asked what the bout proved, Chow responded, "It proves a woman cannot hurt a man."

Ali announces return to ring

Despite suffering from Parkinson's disease, boxing legend, Muhammed Ali last Sunday announced plans to fight a fifteen round exhibition bout.

"Let me tell you something that will shock the earth," Ali, 57, told Newsweek magazine in an interview. "I'm going to train and get in really good shape, lose 35 pounds and do an exhibition in Madison Square Garden with two or three contenders. I'll dance for 15 rounds and whip them. I haven't forgotten. I'll be weighing in at 210 pounds. I'll just say, 'I am returned. Get the contract."

Ali first won the world heavyweight boxing title in 1964 and his last fight was a ten-round loss in 1981.

He gave no date or competitors for the fight.

Mount Union beats record

Mount Union College, of Alliance, Ohio, beat Otterbein 44-20 last Saturday for their 48th consecutive victory, surpassing Oklahoma's 42-year-old mark of 47 college football wins in a row.

"When you win a national championship, it's more of a culminating event from a season of hard work. This is not quite that,'" said Head Coach Larry Kehres, who has coached Mount Union to four Division III championships.

Kehres said that he was not afraid that the streak would end, but that a player might make a mistake that would cost them the game and be forever shamed.

Kehres, who has the highest winning percentage of any college football coach ever, said he did not welcome comparison to Notre Dame's legendary Knute Rockne or Oklahoma's Bud Wilkinson.

"There are some things in football that are hallowed ground," he said. "I should be the primary spokesman that Division III is not like Division I football. Their achievements should be treated with all the respect they merit."

Sport's Preview

Football -- *Saturday, Oct 23* Findlay home 1:00 p.m.

Cross Country -- *Saturday, Oct 23* at GLIAC Championships 10:00 a.m.

Volleyball -- *Friday, Oct 22* Findlay home 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 23 Ashland home 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct 27 Grove City home 7:15 p.m.

Women's Soccer -- *Sunday, Oct 24* Hillsdall at home 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct 27 Indiana (PA) at home 3:00 p.m.

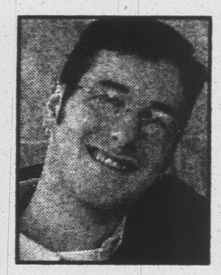
Women's Tennis -- *Friday - Saturday, Oct 22 - 23* at GLIAC Tournament

OPINION

Question of the week

What would you put in a time capsule?

Richard Leigh, Freshman
"The double CD of *Rent*."

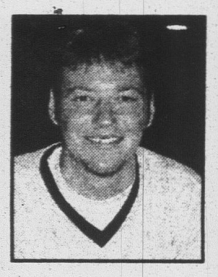


Ed Large, Senior
"Ashley Webb dressed up like the Easter bunny."

Sara Bozich, Junior
"Pictures, lots of photo albums, journals."

Nate Crozier, Junior
"Pictures, journals, and trendy items."

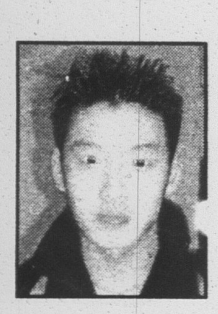
Nikki Beaver, Freshman
"My shower shoes."



Mike Morris, Sophomore
"Food from the cafeteria to see if it still tastes the same."

Jody Miron, Freshman
"Something about Y2K problems."

Christina Andrae, Senior
"Newspaper clippings, photographs, current books and magazines."



Amos Shin, Freshman
"Cans of food, sneakers, my hair, a tree and videotapes."

Jackie Selznik, Sophomore
"As many pictures as possible and anything that has meaning to me."

OUR VIEW: R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Respect is taught as early as preschool. So, why is it that college students, 15 plus years later, have such a hard time understanding the concept?

This lack of respect has been displayed in the recent outbreak of vandalism on this campus.

The Quaker Steak and Lube graciously came to Westminster to sell food for the Homecoming game. To beat the crowds, they brought their truck to Burry Stadium the Thursday before the big day. Their attempt at efficiency was thwarted when the truck was vandalized. No one identified any suspects, but that is not the main issue. The fact is that someone, from somewhere, did not have enough decency to respect private property.

Last year, someone wrote the letters MDK in permanent marker and spray paint all over campus. What is that proving? Is it an attempt to get away with destroying or defacing someone else's property? Or is it an effort to try to create useless, mindless, extra work for others?

Are students so desperate for attention, from friends or from authorities, that they actually go out of their ways to cause others to be inconvenienced?

Perhaps students think that they are getting away with destroying or defacing someone else's property. However, they are actually shooting themselves in the foot. The students, or their parents, have to pay for replacement items that are destroyed. Not many people would write on the walls of their house or destroy their own belongings because they know that if they do, they will have to spend money to replace them. Students need to open their eyes and see that, though they do not directly pay for the specific vandalized property, the replacement and refurbishment fees appear in the form of tuition increases.

Regardless of what motivates people to do destroy property, the consequences of his or her actions are felt by more than one person. Someone worked hard to remove the letters from campus property. Someone had to repair the Lube truck.

It is a matter of respect - respect for the college, respect for others and respect for private property.

But it all comes down to self-respect. Are students so desperate for attention, from friends or from authorities, that they actually go out of their ways to cause others to be inconvenienced?

If yes, then they are no better than the people who, night after night, attend parties and readily give up a piece of their dignity, reputation and self-respect with each can of Beast Light they pour down their throats.

Can one's self-esteem be so low that he or she doesn't feel they can socialize with peers - even friends - without a can of the cheapest beer that can be bought at Beer-for-Less with a fake ID? A visit to any fraternity any night will reveal the obvious answer.

Respect for others and respect for the world, must begin with respect for oneself.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On October 7, something truly remarkable happened on this campus. For the first time, in quite a while, the members of the Westminster College community were not ridden with apathy.

When they awakened that Thursday morning, every single student, faculty member, staff member and administrator had to make a conscious decision whether or not to wear jeans. Everyone had to decide whether to support or oppose non-discrimination. For some, the decision was very easy. But for others, the decision required a deep search within themselves to figure out what they believe, test moral and religious values and evaluate how they feel about people different than themselves.

Some people exhibited such strong opinions that they felt it necessary to publicly display them by chalking on the sidewalks across the campus. Members of ALLIES and other supporters of Jeans Day wrote supporting phrases like "Stop the Hate," "Tolerance" and "Celebrate Diversity." Others who felt strongly opposed to Jeans Day wrote "Kill the Fags," "Read the Bible: No Fags" and "It's Jeans Day, Go Change."

As an officer of ALLIES, a group totally in support of non-discrimination and tolerance, I do not write this letter to condemn any of the opinions of any member of this college. In fact, I write to thank each and every one of you for your participation in Jeans Day '99.

In my mind, the day was extremely successful - with 100 percent campus participation.

You see, the philosophy behind Jeans Day was not so that the members of ALLIES could see how many people they have on their side. That is childish and ridiculous. Rather, it was celebrated to put a stop sign in the seemingly never-ending road of indifference. For this one day, every student, faculty member and administrator was forced to face up to what they believe, literally wear their opinions on their sleeves and suffer the consequences accordingly.

The issue of hatred vs. tolerance is not something that can not be left to indifference. Sometimes, we have to break through our fears and face our inner selves. I am so thrilled that Westminster so successfully accomplished this very mature and difficult necessity.

Jeans Day did not support ALLIES; Jeans Day supported Westminster College, the lives and beliefs of the individuals on this campus and the overall mission and image of this place that so many of us call home.

Jeans Day '99 proved to me that Westminster is indeed a college that cares. I thank you all for thinking about this day, thinking about tolerance, thinking about hatred. I challenge you now to continue this thought process. Do not let these issues remain stagnate in your mind until Jeans Day '00.

ALLIES does not exist merely for gay students and their friends. ALLIES is here to support you, every one of you, as you strive to figure out your identity, your beliefs and your moral destiny. I wish you luck on your path toward enlightenment.

Be certain, on Oct. 7, Westminster took a giant step toward truly stopping the hate.

If anyone needs support or yearns to voice an opinion to people who care, ALLIES meetings are always open to you. You can call me at EXT. 6554 or e-mail me at dellbe for more information or any personal concerns that you feel uncomfortable bringing before the larger group.

I thank you once again for your participation in Jeans Day, and I encourage you to continue to think.

Peace to you all,
Brad Dell
ALLIES Public Relations Coordinator

Dear Editor,

I have never seen so many people in khackies before. Much to my dismay, it seems Westminster bluntly and absurdly proved that "Yes, we are homophobic." *Please note, that I know not all of us on campus changed out of our jeans on the strike of midnight before "Jeans Day." However, it saddens me to think, or shall I say see, how many people did. Prejudice and close-minded people are found at every school and with a bigger perspective in all parts of the world. However, why is it, at our school, some of you find it necessary to voice your heartless and cold decision on the pavement of Galbreath, Hoyt, and all of the other wonderful buildings of the school. Ironically, "kill the fags" and "today is gay day" (and other such obscenities) were written across previous chalking of "stop the hate" and "stop discrimination". That alone shows the hate and discrimination. Did anyone ever think to give people a chance? EVERYONE. (not just a few selective people who are "just like you.") Homosexual people have the same skin as "us" and they, much to some of your surprise, also have hearts. Words hurt. I think on top of the behavior that occurred on jeans day (or "fag day" as most of you put it in writing) there is one thing that initiates fury and more than that fear to my mind. We are the future, the people of tomorrow, and are spending $25,000 a year on our "education." Has some of us really not learned that people are equal? Has our classes not taught us anything about life outside of the realm of Calculus, Spanish, and Biology? (Maybe some us should have stayed awake in Inquiry.) If people discriminate against gays and lesbians, what about blacks, Hispanics, and other minorities? Last Thursday, a joke to half of the campus, was a great disappointment to myself, and others as well.

Sincerely,
Anna Hazel Tielsch

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the "Our View" editorial published in the October 8, 1999 issue. The shiny happy views expressed in this editorial were disturbing to me, especially in light of the fact that it was published the day after Jeans day.

On Thursday, October 7, I was wearing my jeans to express my firm personal opposition to discrimination and hate. I was distraught when I arrived at my first class to see how many students were wearing khakis and joggers. At first, I thought that maybe several people forgot that it was Jeans day, then we split into groups for discussion of class work. A boy in my group looked at me with a smirk. "Ha, Ha! You for got it was gay Jeans day and you wore jeans," he taunted. "I wore jeans on purpose," I replied. "What are you, some kind of lesbian?" he accused. It is narrow-minded babbling such as this that perpetrates the attitude of hatred that is so evident on this campus. If the boy in my class had been an informed student, he would have known that Jeans day was not a national coming out day for homosexuals. Jeans day was a day to support non-violence, non-discrimination and tolerance. I was upset by the incident in my class, but infuriated when I read the editorial in the next day's edition of the Holcad.

I will not just 'relax' and close my eyes to the blatant display of hatred that occurred here on Jeans day. If Westminster is such a wonderful, carefree place where students frolic daily in the warm glow of Old Main, as your editorial suggests, then why is it that two Thursdays ago, I felt as though I might get beat up for my choice of attire? Why is it that I am honestly afraid for the well being of students on this campus who are openly gay? Why did the vast majority of our student body make a conscious effort to wear anything other than denim to show their support for hatred and discrimination?

The editorial states that, "The truth is no statistics exist to qualify Westminster as the number one college in the country. It's a matter of perspective." Rather than having nothing to take away from a college career other than Islay's ice cream and fond memories of Dr. Zehr's hair, why not think of things from a perspective other than your own. How would you feel if next Thursday, everyone on campus wore khakis as a symbol of his or her hatred for you?

Rather than perpetuating the attitude of hate on our campus by rallying around our common insecurities, we should be striving to create an environment that is healthy and safe for all of the students on our campus. By striving for tolerance of people different than ourselves who live in our community, we can make these years at Westminster, not the best times of my life or of your life, but the best times of our lives.

Sincerely,
Amy Cross

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Derrick "Kid Sparkle" B.

I am Kid Sparkle's feeling of total satisfaction and exhilaration.

Attention TV Generation. Attention victims of commercialism. Attention drivers of VW Bugs and Land Rovers. Attention conformers to the status quo. Attention everyone who is going to graduate, get a job, get married and spend the rest of their life waking up, going to work, coming home, eating ravioli, watching Jeopardy and going to bed, only to wake up again and face the same meaningless, mundane existence that is your life. This movie is for you. This movie will change your life. This is the real deal. Welcome to *Fight Club*.

Wait. Maybe I should start a bit earlier. I am Kid Sparkle's ever-present feeling of discontent. Ash and I spent the balmy months of June, July and August formulating complex social theories and philosophizing about the current state of our culture and lack of culture running through it. On one particular mid summers eve during one of our usual Absinthe and coffee soaked discussions, Ash turned to me, and in his best Sean Connery voice said, "we need a movie to define us. A movie to call our own, to voice the way we feel about things. We need our own *Rebel Without a Cause*, our own *Singles*. We need a movie that sums up the way we feel about the world around us in one fell swoop."

Welcome to *Fight Club*, where you are not your job, you are not how much you have in your wallet, you are not your khakis, and you are not a beautiful and unique snowflake.

Undoubtedly, males around the county, high on testosterone, will flood theaters with the intention of seeing men beating the hell out of other men. Yes, this is an element of Fight Club, but it contains so much, much more.

Directed by David Fincher (*Seven, The Game*), *Fight Club* sees Brad Pitt and Edward Norton turning in the best performances of their careers. Pitt plays Tyler Durden, a man who has perfected the art of living free. Norton plays a nameless, white-collar auto safety checker (who I will refer to here as Norton) whose meaningless life revolves around his auto safety checking job and accessorizing his condo. An insomniac, Norton begins going to support groups (A.A. testicular cancer, incest survival group) to inject some emotion into his life. It works, at first.

Norton becomes an addict, attending any group he can find, until one day, Marla Singer (Helena Bohnam Carter) walks into the testicular cancer group. Norton meets Singer, and she ruins everything. "Marla was like a scratch on the top of my mouth that would heal if you could only stop licking it." Norton meets Durden, and Norton's life really begins. Welcome to *Fight Club*.

Fight Club is a 2 1/2-hour look at our society. Norton and Durden start Fight Club to help men stuck in meaningless jobs, and meaningless lives, regain feeling through fighting. Soon fight club evolves into something much greater. Stacked with surprises, the films plot sucks you in, and doesn't let go, even after the movie ends. Words cannot begin to describe the grand scope of this movie.

Fight Club is profound, disturbing, violent, erotic, dark, moody, and very, very, funny. Although the movie has already been tagged as anti-God, anti-society, anti-capitalism and pro-violence. I agree with Rolling Stone: "it's pro-thinking."

According to Durden, Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger, Volkswagen and all other brands are meaningless. This doesn't stop Durden from busting out some outfits that would make any fashion aficionado jealous. Owning possessions like these are fine, just don't let them own you.

While on a bus, Norton stares at a Calvin Klein commercial featuring a buff male torso thinking, "I feel sorry for all the guys who pack into gyms trying to look like Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger tells them they should." He then looks at Durden, asking if that's what a man looks like. Durden's response? "Self improvement is masturbation. Self destruction might be the answer." Pitt delivering this line adds an ironic humor he brings to many of his lines.

In one of many scenes of vandalism and destruction, Norton and Durden smash up several high-end cars with baseball bats. When they reach a VW Bug, Durden lets out a sarcastic laugh before going to town on the headlights and windshield. In a recent EW article, Norton summed up the scene, which he and Pitt created. "Brad and I figured out we both have a mutual loathing of the new Volkswagen Beetles. So we whack one with a baseball bat. We're saying that it's a perfect example of the baby boomer generation marketing its youth culture to us as if our happiness is going to come by buying the symbol of their own youth movement. It's appalling to me."

This is a fine example of many of Durden's philosophies, human sacrifice being one of the best.

There's also enough homoerotic overtones in the film to wonder if what men have become in society is also an issue the movie tackles. While Norton talks to a bathing Durden, Durden wonders "if finding another women is really the answer?" (Since we just got away from our mothers.)

In the next scene, Norton describes he and Durden as Ozzie and Harriet. Other instances like these, along with Pitt's recent Rolling Stone photo shoot in dresses, further fuels the fire.

This is the best film to come out in years. Nothing more needs to be said here.

I am Kid Sparkle's feeling of content and satisfaction. At least for a day or two.

Ashley "Webster" W.

Ahhhh, yes. Time for another movie review. After a bit of a sabbatical, Derrick and I are hitting the blockbusters again. This time, we decided to go a little CRAZY, by seeing our choice flick of the week on Saturday instead of Sunday. I know what you're thinking, but don't commit me yet. The flick for this week was *Fight Club*. And a very good choice I must say.

Well, we headed down 208 "par usual" and low and behold, there he was again, "Spandex boy the cyclist!" Kinda freaky actually. Yeah, he remembered us and wanted to race and rub it in our face once again that he could beat us, but needless to say I wasn't going to be embarrassed by that skin tight wearin', Huffy sponsored, Gatorade drinkin' two-wheeled sissy boy. So I took matters into my own hands. Once the light turned green I let him get a bit ahead, caught up to him, and before he could utilize the next burst of energy (from his electrolyte enhanced sports drink) I ran him off the road and into an Amish compost heap. Yeah buddy, how do you like me now! Hey you dropped your heart rate monitor!

Anyway, back to the movie. One word, excellent! *Fight Club* is the best movie I have seen in years. It incorporates all of the necessary elements for a movie of its genre. You have it all: violence, humor, awesome settings, an intriguing plot, which is as entertaining as it is thought provoking, as well as great acting. Stupendous!

Jim Uhls adapted the movie script from a novel by Chuck Palahniuk. The director David Fincher, also known for his movies *The Game* and *Seven*, collaborates with the crew to bring to together an amazingly powerful and engaging movie, without ever loosing the audience's interest.

The plot is the first item for review. It is wonderful in all the right ways.

Not only does it keep the audience moving from frame to frame, but it keeps you on the edge of your seat, waiting for that next scene where what occurs is so unexpected that you once again become flabbergasted and yearn for more. Seeing the movie makes me want to go out and read the book...which is very rare.

The second item for review is the acting. Brad Pitt plays the character Tyler Durden. Pitt brings Durden to life as a spiked hair, eclectic clothes wearing, madman who harbors ideas against the capitalistic and consumer based society in which we live. The guy is insanely awesome and extraordinarily unpredictable, with a penchant for pain. One might say, it is he who gives his sidekick Edward Norton (Jack) a new religion.

At first Norton is your average Ikea obsessed, insomnia plagued, car company claim assessor who turns into a fist throwing rebel. He throws away his conventional lifestyle to live with Durden (in his dilapidated, *Addams Family* style Victoran mansion in the "toxic waste part of town") and together they found the infamous, movie-titled organization, the "Fight Club." Throw into the works Helena Bonham Carter as the cynical, burnout floozie, and you've got chaos in the strictest sense. The acting is superb. (Am I sounding like a real movie reviewer yet?)

The cinematography utilized in this movie is wonderfully attention getting and interesting. Jeff Cronenweth creates a montage of images portraying the psychological internal hallucinations of Norton's mind, as well as other Scorsesian shots of explosive-laden vans, which creates an insidious sense of dread. Possibly the most creative use of these effects are in the depiction of Norton's living room as a living Ikea catalogue.

It can be stated without any hesitation that *Fight Club* is an epic film whose mix of adrenaline-impulsed violence, sardonic humor, and intelligent provocative plot will make it a classic.

VH-1, Showtime stand-up comic to perform at Down Under

Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

Scott Henry, the quick-witted comedian recently seen on VH-1 will appear in the Down Under this Saturday at 8 p.m.

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Henry knew he wanted to be in show business at an early age.

"Being in Milwaukee, a long way from Hollywood, I had to take whatever gig I could get," Henry said.

He recalls the exact incident that made him turn to comedy.

"The amount of ridicule I received from performing 'Thank God I'm a Country Boy' made me develop enough quick wit and emotional problems to start a career in stand up comedy."

He started this career at the Comedy Corner in downtown Milwaukee where he became the house MC for eight months. He then entered the professional circuit after winning a comedy competition that allowed him to tour the southeastern part of the United States.

Over the next seven years, Henry worked clubs from Florida to Alaska. He performed at over 70 colleges and has made 9 national television appearances on shows and networks such as Showtime, *Evening at the Improv* and VH-1's *Stand Up Spotlight*.

Stop by the Down Under this Saturday at 8 p.m. to be entertained by his character voices, sound effects, comical facial expressions, quick wit and sharp improvisational skills.

Kid Sparkle criticizes MTV's lineup see page 14

ACROSS
1. Doctor's group (abbr.)
4. China bear
9. 7th Greek letter
12. Light brown
13. Great achievement
14. Insect egg
15. Small hole
17. State of spirits
19. Edible fruit
21. Quiet
22. Servant (woman)
24. Color
26. Mechanical (abbr.)
29. Indian tribe
31. Defeated
33. Rest
34. 7th scale note
35. Tree
37. Fall month (abbr.)
39. Southwest state (abbr.)
40. Time zone (abbr.)
42. Experimental place (slang)
44. Devil
46. Jump
48. - - Angels
50. Leaves
51. Behind
53. Map
55. Egg preperation
58. Rows
61. Covered truck
62. Dead language
64. Time period
65. Painting
66. Fixed look
67. Introduced

DOWN
1. Pinch
2. Might
3. Hemoglobin deficiency
4. Banana skin
5. Performer
6. National League (abbr.)
7. Beaver barrier
8. Smallest unit of an element
9. Opaque covering
10. Sesame plant
11. Godilla
16. Narrow shelf
18. Pirate's alcohol
20. Unused
22. Motorist's hotel
23. Next to
25. Put on clothes
27. Indian's boat
28. Church songs
30. Building wing
32. Move head
36. Bad (prefix)
38. Las - -
41. Skill
43. Snake
45. Islam believer
47. Friend
49. Step
52. Comes together
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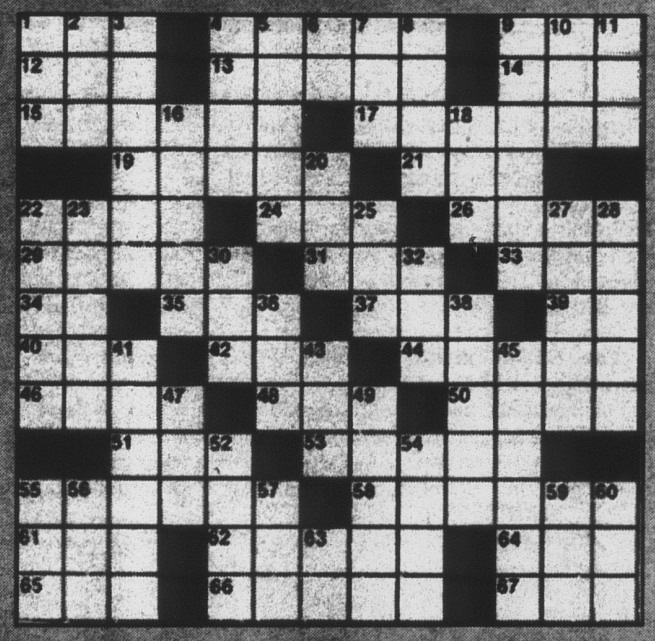

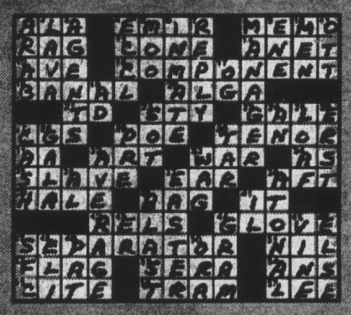

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Dick (PG-13)
5:05, 7:45, 10:00

Haunting, The (PG-13)
4:40, 7:20, 10:10

Inspector Gadget (PG)
4:35, 7:05, 9:15

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3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 10:00

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3:30, 6:50, 9:00, 9:45

Jakob the Liar (PG-13)
Times to be announced

Mystery, Alaska (R)
Times to be announced

The Omega Code (PG-13)
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The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15

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Three Kings (R)
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Drive Me Crazy (PG-13)
12:55, 3:10, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20

Fight Club (R)
1:05, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

Random Hearts (R)
1:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
12:50, 2:55, 4:55, 7:05, 9:10

The Story of Us (R)
1:10, 3:05, 5:00, 7:15, 9:05

Superstar (PG-13)
1:15, 3:15, 5:20, 7:40, 9:35

Three Kings (R)
12:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

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Double Jeopardy (R)
5:10, 7:40, 10:05

Fight Club (R)
4:00, 7:00, 10:30

Random Hearts (R)
4:15, 7:15, 10:15

Runaway Bride (PG)
5:05, 7:45, 10:20

Stigmata (R)
4:30, 7:10, 9:35

The Story of Us (R)
5:00, 7:30, 10:00

HOROSCOPES

ARIES
You will finally get the results you've been waiting for this week. Whether the news is good or bad, know you did your best and don't let others get you down. Parents especially will be defeating, so be ready. Also, don't forget someone's birthday.

TAURUS
Don't take anyone's crap this week. Watch a good movie instead. If that doesn't help, then go stand up to those who try to put you down. Whatever the case, be yourself for once instead of just doing what you think is cool.

GEMINI
Watch out for illness this week. No major epidemic, but do your best to keep healthy. This may involve eating better or wearing a coat. Perhaps it will involve keeping to yourself for the weekend rather than engaging in risky social behavior.

CANCER
Potential romance is in the air for you this week. Keep your eyes peeled for the right person, but don't over analyze. And don't act too quickly. If you hop in the sack with the wrong person, it could put a serious kink in your social life. Instead, look to those who you wouldn't normally suspect.

LEO
Public speaking will be on your agenda for the week. It may be more than just giving a speech - you may have to speak your mind to your peers on a more personal issue. If a friend is getting into trouble, help him or her out by speaking your mind.

VIRGO
Stop trying to be everyone's best friend. You will never please everyone so focus on those you cherish most. Stop being a politician and go back to being a best friend. The ones who have stuck with you this long will most likely be there in the future, so don't forget about them.

LIBRA
Rocky roads are ahead when it comes to work this week. Your mental abilities will be tested and you must apply yourself if you want to pass. Business relationships will be stressful, but beneficial. Don't give up too soon.

SCORPIO
Things are looking better than they have for awhile. You will finally feel caught up with your chores and you will have extra time to do what you always wanted. Perhaps you should look into religion. You now have the time to fill in something you have been missing.

SAGITARIUS
Animals will play a key role in your week. Whether it is a beloved pet or a stray cat, something will center on an animal. Take the time to appreciate the fall season. Maybe even take some pictures.

CAPRICORN
Something significant will involve a celebrity this week. You may not meet anyone in person. It just might be the ability to identify with someone everybody knows. Either way, look for similarities between yourself and someone you don't know very well.

AQARIUS
This week calls for a bit of nostalgia. You may want to visit or remember your grandparents. Or focus on something from the past. Perhaps it will surface in the present and present a new opportunity.

PICES
Watch what you eat this week. The food itself or where you are when you are eating may symbolize the solution to a nagging problem. If it does, act quickly before the opportunity to remedy a situation passes.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Opportunities Abroad: The following are web site addresses for volunteering abroad: Cross-Cultural Solutions - www.crossculturalsolutions.org, Global Routes - www.globalroutes.org, Visions in Action -www.visionsinaction.org, World Teach - www.worldteach.org

Junior Computer Science Majors: The Lawrence County Career Link is looking for a junior computer science or computer information systems major with a grade point average of 2.75 or better who is familiar with PC software and hardware and has knowledge in Novel, DOS, Windows 95 & 98, Microsoft Office, Slite, Note & Organizer, IBM, Dell, Compaq, printers and scanners. This paid internship or part-time job offers $10-12.98 per hour. Send resume to Lawrence County Career Link, 102 Margaret St., New Castle PA, 16101.

The National Audubon Society has internships available for the fall, winter, and summer sessions. Interns will be responsible for teaching children and adults about the environment. For an application, write or call John Wilson, Internship Coordinator, Aullwood Audubon Center & Farm, 1000 Aullwood Rd., Dayton OH 45414, (937) 890-7360.

Summer Teaching Internships: Choate Rosemary Hall, an independent, coeducational secondary school in Wallingford, Conn., has summer teaching internships available. Approximately 30 positions are available for the summer of 2000 in such disciplines as: English, fine arts, foreign language, history/social sciences, math/computer science, psychology, science, student activities/athletics. A salary of $2,000 is offered along with room and board. For more information and an online application: www.choate.edu/summer.

Management & Marketing Job Interviews: NVR, Inc./NV Homes/Ryan Homes, one of the nation's largest home builders and financial services companies, will be in the Tub lounge Oct. 18 for a formal information session and Oct. 19 for interviews. For more information about career opportunities for entry level management and sales associates/marketing, visit the website: wwwonvrinc.com. If interested in interviewing, submit two copies of your resume to the Career Center by Thursday, Oct. 14.

MTV's commercialistic characteristics affect viewers

by Derrick "Kid Sparkle" B.
STAFF WRITER

The Buggles were right.

When "Video Killed the Radio Star" flashed across the screen of TV's throughout America during MTV's maiden broadcast in 1981, it is unlikely that anyone had an idea how prophetic the song was, or the impact MTV would have.

The Buggles video, which included exploding radios, outlandish hairstyles and a girl trapped inside a plastic tube decked out in an outfit reminiscent of Bowie's Ziggy Startdust era, was refreshing. It was not playing to a certain market or demographic; it was simply the way the band pictured there song would look if put into a visual form. So, to be fair, MTV began as a revolutionary idea.

Before becoming the commercial it is today, (and yes, MTV itself is a commercial), it displayed some inspired ideas, and gave people across America the chance to welcome strange, new, adventurous bands into their living rooms, giving every kid that had a television the chance to turn his living room into a club where he had front row seats.

These weren't commercially successful bands; these were weird, quirky bands (the Go-Go's, Duran Duran, Flock of Seagull's, Men at Work) that people may not have heard of at the time if it hadn't been for MTV. This was when culture still shaped music. This was when music was pure, and not a product of someone looking to put together the perfect band (okay, maybe a few bands at this time were put together, but at least they were good) unlike the disposable, cliched, music of recent MTV favorites like Matchbox 20.

There is no exact point when MTV stopped being revolutionary, and started being a trend, but as the Buggles suggested, it was probably around the time MTV started overshadowing radio stations when it came to measuring what the public wanted. A good guess would be around the spring of '84.

"MTV is already becoming a parody of itself," members of Devo said around that time.

In other words, instead of continuing to come out with ground breaking new bands, the station was already putting out what they were sure would sell. By the end of the eighties, the TV station that *The Washington Post* had called, "the single most influential product of eighties cultural", had, in fact, become the single biggest influence on culture, which was now a product of MTV.

Joe Jackson of Devo pointed out that videos had become "a shallow, tasteless and formularized way of selling music."

Writer Steven Levy's said that "after watching hours and days of MTV, it's tough to avoid the conclusion that rock and roll has been replaced by commercials."

MTV programmer Les Garland supported Levy, telling Pepsi, "I want to world premiere your new commercials," an act previously used to promote new videos.

Today's version of MTV, as stated before, is a commercial. It is a commercial for the music MTV chooses to force-feed to its viewers. If no one watched MTV, or everyone watched it, took it with a grain of salt and forgot about it, there would be no problem.

Instead, the youth of America are more than eager to tune in daily, see what is deemed acceptable by MTV, and, like army ants, march in unison to malls around America and fork over money for the current flavor of the month. The problem rests in the fact that those devoted to MTVthink that MTV is the first and last word on what's out there in music. They have bought into the corporate machine, and instead of following their heart and developing a true taste for music, they are allowing themselves to be programmed to listen to music that, for the most part, is uninspired, insignificant, and, worst of all, unoriginal.

The lines from "Video Killed the Radio Star," saying, "they took credit for your second symphony/rewritten by machine and new technology," makes the Buggles appear, once again, to be some sort of prophets, capable of peering into the dark future of music television.

One days worth of watching MTV will uncover numerous artists (Puff Daddy, Will Smith, Snoop Dog) who simply manipulate classic songs, which MTV watchers would never recognize because the originals don't appear on MTV, and call them their own. Of course, covering songs has been done since music was invented, but current artists simply rely on other songs instead of paying tribute to them, or using samples from them to enhance an already solid, valid work. The majority of bands that do write their own material, (Bare Naked Ladies, Matchbox 20, Smash Mouth, Blink182, Fuel, Eve 6, Bush, etc.) can't seem to find a single thing to say that isn't a rehashed version of another band.

The endless stream of rap/metal hybrids, boy bands and shallow female pop acts currently floating down the mainstream pipeline make up Teenybopper heaven, the present version of MTV. Are these bands entertaining? Maybe. But that's not the point.

Kid Rock, the Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears and Jewel most likely stand as the cornerstone of CD collections across the country, That's the point and the problem. The future of a cultured country, at least in the realm of music, looks bleak. Thank you Music Television.

The institution that MTV has become isn't a mystery. It doesn't take much to see it for what it is, but there are few up in arms. Perhaps the general public, who are used to a fast paced, fast food society where patience is a lost virtue, and independent thinking rarely rears its head, needs a way to be instantly "cultured," no matter how shallow, or false it is. For these people MTV is perfect, and they have proved The Buggles theory correct.

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FRIDAY 22
11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
7:15 pm Volleyball vs. Findlay (H)
8:00 Celebrity Series: "Annie" - Orr Auditorium
8:00 pm Theta Chi Date Party - Chapter House
TBA Women's Tennis @ GLIAC Tournament

SATURDAY 23
10:00 am Cross Country GLIAC Championships @ Northwood, MI
11:00 am Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Children's Library
1:00 pm Football vs. Findlay (H)
5:00 pm Volleyball vs. Ashland (H)
7:00 pm Alpha Gamma Delta Formal
7:00 pm Mass - Chapel
8:00 pm CPC Presents Scott Henry (comedian) - Down Under
TBA Women's Tennis @ GLIAC Tournament
8:30 pm Newman Club Bonfire - Amphitheater Zeta Tau Alpha Date Party

SUNDAY 24
12:30 pm Greek Sweep — New Wilmington Community
1:00 pm Women's Soccer vs. Hillsdale (H)
3:00 pm Chamber Ensemble Recital - Chapel
6:00 pm Theta Chi Meeting @ Chapter House
7:00 pm Vespers - Chapel
9:00 pm Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 25
Phi Mu Unity Week
11:40 am - 12:10 pm - Chapel
5:30 pm Panhellenic Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 pm Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
5:30 pm First Class of Continuing Education Tips and Shortcuts for WINDOWS 95 - PH 214
6:15 pm Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112-113
6:30 pm Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 pm Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 pm Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 pm Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230

TUESDAY 26
11:15 am Student Life & Athletic Council — TUB A/B
5:30 pm Allies Meeting — PH 114
6:00 pm Circle K Meeting — TUB A/B
7:00 pm Golden Bells Gospel Blues - Down Under
TBA Sigma Kappa Open House

WEDNESDAY 27
11:30 am Faculty Forum: Nancy Zipay DeSalvo, "A Sneak Preview: Chopin" - PH 131
2:00 pm Men's Soccer @ Gannon
3:00 pm Women's Soccer vs. Indiana of PA (H)
7:00 pm SGA Meeting - TCF 116
7:15 pm Volleyball vs. Grove City (H)
8:00 pm CPC Meeting - TCF 116
8:30 pm SAVE Meeting - TCF 111
9:30 pm Seekers Meeting - Down Under

THURSDAY 28
5:30 pm Philosophy Honorary Society Meeting — PH 116
7:00 pm IFC Meeting - TUB A/B
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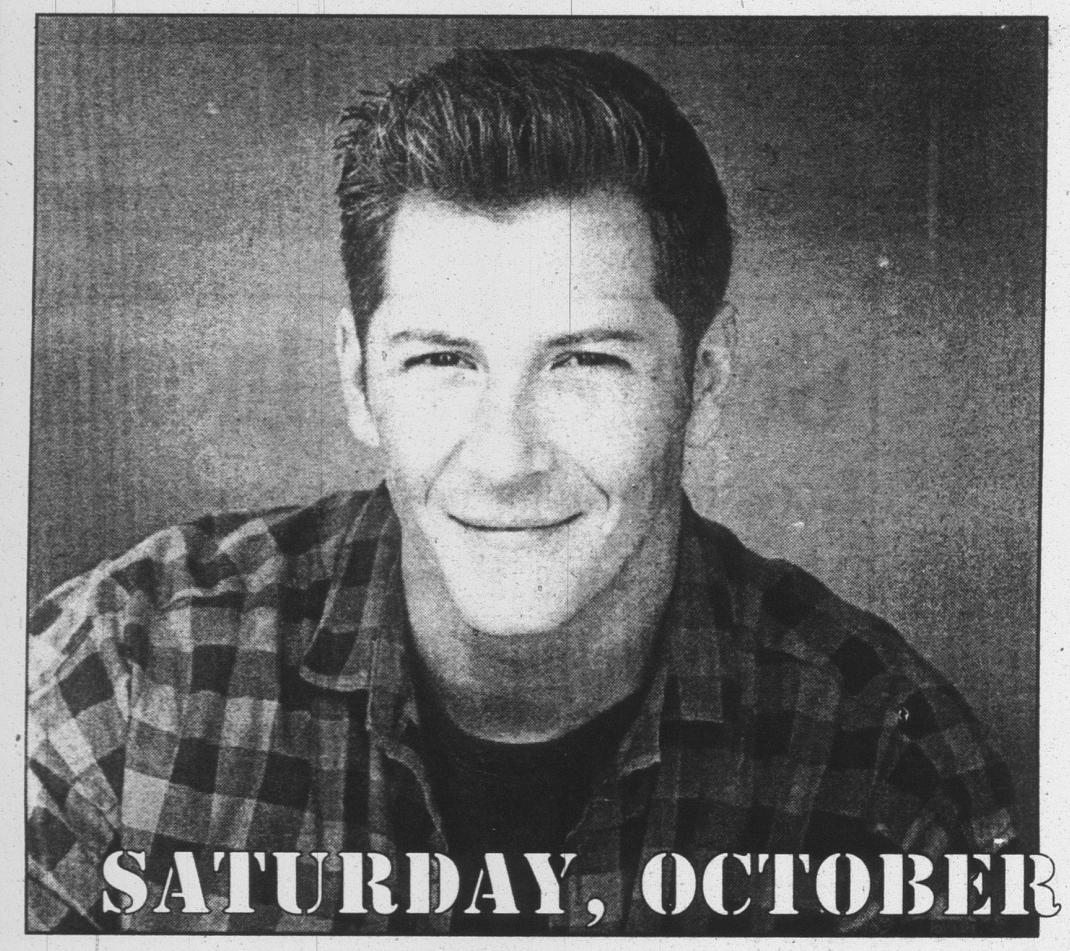

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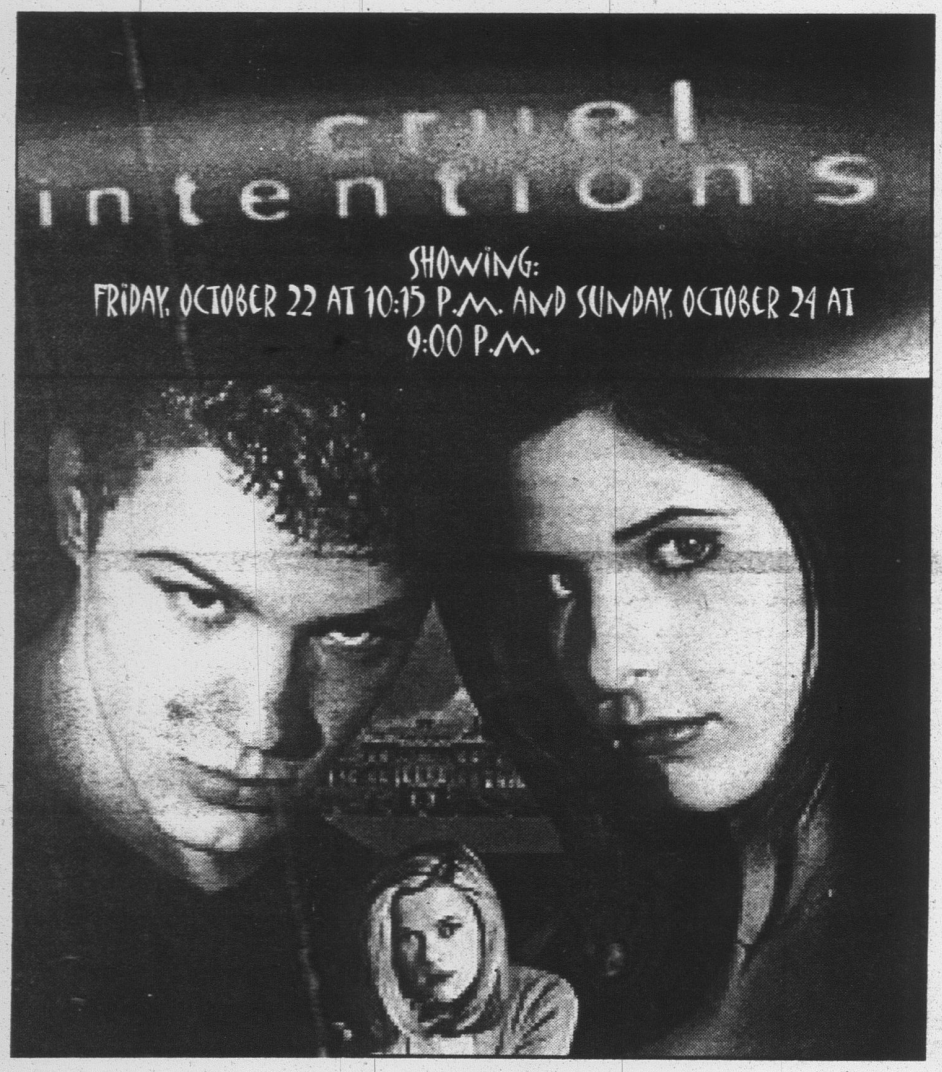

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Football team earns first GLIAC win

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

After opening the 1999 season with seven losses, the football team broke into the win column on Saturday, as the Titans completed a come-from-behind 22-19 GLIAC victory over the University of Findlay.

The win improved the Titans' record to 1-7 overall and in GLIAC play, while the Oilers dropped to 2-5 overall and in league play.

The Titans posted the game-winning score with just 23 seconds to play on a seven-yard scoring pass from senior quarterback James Graham to junior tailback John Ciavarra.

"It felt really good to get our first win, and it felt even better coming over our long-time rival Findlay," said Ciavarra.

With the move to the NCAA Division III Presidents' Athletic Conference in 2000, last Saturday's game could mark the final gridiron meeting between the Titans and the University of Findlay. The series between the two schools, which began in 1983, ends with a Titan 13-7-1 series lead. The rivalry matched the two dominant programs in NAIA Division II football history with 10 national championship titles between them (six for Westminster, four for Findlay). The squads met seven times in the NAIA National Playoffs from 1983-97, with the Oilers holding a 4-3 advantage.

The two teams continued their rivalry last season in the first year in the GLIAC.

"It's always been a closely-contested and bitterly-fought rivalry. Even in years where the games have not been close, the contests have always been extremely physical," said Scott Renninger, co-head coach for the Titan football program. "In NAIA days, it seemed like whoever won the regular season game had an upper hand heading into the playoffs, and whoever won the playoff contest had made a large step towards a national championship."

The Oilers opened Saturday's game with several scoring chances, but their first drive ended with a fumble on the Titan 1-yard line, and their next drive stalled on an interception by junior free safety Adam Jones at the Titan eight-yard line.

Findlay finally opened the scoring late in the first quarter, taking a 3-0 lead on a 20-yard field goal by Chris Merrick. The lead stretched to 10-0 midway through the second period on a 44-yard TD pass from Bryan Hieber to Darrell Ramsey. After an Oiler fumble, the Titans cut the lead to 10-7 just before the half on a four-yard scoring run by Graham.

Findlay stretched the lead to 13-7 early in the third quarter on a 30-yard Merrick field goal. The Titans fought back, marching 79 yards on nine plays covering 4:04 on the next drive, ending with an 11-yard scoring pass from Graham to senior wide receiver Dan Detwiler. The conversion kick by sophomore Jon McCartney gave the Titans their first lead of the game at 14-13 with 5:22 to play in the third quarter.

The Oilers retook the lead on a 12-yard Hieber-to-Ramsey pass with 3:48 to play for a 19-14 lead, before missing a two-point conversion attempt. The Titans then took the ball the length of the field on the final drive, moving 68 yards on nine plays in 3:25 to set up Graham's game-winning pass to Ciavarra.

Photo by Courtney Behm
James Graham gets set to throw as Findlay's defense puts the pressure on.

Graham finished the game completing 17-of-31 passes for 203 yards, with Detwiler his top target, catching five balls for 86 yards and a score. Senior tailback Jason Long led the Titans with 35 yards rushing on eight carries.

Defensively, the Titans forced five Oiler turnovers in the contest. In addition to Jones' pick, junior cornerback Aaron Stamp moved

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College recognized for encouragement of character

By Laurie Sampson
STAFF WRITER

The Templeton Guide recognized Westminster as a College that Encourages Character in the publication released nationwide on Oct. 22.

The Templeton Guide is designed to help prospective college students and their parents find out what colleges are doing to promote strong values and moral character among their students. The guide profiles 405 exemplary college programs in ten different categories.

Westminster was one of only 60 colleges in the country honored for its innovative first year program and one of only 35 to be recognized for its proactive approach to substance abuse.

"Westminster students develop the strong values that will serve them well beyond their college years," President R. Thomas Williamson said. "Character development is a lifelong process, and we believe that colleges have a very important and unique role to play. We are delighted to be among the institutions profiled in *The Templeton Guide*."

The programs were chosen through a highly selective process that considered clarity of vision; statement of purpose; institutional resources; involvement of institutional leaders; impact of students, faculty, campus and community; integration into the core curriculum; longevity; external awards and recognition; and assessment.

The first-year program, for which Westminster was honored, includes Inquiry I and II, Writing and Oral Communications.

"Inquiry gives students the opportunity to see how ideas are formed and how they shape the modern world," Director of Inquiry Dr David Twining said. "This helps students to raise important questions they will carry on to other classes and even the rest of their life."

However, some students do not agree.

"I don't think that the class is refined enough yet to deserve such high recognition," sophomore Taryn Umbel said. "Professors don't seem to know what they're supposed to be teaching and students don't know what they're supposed to be learning."

Westminster's other profile in *The Templeton Guide* recognized the college's substance abuse prevention program.

Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman is proud of anti-substance abuse programs like: PEERS (Peers Educating and Encouraging Responsibility among Students), the Wellness program, The Binge Drinking Task Force, the happy bus and The Down Under.

The John Templeton Foundation, established in 1987, supports national programs that offer meaningful opportunities for college students to learn about, reflect upon and practice the virtues of personal and civic responsibility.

"Westminster's strong commitment to character development and the strength of its program makes it a model for colleges and universities nationwide," said Dr. Arthur J. Schwartz, director of character development programs at the John Templeton Foundation.

Weekend Weather

Friday: Warm high 73° low 45°

Saturday: Warm high 74° low 46°

Sunday: Cloudy high 68° low 45°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Lack of funding prohibits some SGA activities

By Mike Richardson
STAFF WRITER

A lack of funding in the Student Government Association budget is making it difficult for the officers to plan the activities they would like.

The officers initiated plans to have Adam Sandler come to Westminster College. The price of getting Sandler is $40,000. Because the school spent so much money on Bill Cosby two years ago, there isn't enough money in the budget.

"We would like to have a well-known celebrity on campus," said Michael Henry, SGA student affairs executive, "but funding/budgeting isn't large enough to support such an entertainer like Adam Sandler or Sean 'Puff Daddy' Combs."

Some SGA members are also concerned that the lack of budgeting is affecting the activities of the student body.

"There is a strong feeling on campus from students that more money is put into celebrities for the community and faculty," said one member of SGA, who wished to remain anonymous. "This results in students engaging in other activities or going to another campus to go to a concert."

Instead of getting a famous celebrity, SGA is planning other activities. They will continue to plan activities in the Down Under during the weekend, including movies on Friday and Sunday and live entertainment on Saturday. A bus trip to Canada to see *Les Miserables* is also being planned. The predicted cost for the overnight trip is $30 - $40. The only other event in the planning stages now is a trip to Pittsburgh for a Penguin game. The cost has yet to be decided.

SGA is working to solve other problems on campus as well. They are meeting with two representatives from the food service to discuss ways of improving the TUB and Cafeteria. Some of the issues that will be discussed include a lack of food, cold food and equivalency times. Adding a cappuccino machine and a pretzel machine in the TUB are a few of the suggestions that the group will make.

SGA will also address why it takes IKON so long to hook up students' computers. Kate McLaury is representing IKON in the discussions.

"One of the benefits of SGA this year is that more students are becoming involved," SGA Treasurer Beth Alexander said. "More ideas are flowing into SGA, and we are dividing into groups by class and getting more done on campus."

Internship Day gives students interview and work experience

By Darcy Yobp
STAFF WRITER

Forty organizations interviewed students for internship positions at this semester's Internship Day last Thursday.

The event, sponsored by the Career center offered internships in all majors for both fall and spring semesters, as well as summer and Christmas breaks.

Several students said that Internship Day was helpful and convenient.

"I'm excited about it [the internship] because I feel like I have a goal now," said sophomore public relations major Courtney Panik, who secured a position at Allegheny General Hospital. "I'm getting into my major and getting hands-on experience before my senior year."

Panik will be writing and editing curriculum for the hospital's CPR program this upcoming summer.

Sophomore accounting major Jason Hays has not yet heard from Wheatland Tube or Mahoning Valley Scrappers (a little league baseball team) about the internships he applied for, but said that interviewing on campus was more comfortable than in a professional environment.

"[Internship Day] gave us [students] the opportunity to see employers on our own ground so that we were not so intimidated," Hays said.

Janet Waugaman, assistant director of the Career center, said she believes internships provide students with practical experiences that help them narrow their preferences of jobs, begin networking, build strong resumes and boost their self-esteem. She recommended that students of all majors intern in their chosen fields before graduation.

Waugaman also said that companies look for students with good communication skills, basic computer skills and strong academic records.

Jackie Meade, director of the Career Center, added that companies want students who are "team players, really enthused about the work" and who are involved in extra-curricular activities.

Columbia Gas and Mahoning Valley Scrappers are two of the new organizations to participate in Internship Day. Other businesses like Ikea, the Pittsburgh Penguins, American Red Cross and the Carnegie Science Center returned because of satisfaction with previous interns from Westminster, Waugaman said.

"Make sure you don't wait until the last minute to turn in your resume and get signed up," Hays said, advising students wishing to participate in the next internship day. "It's hell wrestling with all the other people for the [attention of the] Career Center."

Photo by Brad Dell

Many students took advantage of interview opportunities.

Ski club once again offers membership and travel opportunities

By Rebecca Galbreath
STAFF WRITER

For the second year, Brad Ebel and Chris Hall will sponsor a ski club, which includes four skiing opportunities and a spring break trip for students.

The four trips being offered are to Seven Springs, Blue Knob, Hidden Valley and Snow Shoe in West Virginia. The cost of the trip to Seven Springs is $16 and the trips to Blue Knob and Hidden Valley are $32. The fee includes lift tickets and busing to the resorts.

Also being planned is the spring break trip to Snow Shoe, West Virginia. The trip will be three nights and four days. Ebel and Hall are not sure of all the details yet, but they said that they would know soon.

There is a fee of two dollars to join the ski club. The group meets every two or three weeks and is open to all students.

"I get a lot of emails asking if it is ok for beginner skiers to join the ski club," Ebel said. "I want everyone to know that the trips are for everyone, whether beginner or advanced."

Signing up for the ski club does not mean that students are obligated to go on every trip.

"There are plenty of trips available. If you are involved in a lot of other activities, there will be enough opportunities for you to make some trips," Hall said.

Nov. 12 is the deadline to sign up for the ski trips.

"We are really excited because there has been a lot of interest shown already this year," Ebel said.

Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Brad Ebel at campus mailbox 1075 or Chris Hall at campus mailbox 116.

Phi Mu clothing drive benefits the Children's Miracle Network

By Erin Morgan
STAFF WRITER

Phi Mu held a clothing swap in the Quad on Monday Oct. 18 and raised approximately $150 for Children's Miracle Network.

The sisters worked throughout the day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Despite the frigid weather, the swap was successful.

The clothing swap was the brain-child of Phi Mu Philantrophy Chair Katherine Barone. Barone said she wanted to do something fun that would benefit both the campus and the community.

"It gave the sisters a chance to work together and have fun, instead of working individually by selling the normal raffle tickets," Barone said.

Phi Mu will donate the money they raised to their philantrophy, the Children's Miracle Network (CMN). CMN will then divide the money between local hospitals.

The hospitals will use the money to buy medicine and equipment, and fund medical research. All CMN hospitals are non-profit, so most of the children at the hospitals cannot afford healthcare. There are over 170 CMN hospitals across the nation, including Canada. Nationally, Phi Mu raised over $330,000 last year. "Anything that we can do to help raise money for these children is well worth the hard work and effort," Senior Membership Director Kim Maraugha said.

The sisters started collecting clothes, books and CD's after fall break. They put clothing collection boxes in every dorm. Their publicity consisted of posters on campus and in town and a campuswide e-mail. They will donate the clothes that didn't sell to the Women's Shelter of New Castle and the Salvation Army.

"Mostly everything at the swap was $1, which was a good deal for college and high school students," junior Sara Bresnahan said.

The sisters of Phi Mu plan to have another swap, possibly in the spring. They hope to make it an annual event.

Another activity that Phi Mu organizes in order to raise money is the 80's Dance party at the Down Under in the spring. They also plan to hold a Christmas breakfast with Santa for the kids in the community.

Barone didn't know what the outcome of the swap would be, considering it was the first time. "We were surprised that the campus donated as much as they did."

For the clothes swaps in the future, the sisters will put more posters in and around New Wilmington for a better turnout.

"I hope that the swap becomes an annual event on campus," sophomore Corrine Gaglia said. "We should be able to raise even more money for CMN hospitals in the years ahead."

Hall social takes Shaw residents to New York City

Contributed Photo

RA Kristen Kress (left) and Shaw resident Kutila Warner (right) pose with cast members of *Rent* (center).

By Brad Dell
MANAGING EDITOR

Twenty-five Shaw residents and five theatre students traveled to New York City last weekend for an unprecedented hall social, which was highlighted by a viewing of the award-winning Broadway musical *Rent*. The weekend served as not only a phenomenally entertaining escape for the participators, but also as an opportunity for them to experience cultural enlightenment and community fellowship.

"I thought I'd be so scared and have to clutch onto people, but New York was absolutely the most amazing place I've ever been," said first time visitor Jenna Chesky, a freshman. "It was amazing to walk down the streets of Broadway and be like 'oh my god, there's *Beauty and the Beast*,' 'oh my god, there's *Rent*,' 'oh my god, there's *Les Miz*.'"

Sophomore Shaw RA Kristen Kress planned the entire event, which began at 5 p.m. on Friday as 31 female students left Shaw parking aboard a Butler motor-coach tour bus.

"I didn't even realize when I was planning this that it was such a big deal," Kress said.

The idea for the trip began when Kress decided that she wanted to go see *Rent* on Broadway.

"I am so proud of Kristen," said Shaw RD Rebecca Lance, who accompanied Kress and the freshman residents. "Asking a few friends to go see *Rent* blossomed into a hall social and an unprecedented amount for work an RA."

The group arrived at the Aladdin Hotel, two blocks from Time Square, at 1 a.m. Saturday morning. Twenty-eight of the 31 people proceeded to stand outside of NBC studios waiting in line for standby tickets to *Saturday Night Live* (*SNL*).

"We took turns sleeping in the stairwell of the parking garage across the street because it was cold," Kress said.

Freshman Megan Ruefle said that although it was cold and rainy, the all-night wait was one of the things she will remember most about the trip. "Being on the streets of New York all night and meeting all kinds of people was a true New York experience."

Though four students retreated from the line vigil around 4 a.m., the remaining 24 girls secured *SNL* standby tickets and were admitted into the dress rehearsal later that night.

"Actually hearing live: 'live from New York, it's Saturday Night!' was absolutely awesome," freshman Kathy Chute said.

Those who chose not to attend SNL accompanied Columbia University graduate student and former Holcad editor Laura Butchy to an off-Broadway performance of *Line* by Israel Horovitz.

Late Saturday night a male stripper named 'The Italian Stallion' startlingly appeared at the girl's hotel room. According to Kress, the stripper said that he was there as a gift from someone to do a "surprise strip" for the girls, which he did not do. "When the stripper showed up the door, we had no idea who sent it to us because we had met so many random people in the city," Kress said.

A Sunday matinee performance of the musical *Rent* provided the climax of the group's amazing weekend.

"I thought it was a great show for the girls to see, not only because it is musically and emotionally phenomenal," Kress said, "but because it deals with real life issues that should be well known to all, but are rarely dealt with at Westminster...like STDs, drug abuse, suicide and sexuality."

Lance agreed with Kress, saying that she really appreciated the show. "It was a cultural experience. It is not just entertaining, but it has issues that make people think. Here at Westminster, we have a few gay people with issues, but watching *Rent* was like being immersed in a different world."

Kress put the goal of this year's residence life program at the center of her expectations for this trip.

"The goal of the weekend was to get people who didn't know me to come up and ask for my autograph...oh yeah and to build community," Kress said with a laugh. "It's so important for freshman because the communities that they build this year are laying the foundation for their future communities here and beyond."

The students agreed that the weekend allowed them to better get to know one another.

"I love New York. I always have," freshman Gina Cecchetti said. "The weekend was a great bonding experience with the Shaw girls."

Kress said that the best part of the weekend for her was hugging 30 people that she may never have hugged had they not taken the trip.

"I'm proud of the group that went for being so open to every experience and for loving every person who was there," she said. "They really looked out for one another."

P.E.E.R.S. to attend seminar; continue to combat alcohol abuse

By EJ Campbell
STAFF WRITER

Students involved in P.E.E.R.S. (Promoting, Educating and Encouraging Realistic Self-Images) will attend a training seminar at the Radison Green Tree Hotel in Pittsburgh this weekend.

The seminar will focus on presenting consistent information to all the effected communities and discuss the new drug and alcohol program.

The attendees will include high school and college members from western Pennsylvania, including Allegheny, Lawrence, Erie and Fayette counties.

Discussion topics include social skills, decision-making skills, self-esteem, assertiveness vs. aggressiveness and drugs and alcohol.

"Alcohol is a topic usually gauged toward college students," said sophomore Scott Hauser, the P.E.E.R.S. on-campus supervisor. "The situation here is not a secret, but we try not to tell students what to and what not to do. Instead, we just give them the information, and try to persuade them to make smart choices."

Although P.E.E.R.S. is relatively small, they have seven new members this year. New member Aimee Carter said she enjoys the program and finds it extremely beneficial. "Everything we discuss applies to high school seniors and juniors and college students because an individual goes through the most change in those six years."

In the past, P.E.E.R.S. has found that just offering information to young people is ineffectual, so they have been trying a different approach.

"P.E.E.R. educators typically work in a team of three to four P.E.E.R. leaders," according to the P.E.E.R. Education Project pamphlet. "Techniques include games and non-traditional learning activities to reinforce information also conveyed in more traditional styles."

P.E.E.R.S is also highly active in the Fresh Start Program by presenting programs on sexually transmitted diseases and alcohol.

Currently, P.E.E.R.S. is working with student affairs to organize programs through residence life and plans to collaborate with Greek organizations on campus.

The Westminster chapter is also highly involved in the community. Recently, members went to the Sankey Youth Center in Lawrence County to give a presentation focusing on sexually transmitted diseases.

They are also in the process of contacting local school superintendents and nurses to organize programs within the community school systems.

For more information contact Scott Hauser at EXT. 6563, Linda Snyder at 652-6667 or visit Judith Duda at the Health Center EXT. 7927.

Sigma Phi Epsilon offers Halloween party for youth

By Kate McKenzie
STAFF WRITER

Through the Salvation Army, Sigma Phi Epsilon hosted a Halloween party and trick-or-treating for New Castle youth last night at their house at 440 New Castle Street in New Wilmington.

Before the kids arrived, the brothers decorated the house to make it more festive for the holiday. They also dressed in costumes to bring out their own Halloween spirit.

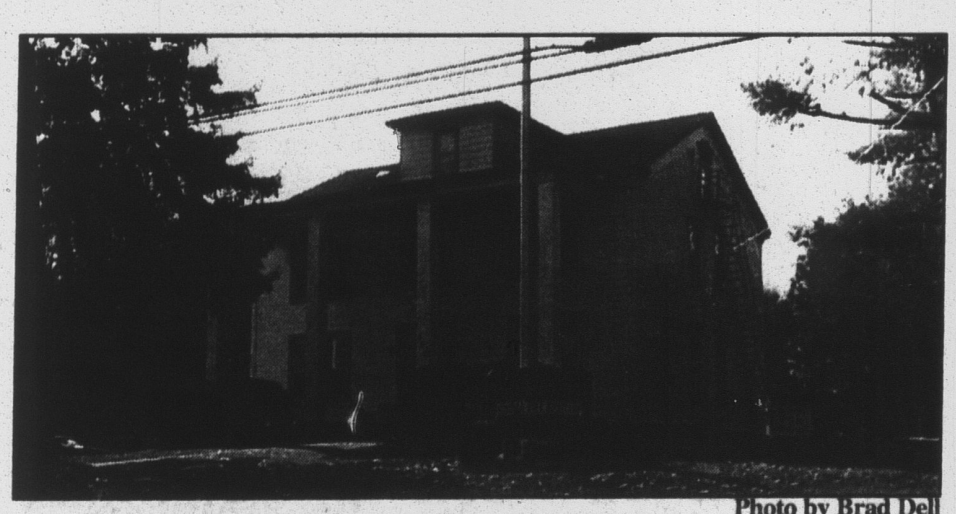
"We were very excited to have the kids up to the house. It was a good chance for us to interact with these kids and provide them with a memorable Halloween," President Brad Russo said.

Twenty-five to thirty kids participated in the activities, which began at 7:30 p.m. Brothers escorted the children through the fraternity house to collect candy from each room.

After the trick-or-treating, the kids and the brothers enjoyed Halloween snacks and played games together in the common area of the house. The Halloween games included bobbing for apples and musical chairs with festive music. Prizes were given out for the scariest, prettiest and grossest costumes.

"Dressing up is the best part of Halloween. It was fun because it made us all feel like we were young again," Shawn Newcomer said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has a long-standing relationship with the Salvation Army and hopes that this activity will keep that relationship strong for years to come. Some of the other events the fraternity has planned include a Christmas party, at which they will give gifts to the kids and an Easter party, which will be highlighted by an egg hunt in the house. A clothing drive will also take place next semester to benefit the organization.



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Sigma Phi Epsilon

campus news contd

Chapel Corner: Focus on Bill Maloney, Church Relations

By Sal Hanna
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bill Maloney

Name: Rev. Bill Maloney

Where do you live? Gateway Drive, by the lake.

What is your position at Westminster College? Director of Church Relations. It is a new position that began in January.

What does the Director of Church Relations do? I take the mission of the college and relay it to the Pittsburgh Presbytery and various churches in the region. I am an ambassador of the college to churches.

What is one thing that you like about your job? I like working with churches. I get to preach at a different church each week. Also working with students and faculty in higher education is a joy. I like the challenges of the job.

Name one person who has impacted your life. Fred Rogers of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. He takes his faith and presents it in a humble way. He is a great witness in his faith. I wish a piece of me could be like that.

What is your favorite color? Blue

What is your favorite nut? Cashews

What is your favorite quote? "God did not call you to be successful. God calls you to be faithful." Kelso Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go? Ireland, Scotland

What is your favorite movie? *Arsenic and Old Lace* is an older movie. More recently, I really like the *Shawshank Redemption*.

What is your favorite book of the Bible? Philippines, it is Paul's pastoral love letter to a church that is a big deal to him. Second, is Psalms because it presents life as we lead it.

What are you going to talk about at Vespers on Sunday? The title is "Wrestling with Angels." What does it mean to do the will of God, and how does it transform us? Jacob wrestled with an Angel, and was transformed; once we wrestle with the will of God, we will be transformed forever.

Chapel Friday 10/29: Dana Toth

Vespers Sunday 10/31: Rev. Bill Maloney

Chapel Monday 11/1: Jen Gardner

Participating in campus Blood Drive viewed as giving back

Appointments still available for various time slots

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

All students, faculty, administrators and staff are invited to participate in the Campus Blood Drive this Tuesday from noon until 6:00 p.m. in the TUB.

"This is a great way to give back to the community, and it takes about five to ten minutes," said Heather Deamer, public relations chair of the Panhellenic Council. "You never know, you might be the one who needs the blood someday, so help someone in need."

Panhellenic Council and the American Red Cross will sponsor the community outreach project. The goal for the day is 100 pints of blood. To ensure that all blood donors are treated fairly, and in consideration of their valuable time, the American Red Cross will institute an improved appointment system to facilitate the donation process.

Prior to the drive, all donors will be offered an appointment and will be scheduled on the master schedule. All donors will receive reminder appointment cards. Five donors per quarter hour will be scheduled.

On Tuesday, the donors with appointments will be taken at their scheduled time. People wishing to donate who do not have previous appointments will be taken according to the schedule's next available time slots. They may also use the slot of a no-show donor.

Upon arrival to the blood drive, each donor will be given a number at the greeter station, indicating his or her place and ensuring that the donors are taken in a timely manner.

The goal is to schedule 120 donors from all facets of the campus community.

Anyone interested in donating blood can contact Beth Brooks or simply show up at the drive.

Animal rights and free thought: Blissful Awareness' objectives

By Lani Ness
STAFF WRITER

Blissful Awareness, a new campus club, has been created to promote not only animal rights, but also free thought.

The purpose for this club is to try to disperse narrow-mindedness at Westminster and to promote understanding, freshman club founders Molly Zuckerman and Diana Moore said. The two shared ideas on vegetarianism and animal rights, and both agreed they were tired of being looked at as "crazy" for being vegetarians.

However, they both want students to know the club isn't strictly for vegetarians.

"This club is free for everyone. You don't have to be a vegetarian to join," Zuckerman said.

As well as animal rights and vegetarianism, Blissful Awareness plans to promote the ideas of free thought, individuality and acceptance of others.

Animal rights, slave labor and more campus centered topics such as conditions for vegetarians in the dining hall and TUB will be discussed at the Blissful Awareness meetings.

Future activities planned for Blissful Awareness include a demonstration at the TUB and dining hall to pass out pamphlets and fundraisers to increase awareness of the club and its mission.

"Having been a vegan for nearly three years, I have found that people, especially on this campus, consider such ideas as weird, extreme and unnecessary," sophomore Molly Weaver said. "However, if people only took the time to learn a little bit about issues such as animal rights and factory farms, they would be much less skeptical and more open to trying new things and cultivating stronger convictions."

The club meets every Monday at 9 p.m. in the bottom of the TUB.

Zuckerman and Moore said they welcome any questions or comments, whether they are in support or opposition. Students can reach Zuckerman at EXT. 7919 or campus box 598, and Moore at EXT. 6917 or box 436.

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Steeler's Super Bowl IX team recognized

By Mike Prisuta
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

There was so much reminiscing and rejoicing going on before the game Monday night that the honored members of the Steelers 1974 team, the Super Bowl IX champions, became almost unrecognizable in their euphoria.

The reunion, staged by the Steelers to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the first of four Vince Lombardi trophies won in a dizzying six-year period, literally overflowed with emotion.

For those who had been there way back when; it was sweet and satisfying and heartwarming to the core.

"It's bittersweet in a way," former linebacker Andy Russell said. "Nostalgia is almost suffocating. We've all tried to move on with our lives and not live in the past, but it does seem to be that the Super Bowl sort of defines a lot of our lives."

The celebration began with a dinner on Sunday night at the Doubletree Hotel, Downtown. It continued with a pregame party in the hours just before the Steelers-Falcons kickoff, and culminated with a ceremony at halftime.

As the teams warmed up, the '74 Steelers traded warm embraces and recollections behind the north end zone. They posed for snapshots. They told stories. Former safety Mike Wagner had his teammates autograph the sleeves of the jacket presented by the team to each champion.

"I probably won't ever wear this again," Wagner said, "but my father might."

Finally, the group of about 40 posed for a team photo. It was a team the likes of which may never be seen again, as much for its camaraderie and character as for its accomplishment.

AP File

The 1974 Steeler's were honored before Monday night's game.

Drunk driver faces charges

By Jim McKinnon
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

An Overbrook woman was acquitted of homicide by vehicle but found guilty of several other offenses stemming from a two-car crash on Route 51 that was suspected of leading to a Brentwood man's death three days later.

Kimberly Ann Carpenter, 28, was found guilty of drunken driving, aggravated assault while driving drunk, reckless endangerment, reckless driving and driving on the wrong side of the road in the July 23, 1998, crash.

Common Pleas Judge Jeffrey A. Manning, who presided in Carpenter's nonjury trial, set sentencing for Jan. 13. Carpenter could face up to 26 years in prison, Assistant District Attorney Daniel Cuddy said. Edward Alko, 67, was a passenger in a car driven by his wife, Kathleen, when Carpenter's car crossed the center 'ine on Route 51 in Whitehall and collided head-on with them.

Forensic pathologist Dr. Abdulrezak Shakir of the county coroner's office testified that Edward Alko died of a stroke due to a blockage of the carotid artery.

Under cross-examination by defense attorney G. William Bills Jr., Shakir testified that there was no evidence of any accident-related trauma to Alko's neck that would have caused dissection and collapse of the artery.

Shakir also testified that Alko had a history of heart disease and hypertension and that his artery already had been somewhat clogged before the crash. Whitehall police Officer Gary Morris testified that Carpenter admitted drinking beer and shots of whiskey before she drove toward home from Century III Mall.

Her blood alcohol level was 0.223, more than twice the state's threshold for drunken driving. Carpenter remained free on her own recognizance pending sentencing.

Decade-long treasure hunt finds empty ship

Think of Lake Erie as a fountain. Imagine several thousand coins scattered along its bottom, booty the turbulent water makes impossible to see.

That was the situation facing Garry Kozak in 1974 when he decided to seek the Dean Richmond, a Toledo freight steamer that sank in a gale in eastern Lake Erie in 1893. Kozak, a Windsor, Ontario, native, spent nearly a decade scouring the lake for the wreck that claimed the lives of 18 people and fueled the imagination of scores of shipwreck hunters.

His task was a daunting one. Experts believe that more than 3,000 wrecks rest on Lake Erie's bottom, more than in any other Great Lake. Despite obstacles that included misinformation about the ship's location, having to use emerging technologies and a short search season, Kozak persevered.

In 10 years he had found - and ignored - 28 shipwrecks. On July 15, 1983, he uncovered the one that mattered most, the Dean Richmond.

Unlike most Lake Erie searches, Kozak's quest to find the steamer began as a treasure hunt. A Cleveland writer reported in the 1950s that just before the Dean Richmond left Toledo, cargo thought to be gold and guarded by security agents was loaded onto the vessel. Word spread. The story became embellished.

During his research, Kozak determined that Remick's tale had been fabricated. But he confirmed that the ship was carrying an expensive load of lead ingots and zinc. Newspaper accounts, ship debris and the location of bodies washed ashore gave the impression the ship was in the vicinity of Dunkirk, N.Y., southwest of Buffalo. It took him almost a decade to figure out it settled nearly 50 miles away, near Erie.

Amazingly, the other 28 ships he found along the way sat upright. But the Dean Richmond had turned upside down, spilling much of its lead and zinc onto the lake bottom. By the time Kozak found it, nearly a century after its sinking, its treasure had disappeared.

Vatican declares good deeds way to salvation

AP File

Lutheran and Catholic churches sign agreement on salvation.

By Cathy Rubin
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

What once was the basis for Martin Luther's split from Roman Catholicism in the 16th century will give the two churches reason to join in a milestone event Sunday.

Pittsburgh Catholic Bishop Donald Wuerl and Lutheran Bishop Donald McCoid said Monday that representatives of the Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican will sign this weekend in Germany the "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification," exactly 482 years after the German monk tacked his 95 statements of debate to a church door. The core of the 14-page declaration is an agreement between the churches that Christians receive salvation through God's grace, and that doing good deeds is a symbol of that gift. The agreement is significant because the dispute over the means to salvation always has been understood as one of the main reasons for the schism.

"It became a question of meeting in the middle," said the Rev. Demetrius Dumm, a professor at St. Vincent Seminary near Latrobe.

Lutheran teachings date back to Martin Luther, a priest whose objections to Roman Catholic practices began the movement known as the Protestant Reformation.

Luther was obsessed with the doctrine of salvation. He concluded that it could not be attained by good works alone - as was thought by Roman Catholics - but was a free gift of God's grace.

"In controversy, people's views tend to be pushed to extremes," Dumm said. "But the Lutherans are saying you can't have faith and have a wicked life and be justified, and Catholics never really believed officially that works alone without faith would satisfy for justification."

Wuerl called the signing a milestone and the first significant move toward the goal for Christian unification by the ecumenical movement.

Architecture celebrated

By Bob Batz Jr.
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Celebrating architecture and the people and processes that create it was the point of "Architects' Saturday," sponsored by the American Institute of Architects as part of its month-long Design Pittsburgh celebration.

Architects and other professionals in the field, Carnegie Mellon University students, families and interested individuals started out at the AIA Gallery on Ninth Street, and strolled around to the various firms, where staffers and snacks awaited them as they toured the architecture of the city.

Dozens of Pittsburghers yesterday glimpsed the hidden and seldom-noticed architectural activity by taking a self-guided tour of six Downtown architectural firms.

Design Pittsburgh continues this week. The World View exhibit runs through Saturday. Carnegie Museum of Art's exhibit of more than 80 entries in the AIA Pittsburgh Design Awards runs through Friday.

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Coroner testifies in Matthew Shepard case

LARAMIE, Wyo.(AP) - Matthew Shepard was struck at least 20 times, the blows raining down so hard that they fractured his skull a half-dozen times, a coroner testified Tuesday.

"Matthew Shepard died as a result of the blunt trauma injuries he sustained to his head and face," said Patrick Allen, coroner for Colorado's Larimer County, where Shepard died.

Allen testified as the trial of Aaron McKinney entered a second day in the Albany County Courthouse. He is accused of kidnapping, robbery and Defense attorneys have said McKinney was guilty of manslaughter, but have argued that his judgment was affected by drugs, alcohol and childhood memories of sexual abuse.

"Matthew Shepard made a frail attempt to fight back," said prosecutor Cal Rerucha during opening statements Monday. "McKinney struck him as hard as he could."

Defense attorneys countered that McKinney, who faces the death penalty, didn't intend to kill Shepard when he and a friend accompanied Shepard from a Laramie bar after he asked McKinney for a ride home.

The defense portrayed McKinney as the victim of sexual abuse who lashed out when approached for a gay encounter. McKinney's judgment that night was affected by alcohol, methamphetamines and "some sexually traumatic and confusing events in his life," defense attorney Jason Tangeman told jurors.

Tangeman said McKinney, 22, was confused by homosexual encounters when he was younger. In one case, McKinney was forced into an oral sex act with a neighborhood bully, Tangeman said.

AP File
Aaron McKinney

McKinney has been charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping and robbery.

Federal college aid denied to drug offenders

WASHINGTON (AP) - Students convicted of drug offenses will be barred from receiving federal college tuition aid for one year from date of conviction and, in some cases, permanently under rules taking effect next summer.

The regulations are based on a law enacted last year to reduce waste in the student loan system. They do not apply to juvenile records, and some students will be able to retain eligibility by completing drug rehabilitation or by having their convictions overturned.

Students must report any drug convictions on forms for federal financial aid, including Pell grants and student loans.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who unsuccessfully sought to limit the student loan legislation, said such provisions could unfairly affect young people who were not serious drug users.

"Obviously if someone is a drug dealer or a serious user, that is a reason to say no," Frank said Monday. "This kind of blanket ban is a mistake."

Under the regulations, which were released last Friday, a first possession conviction will block aid for a year, while a sales conviction will bar aid for two years. Students convicted of possessing drugs for a second time will lose aid for two years; a third time, permanently. A student convicted twice of selling drugs will lose aid permanently.

WV bank closes after $515 million vanishes

KEYSTONE, W.Va. (AP) - No one stopped to watch as workers dismantled the only bank in this southern West Virginia coal town, one box at a time. There is no more shock at the collapse of an institution that once boasted the motto "Time Tried, Panic Tested."

Hour after hour last week, movers loaded 7,000 boxes of documents onto trucks headed for Dallas. Federal regulators there hope to discover how $515 million vanished from a prosperous bank in an Appalachian county where 37% of the residents live in poverty.

Even before Sept. 1, when the U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency closed the First National Bank of Keystone amid allegations of "apparent fraud," rumors of trouble swirled through this town of 627, prompting a run on the bank.

"All that money didn't disappear overnight," said Ann Jervis, part owner of D&A Flea Market in nearby Northfork. "It was worked on."

At the top of a mountain reached by a dirt road rutted by coal trucks, investigators have recovered 370 boxes of bank records that had been buried in a 100-foot-long trench on property belonging to Terry Church, the bank's senior executive vice president.

The federal comptroller's office said it closed the bank after a three-month investigation found that $515 million in loans - nearly half the bank's assets - were sold yet remained on the bank's books as assets.

Fear of AIDS encourages teen birth rate decline

WASHINGTON - Teen birth rates in the United States declined by 2% in 1998, continuing a seven-year trend that has seen the number of babies born to girls ages 15 to 19 drop 18%, the Department of Health and Human Services announced Monday.

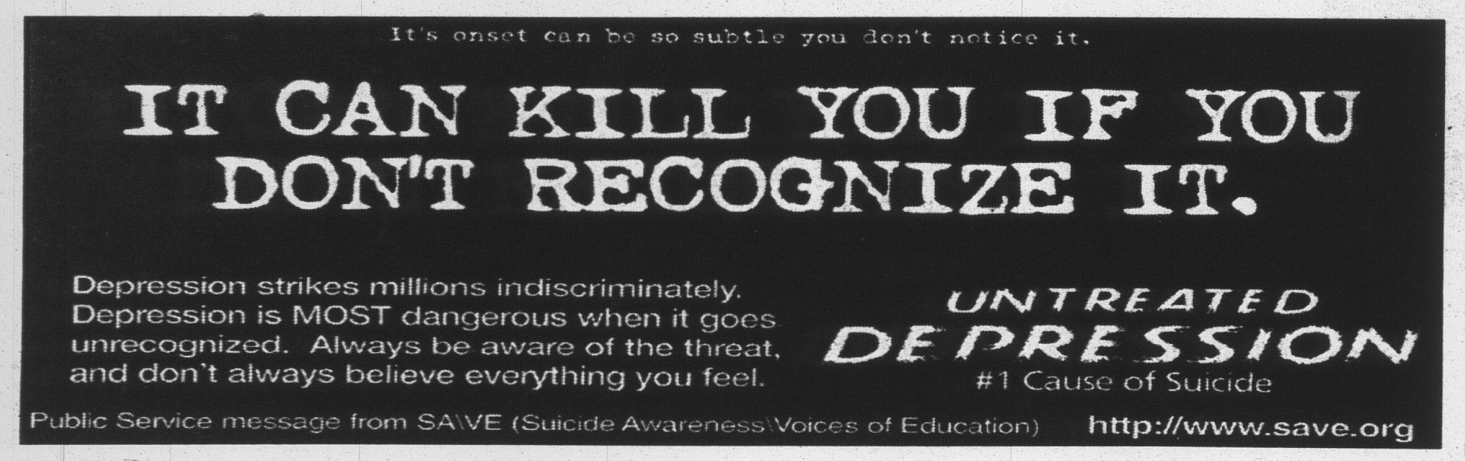
Explaining the decline, HHS Secretary Donna Shalala credited a combination of efforts ranging from abstinence programs to greater use of contraceptives to programs that teach teen-age boys the responsibilities of fatherhood.

She said the growing fear among teens of AIDS also seemed to be prompting young people to delay sex or use condoms.

The sharpest overall declines in birth rates were among African Americans and Hispanics, the two groups whose birth rates still remain above the national average. Between 1991 and 1998, the birth rate for African American teens ages 15 to 19 dropped by 26% and Hispanics by 12.2 percent.

Regardless of the good news about teen pregnancies, U.S. teen birth rates remain higher than in other industrial nations, she said.

In the United States four of every 10 girls still get pregnant before age 20 - 900,000 pregnancies a year.



In Brief

Patty Hearst Shaw to testify

LOS ANGELES - Newspaper heiress Patty Hearst Shaw, who was kidnapped in the 1970s by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army, has been ordered to testify at the bombing conspiracy trial of SLA fugitive Sara Jane Olson. A judge ordered Hearst Shaw's appearance as a prosecution witness at Olson's trial, which is scheduled to begin in January. Olson was a member of the SLA and known as Kathleen Ann Soliah before she went into hiding. Olson is accused of plotting to kill Los Angeles police officers with nail-packed pipe bombs planted under squad cars in August 1975. The devices did not explode and no one was hurt.

Racism trial to take place

JASPER, Texas - A lawyer for the last man to stand trial for the dragging death of a black man tried to distance his client from the two white supremacists already sentenced to death for the slaying, declaring that the defendant "is not a racist." Both John William King and Lawrence Russell Brewer, convicted and sentenced to death for the 1998 murder of James Byrd Jr, were members of a white supremacist prison gang. By contrast, Shawn Allen Berry "has no motive for committing a racial hate crime," Hawthorn said.

Berry, 24, is the youngest of the men accused of chaining Byrd, 49, to the back of Berry's truck, then dragging him nearly three miles.

NY homeless work for shelter

NEW YORK - For the first time, homeless people looking for housing in city shelters will have to work for it under a policy scheduled to take effect by the end of the year. The homeless who are able to work but fail to comply with the rule could be refused shelter, said an adviser to Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. In the case of families, children could be put in foster care. The Giuliani administration is ready to apply the new rule to 4,600 families in the city's shelter system in about 60 days. The administration expects the rule to also apply to 7,000 homeless single adults.

Seven more charged for rapes

DETROIT - An additional seven young men have been charged in the case of four teen-age girls who said they were held captive for two weeks and raped repeatedly, police said Monday. The new charges bring the number of suspects to 12. The victims and suspects are all Laotian-Americans and members of the Hmong ethnic group. Police were still looking for the seven, all of which are from the Detroit area and face charges of criminal sexual conduct. The girls disappeared from Wisconsin in September. When they were found days later and hundreds of miles away in Detroit, they said they had been repeatedly raped by as many as 20 men and threatened with death if they tried to escape.

Picketing begins at Overnite Transportation Company

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Picket lines are up in seven states at Overnite Transportation Co. terminals, but a company spokesman said that operations would not be hindered. The Teamsters union set up pickets Monday in Illinois, Kentucky, New York, Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri and Tennessee. Overnite, one of the nation's largest trucking companies, is based in Richmond, Va., and employs more than 13,000 workers. The Teamsters and Overnite have been trying to negotiate a contract for four years.

INTERNATIONAL

Passage between Gaza Strip and West Bank opens

TARQUMIYA JUNCTION, West Bank - The gates of Gaza swung open today for Assad Kamel Abu Jazzar and about 425 other Palestinians, nearly all young men in their twenties. After four years of delays and weeks of 11th-hour haggling - even after peace talks were revived last month - Israel inaugurated a safe passage connecting the two areas of Palestinian-run land, in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, that are separated by Israeli territory.

"We've been like in a siege," said 20-year-old Abu Jazzar, smiling broadly in the midday sun and savoring his newfound sense of liberty.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and the late Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin agreed in an interim peace deal in 1995 to open a route that would allow Palestinians to make the passage without Israeli interference. Since then, it has been postponed repeatedly by Israeli governments worried that it would pose a security risk.

Right-wing Israelis opposed it, arguing that Palestinians determined to attack Jews could easily turn off the designated route and slip into Israeli communities to do so.

Despite such fears, Israelis promised not to use the right of way to trap and arrest Palestinians wanted for past terrorist attacks - although they will deny crossing permits to any such suspects.

The difficulties in crossing between the two areas began shortly after the 1993 Oslo agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, which revolutionized Middle East peacemaking. Since then, after the number of terrorist incidents against Israelis rose, Israel has required passes and permits for Palestinians seeking to enter the country for work, business or personal reasons.

Two Christian groups deported from Isreal

JERUSALEM — Fearing a possible outburst of millennium-related violence, Israeli authorities rounded up members of two Christian groups living on the slopes of the Mount of Olives on Monday and ordered 20 of them deported.

In an overnight swoop, dozens of police officers descended on Eizariya, an Arab suburb of Jerusalem also known by its biblical name, Bethany, and arrested 26 men, women and children, mostly Americans from New York and Denver.

Six Christians were later released and the rest were detained for deportation, on the grounds that their visas had expired. They were given 72 hours to appeal the deportation orders.

Their names were not immediately released, but the interior ministry said they included 13 Americans, three Britons, three Jamaicans and one Australian.

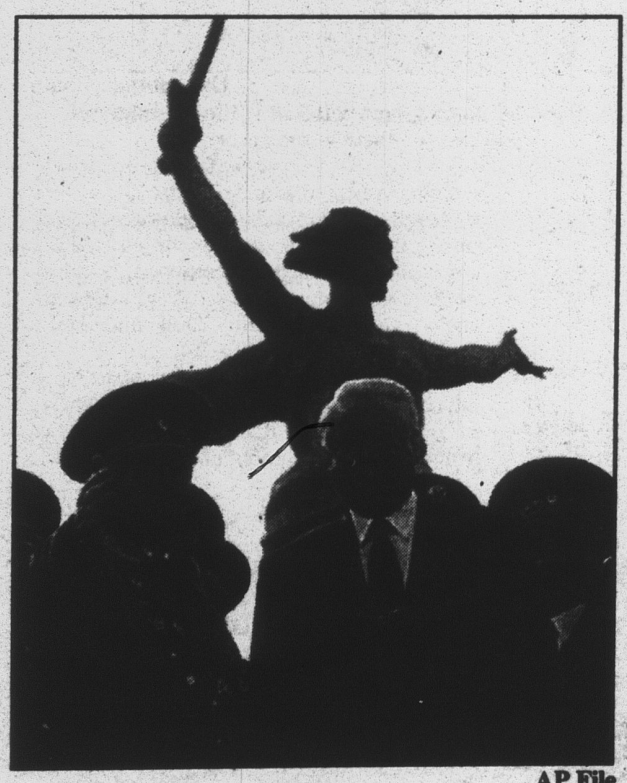
The police said they had only vague suspicions about the groups, which were led by two men known as Brother David and Brother Solomon, who had been living quietly on the Mount of Olives for several years, promoting their visions of a millennial apocalypse.

"We had a general assessment that under certain conditions they could pose a danger to public safety," said Rafi Yaffe, a police spokesman. "There was nothing specific."

It was the third time this year that the Israeli authorities, concerned that apocalyptic cults might be planning acts of violence to coincide with the millennium, have ordered Christian groups out of the country.

Security officials are said to be worried that members of extreme Christian groups could kill themselves or others, or even try to blow up Islamic shrines on Jerusalem's Temple Mount in cooperation with Jewish radicals, in an attempt to hasten an Arab-Israeli war they see as a necessary prelude to the Second Coming of Christ.

Russia boasts a strong defense



AP File

Nikolai Mikhailov made claims of a strong Russian military during talks with the US.

MOSCOW - The Russian military warned the United States Tuesday that it has enough weaponry to overwhelm any anti-ballistic missile system, and it threatened to deploy more atomic warheads if the United States builds a national missile defense system.

Nikolai Mikhailov, the first deputy defense minister, told reporters that "our arsenal has such technical capabilities" to "overcome" any antimissile defenses. "This technology can realistically be used and will be used if the United States pushes us toward it," he said.

His comments came on the heels of the latest meeting between Russian and American officials last week to discuss possible amendments to the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The Russian military adamantly opposes any changes to the treaty, which prohibits both countries from building systems capable of stopping missile attacks.

The Clinton administration has said it will decide next summer whether to go ahead with a limited missile defense system, which would require changing or abandoning the treaty. Russian officials have responded with increasingly vocal warnings that such a move could unravel two decades of arms control efforts.

Ilya Klebanov, the deputy prime minister in charge of the military-industrial complex, said Friday that while "we have every technical means" to proceed if the United States pulls out of the ABM treaty, "there's no funding."

Falun Gong members detained

BEIJING — Defiant followers of the outlawed Falun Gong spiritual movement tried to mount a protest in Tiananmen Square Monday but were quickly detained by the police, according to witnesses.

Over several hours Monday morning scores and perhaps hundreds of followers moved into the square in groups of two or three. They were invariably questioned and then hustled onto buses by the police, who apparently had been tipped off.

The Falun Gong disciples in Beijing wanted to protest the Chinese Parliament's deliberations this week on a new law intended to stamp out "religious cults." When they banned Falun Gong in July, the authorities called it a cult with political ambitions to subvert the power of the Communist Party. Members insist that it is not political, is only loosely organized and promotes good citizenship.

Falun Gong is a spiritual theory developed in the early 1990s by Li Hongzhi, who moved to New York last year. Combining traditional Chinese qigong, or breathing and exercise techniques, with elements of Buddhism and Taoism, it claims to harness cosmic forces in the body, fostering good health and even supernatural powers.

Since the movement was outlawed in July, dozens of senior officials have been held on serious charges but have not yet been tried, while hundreds more have been briefly detained.

Followers abroad have reported dozens of cases in which arrested members were mistreated by the police, although the accounts cannot usually be independently verified.

Singapore tries to rid "Singlish"

SINGAPORE — Singapore's local brand of English mixed with Malay and Chinese idioms has to go, the city-state's most influential politician says.

And such complaints are not taken lightly in this closely run Southeast Asian nation when they come from Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who was prime minister for 31 years.

Lee has stirred things up by calling the national dialect of "Singlish" a handicap that is stifling the country's economic development. He lambasted TV comedies for popularizing Singlish, saying it wrongly leads Singaporeans to believe they don't need to speak proper English. Singlish consists of clipped sentences like "you eat yourself, we eat ourself," which means "you eat by yourself and we'll do the same." The ever-present word "lah" ends many sentences.

Though English is the language of government and business in multiethnic Singapore, many of the 3.2 million citizens of the former British colony speak Singlish at home and with friends and enjoy local TV comedies featuring Singlish-speaking characters.

Lee's chief target became the widely watched sitcom "Phua Chu Kang Pte Ltd." The show centers on a Singlish-speaking contractor named Phua Chu Kang, played by popular comic Gurmit Singh, who is set against his better educated younger brother and his snobbish wife.

Phua and his favorite phrase, "Don't pray pray" (don't play around), are being blamed for the less than perfect English of young Singaporeans.

In a further effort to eliminate Singlish, the government urged schools to maintain a higher English language standard.

China and US talks continue

BEIJING — U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers finished two days of meetings in China Monday with both sides extolling financial cooperation and exuding friendship. But there was no sign of progress on the overarching issue, China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

Still, by all accounts, Summers' meetings Sunday with Prime Minister Zhu Rongji and Monday with the finance minister, Xiang Huaicheng, and other senior officials were friendly and free of rancorous rhetoric - perhaps an achievement in itself since the countries are still emerging from the icy silence that followed NATO's bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, last May.

Without discounting the difficult market-opening concessions the United States demands of China before it will endorse membership in the global trade body, Summers and other American officials appeared optimistic that agreement was still possible in the coming month, before new global negotiations begin.

SPORTS

Paul's Points

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

So let me see if I have this straight. The Seattle Mariners offered Alex Rodriguez a $115 million dollar contract and he's taking this as an insult? He won't even talk contract unless the offer is upwards of $200 million? Oh brother. That's disgusting.

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Speaking of disgusting, the NBA season tips off next week. Another eventful off-season is just about over. Hope you didn't miss anything. Here's a rundown of some of the more interesting stories.

**Vitaly Potapenko, Celtics big man extraordinaire was arrested for fighting with his girlfriend in the Boston airport. Why were they fighting? Nobody knows, but rumors have it that both of them wanted a window seat.

**Charles Barkley and Scottie Pippen got in an unbelievably immature argument, which resulted in Pippen being shipped off to Portland. They taunted each other with such phrases as "immature," "selfish," and "will never win a championship." When it was suggested that Pippen might apologize, he replied, "I wouldn't give Charles Barkley an apology at gunpoint." Classy, Scottie.

***Back to Boston...forward Tony Battie was stopped by a police officer outside a bar. Battie refused to identify himself, and then with the officer's arm in the window, he began to drive away. He didn't stop the car until the officer pulled out his gun.

Then, he pleaded "sufficient facts," meaning he acknowledged that there was enough evidence to proceed forward with the case. Jail time? Of course not. He's a pro athlete.

***The Dennis Rodman saga continues. Throughout the summer, Rodman repeatedly made comments to the effect of "The Lakers will never win with the team they have now. They're going to come crawling back to sign me."

If any team signs Dennis Rodman, may they lose every game until they get rid of him.

So there's the NBA offseason recap. Do you still love this game? I'm not sure if I do.

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The World Series is here (and very well may be over by the time you're reading this). I was looking forward to Yankees-Mets, or Red Sox-Mets, or even Red Sox-Braves, all of which would have had some storyline.

Yankees-Mets? Subway. Series. Say no more.

Red Sox-Mets? 1986 returns. Nothing like a little historical background between two teams.

Red Sox-Braves? OK...no real good background, but I would have watched it.

You know how much I care about Yankees-Braves? I spent Saturday night (game 1) watching "Early Edition," and then I went to bed. Sunday night (game 2) I went to a haunted house with some friends. And I had a lot more fun doing that than I would have watching the World Series.

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Finally, do I believe in those juggernaut undefeated St. Louis Rams yet? After watching them pound Cleveland on Sunday, I really have to. Any team that's undefeated in a league of parity-like the NFL deserves some major credit.

Of course, now that I've praised them, they won't win another game the rest of the season just to make me look silly.

Cross country team fired up for GLIACs

Teams show determination by competing after bus fire

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

No one was injured late Friday morning when a bus carrying athletes and coaches from the men's and women's cross country teams caught fire on the Ohio Turnpike, between exits 10 and 11 south of Cleveland.

The Travelways bus, carrying 17 athletes (nine female, eight male) along with men's coach Dr. Ron Galbreath and women's coach Dr. Gary Lilly, was en route to Northwood University in Midland, Mich., site of the 1999 GLIAC Championships scheduled to begin Saturday at 10 a.m.

According to Galbreath, smoke began pouring out of the right rear brakes of the bus. The driver stopped the bus and attempted unsuccessfully to put out the fire with an extinguisher. The bus was then evacuated, with no one suffering injuries. Several minutes later the fire spread, engulfing the bus in flames. Eight to ten bags were retrieved from storage compartments under the bus, but the remaining contents were lost in the fire.

"It was a traumatic experience, but I was proud that our student-athletes kept their composure during the crisis," said Galbreath, in his 25th year as men's cross country coach.

Travelways dispatched a bus to the site of the fire, which returned to campus with the teams at approximately 2 p.m. After gathering new clothes and equipment, the two squads traveled to Midland later that day to compete in the GLIAC Championships.

"Everyone on the teams I've talked to wanted to continue the trip," Titan junior Travis Gatesman said.

The teams made it to Michigan last Saturday morning and concluded the 1999 season with the GLIAC championship. The Titan men placed 10th out of 12 teams with 275 points, while the Lady Titans were 11th of 13 squads with 326 points. Hillsdale (42) and Grand Valley State (46) captured the men's and women's team titles, respectively.

For the Titan men, sophomore Jacob Gleason completed a very successful season by finishing 29th out of 131 runners with a time of 27:00.9 over the eight-kilometer course. Other top Titan finishers included senior Keith Schrag who was 43rd in 27:28.2; freshman Bryan Mackrell, who placed 74th in 28:32.6; and sophomore Scott Fabry, who finished 95th in 29:12.4. Ryan Knight of Ashland captured the men's individual title in 25:36.3.

For the Lady Titans, junior Jen Bennett was the top finisher in 36th place out of 132 runners in 24:34.4 over the six-kilometer course. Other top finishers for Westminster included freshman Kelly Schmidt, who was 81st in 25:41.1; senior Julia McGlumphy, who placed 84th in 26:04.7; sophomore Beth Butcheri, who finished 91st in 26:17.7; freshman Lydia Humenycky, who was 93rd in 26:20.1; and sophomore Desiree Henry, who placed 99th in 26:27.6.

Equestrian team places 4th at their home show

By Gwendolyn Safran
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster College Equestrian Team (WCET) placed fourth at this semester's home show. The show was held at Little Neshannock Stables (LNS) on Oct. 17, 1999.

The Titans placed fourth behind Penn State, WVU and Wilson College. Other attending schools included Bucknell, Duquesne, Seton Hill, Scranton and Slippery Rock.

"With only 10 members of our team showing we are managing to remain highly competitive with the larger universities," sophomore Titan rider Kristen Greenwood said.

The Westminster riders shows in Zone 3, Region 3 of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA), which means that means that they compete against other colleges in central and western PA and northern West Virginia.

After competing in 4 IHSA shows so far this season, the team is ranked sixth overall, out of 14 schools. Points carry over from each show until the end of each semester.

At LNS, the WCET has a wonderful facility with great horses.

"I am always glad to see the WCET host such an event at our facility. It is an opportunity for not only the college students but the community as well to watch our riders perform," said Mary McKinley, coach and owner of LNS. "Not all the schools competing in the IHSA host a show at their school."

The coach, team and many other people put a lot of effort into making the home show a success.

"There is a lot of work that goes into putting together a horse show and I am very proud of the team because this was one of the nicest shows we've had," team captain Emily Baldwin said.

The show consisted of different levels of jumping and flat events.

In the jumping classes the rider follows a set course of jumps, while in the flat classes the rider walks, trots and canters.

Contributed Photo
The equestrian team competed at Little Neshannock Stables for their home show.

Emily Baldwin and Sara Surgenor showed on both the flat and jumping. Molly Zuckerman, Kristen Greenwood, Lindsay Merrifield, Gwen Safran, Angie Bonetti, Holly Daugherty, Julie Dull and Heidi Ludwiczak showed on the flat.

"I hope that next semester's show is as successful," sophomore Holly Daugherty said, "and hopefully if the weather is better we will have a larger turnout of spectators."

Women's soccer drops two conference games

By Aaron Wik
STAFF WRITER

With a record of 2-7-1 the women's soccer team traveled to Erie on Oct. 13 and was defeated 3-0 by Mercyhurst.

The Lady Titans gave up three goals to Mercyhurst in the first half but were unable to produce any offense while holding the home team scoreless in the second half.

Theresa Roach scored two goals and Jessica Krueger added a third for Mercyhurst to improve to 11-4 overall. Sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Morrison made seven saves for Westminster in the loss.

"It was a physical game and we really picked up our play in the second half, but we lost to a more experienced team," said sophomore Katelyn Domin.

The Lady Titans were defeated 3-1 by Grand Valley State on Oct. 17, when they traveled to Michigan.

Grand Valley State's Cassie Teeple opened the scoring in the sixth minute for a 1-0 advantage, but Westminster tied the game seven minutes later on a goal by freshman Tammy Newell. Sophomore midfielder Stacy Tempalski assisted on Newell's fifth goal of the season.

In the 22nd minute Teeple score again to put up a 2-1 lead that GVSU took into halftime.

Grand Valley added a third goal by Sarah McCabe in the 68th minute.

Westminster was out shot 29-10 during the match while Morrison made 14 saves in the loss.

"It was a tough loss because it was a GLIAC game," said sophomore Carrie Mathers.

Grand Valley improved to 9-6 overall, while the Lady Titans dropped to 4-9-1 overall.

Head coach Tom Keller could not be reached for comments about the games.

Varsity takes win, loss and tie; JV places first

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Men JV soccer team took first at the Franciscan Friendship Cup

By Ali Vasapoli
STAFF WRITER

The men's varsity soccer team had quite an active couple of weeks, adding a win, a loss and a tie to their 4-9-2 record. These action-packed games were played against Mercyhurst, Saginaw Valley State and Ashland University.

On Oct. 13 the Titans lost to Mercyhurst by a score of 4-0. The game was a tough one, as Mercyhurst is a nationally ranked team.

Juniors Ryan Mathieu and Derek Baumgartner led the team up and down the field. Mathieu worked the back, while Derek Baumgartner tried to put the ball in the net.

Freshman B.J Mathieu said that the Titan loss was unfortunate. "I think we played well, but it was hard for us to find a pattern with a team that skilled."

The Titans beat Saginaw Valley State at home on Oct. 16 by a final score of 1-0. Senior Rich Regelski scored the lone goal of the game.

Strong play by freshman goalie Kevin Humberston helped the secure the lead.

"This game was challenge, but it is always to see your efforts pay off," sophomore Drew Rudloff said.

During the game, Junior Dave Kantner received a red card for using foul language, which forced him to sit the following game, against Ashland University.

Beautiful weather for the home game on Oct. 20 brought many students out to watch their team pull off another shut out.

Junior Matt Nichols scored in the first half, assisted by Jimmy Greene. The only draw back for the Titans were a few obviously unfair calls made against them by the referees. But that did not stop the Titans from securing another victory.

"I think we played a good game," Nichols said, "but the refs could have done a better job."

The first men's soccer junior varsity program concluded their season with a first place trophy this past weekend at the 3rd annual Franciscan Friendship Cup at Franciscan University in Stubinville, Ohio.

The tourament, consisting of Penn State Altoona, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), and the host team, Franciscan University.

The tournament was structured like a final four playoff. Two pairs of teams played with the winners advancing to the championships and the losers heading to the consolation round.

The Titans came out strongly in their first game, defeating Franciscan University 5-1. Freshmen Nick D'antonio, Pasquel Reino and Chis Szymoniak contributed to the scoring.

Advancing to the championship game with IUP, both teams played well ending the game with a tie at 0-0. In the shoot-out that followed, the Titans were able to walk away with the win.

Coach Thakar is hoping that the JV program will be able to continue but due to the time commitment of coaching the varsity and JV programs single-handedly, Thakar is looking for funding for an intern or an assistant coach.

"Our continuation of the JV program depends on funding from the school," Thakar said. "It is difficult to coach two teams by myself."

The JV program ended with an overall record of 7-2.

Volleyball team drops two conference matches

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The volleyball team dropped to 12-17 overall and 1-14 in GLIAC play last weekend with a sweep by Findlay University and Ashland University.

Findlay posted a 15-6, 15-10, 15-5 decision to improve to 22-7 overall, 8-6 in the GLIAC. Junior outside hitter Andrea Cronie posted a team-high eight kills in the contest, while also leading the team in digs with eight. Also for the Titans, senior Danielle Kean set up a team-best 16 assists.

The Ashland Lady Eagles posted a 15-13, 15-10, 15-7 decision to improve to 18-11 overall, 4-11 in the GLIAC. Freshman middle hitter Suzanne Fitz was the top hitter with 12 kills, while sophomore Shannon Simmons and Cronie added nine and eight kills, respectively.

"We didn't play at the top of our game but we didn't let up. We should have won," Fitz said.

Kean set up 33 assists in the loss, while also tallying in a team-best 21 digs and a pair of service aces. Juniors Sarah Verhoff and Brooke Engles also each added a pair of aces against Ashland, while freshman Katie Spehar added a team-high three blocks. The Titans travel to Michigan this weekend with GLIAC matches against Wayne State University today and Hillsdale University on Saturday. "Wayne State and Hillsdale are tough teams, but if we play like we know how and have confidence in our abilities, we will definitely win," said Simmons.

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into a tie for the GLIAC lead with his fourth interception of the season. Stamp also recorded a team-high four pass breakups in the win.

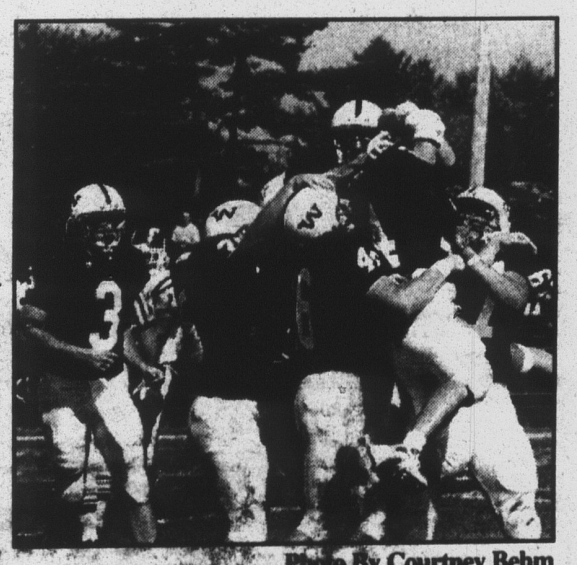
Posting fumble recoveries for the Titans were senior linebacker R.J. Pabis and freshman defensive ends Joe Bianco and Erick Pabis.

"Our team finally came together and played well both on offense and defense. I hope we have some confidence and can win our last three," Ciavarra said.

The football program selected three players as "Titans of the Week" for their play in the victory over Findlay. Ciavarra was named Offensive Titan of the Week. He posted 53 yards of offense (18 rushing, 35 receiving), in addition to catching the game-winning touchdown from seven yards out with 23 seconds to play. He also recorded a two-point conversion run in the victory. Senior outside linebacker Don Kelley earned Defensive Titan of the Week laurels. Kelley posted seven solo tackles and two assists, including two tackles for losses totaling minus-seven yards and one quarterback sack.

Earning Special Teams Titan of the Week honors was junior linebacker Don Augustine. Augustine posted a team-high four solo tackles for the Titan special teams coverage units on Saturday. Overall, he posted eight solo tackles and two assists on the afternoon.

The Titans will try to make it two wins in a row this Saturday, as they travel to Erie to face Gannon University (1-7) in a non-conference game at McDowell High School.



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Titans celebrate after the game winning touchdown.

For Pete's sake

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Should Pete Rose be in the Baseball Hall of Fame?

For ten years, it has been one of the great sports debates: after his banishment from baseball, should the game's all-time hitting leader remain off the Hall of Fame ballot?

On August 23, 1989, Major League Baseball banned Rose from the sport for life after then-commissioner Bart Giamatti claimed to have evidence proving Rose had bet on baseball and the Cincinnati Reds, the team he was managing at the time.

While Rose accepted baseball's verdict, Giamatti signed a document that stated that Rose was neither admitting nor denying that he had bet on baseball. For ten years, Rose has cited that clause as proof that baseball never had proof against him. Rose continues to deny that he bet on his sport or on his team and insists that, whatever his sins, he has been punished long enough.

Rose was the 1963 Rookie of the Year and went on to set 12 major league records, including most career hits. He was the star of the 1975 and 1976 World Series Champion Cincinnati squads and was nicknamed "The Big Red Machine." Rose was arguably the most complete ballplayer of the 1970s.

After five seasons with the Philadelphia Phillies and a brief stint with the Montreal Expos, Rose returned to Cincinnati in 1984 as the Reds' player-manager.

He retired as a player two years later but continued to manage the team. By then, whispers about his gambling activities had become a roar.

"I got tied up with some wrong guys, and that was my mistake, and I wish I hadn't done it. And I'm sorry that I did it and I'm sorry if I offended anybody. I am very sorry," Rose said to a CNN reporter. "But I have to say of all the mistakes I made, I didn't hurt you or your producers. It hurt me and my family."

Rose was recently voted a member of the All-Century team as the ninth outfielder, out of nine. The fan support that chose him to be on that team shows that there are many people willing to overlook his past mistakes.

"I think the public, bless the public's heart, hasn't seen the evidence, doesn't know what really took place," says Fay Vincent, who drafted Rose's suspension. "But even more importantly, I don't think the public is thinking about the institution of baseball. They're not worried about the next great ball player who says if Pete got away with it, I can get away with it."

However, other ballplayers have been inducted that have been of questionable character. The most prominent example is Ty Cobb, who was the first inductee into the Hall and is second on the list of hits behind Rose. Cobb was a racist, a batterer and quite possibly a murderer. Yet, he was inducted into the Hall with 222 out of the possible 226 votes.

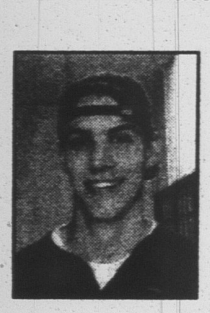
With that as a comparison, Rose should definitely be placed on the ballot. However, the reality is that what Rose did was illegal and a blow to the integrity of baseball. Time will tell what will happen to Rose, but the All-Century team is the first phase into allowing him to be eligible for the Hall of Fame.

OPINION

Question of the week

What are your feelings on the current scheduling process?

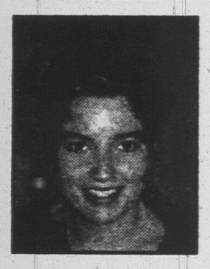
Shelly Stevenson, senior
"I'm sad to be scheduling for the last time. The process is easy, especially as you move up in the ranks of 'academia."



Craig Gottschalk, sophomore
"It's very stressful to get classes for you major and to fill the IP's. The IP's coflict with major course times."

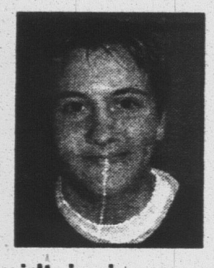
Tom Defloria, senior
"It used to be a mess. This year it's easy. They offer enough at the right times."

Jason Garvery, sophomore
"I think it's pretty fair as far as upperclassmen go. It gets pretty stressful sometimes though."



Laura Stewart, senior LLP
"I think it's good. For LLP students it's good. I've had to take very few day classes."

Christian Michael Reifsteck, sophomore
"It seems to be a pretty smooth process-there's not much to it."



Debbie Schmidt, junior
"It really doesn't bother me as long as I get the classes I want. I've never had a problem."

Stan Rothrock, junior
"Scheduling of classes isn't organized as well as it could be. The actual process workswell but classes themselves are offered at conflicting times."

Janice Whalen, junior
"I don't like scheduling because you get hosed. I have to drop my minor because they don't have the classes I need available."

OUR VIEW: Scheduling pains

Labeled by many as the most stressful time of the year next to finals, scheduling is a bi-annual event of planning, often filled with disappointment and frustration. But does it have to be this way?

When students begin planning their classes, they look to the ever-changing course handbook. Unfortunately, for many, this results in much turmoil.

In the curriculum of many majors, there are set guidelines for what students must take. However, sometimes there are also choices among these mandatory classes. For instance, the book may list an option to take class C instead of taking both A and B. Unless the student feels the need to have those two courses (A&B), they will most likely opt for choice C, so that they can fulfil their requirement more efficiently. Often, this is where the problems begin.

The conflict is that the department gives the option of taking courses A and B, or C, but the student really has the options of taking A and B; or A, B and C. It seems like the department is promoting course C by duping the students into taking it. If the department wants all three courses to be taken, then be straightforward about it. Don't make it more complicated than it has to be; it makes no sense to give the option.

The frustration continues when a student finds that the catalog, which is updated with each incoming freshman class, has mistakes. So who is to blame when commas that are supposed to be semi-colons, and the word "or" is inadvertently used in place of the word "and?" Is it the professors who write the descriptions or the department heads who have to confirm them before they are printed? Just when students assumed it was safe to trust the grammar skills of the professionals that are preparing them for the future, it takes the student to discover that an error has been made. Do the students then become responsible for their professors' mistakes?

Hopefully, the students can recognize the errors before they are unable to graduate on time because of one or two straggling requirements.

Students who came in under the new curriculum may be surprised when to learn that just because a course is listed in the course handbook as IP, it may still require several prerequisites. How is it possible that a course that fulfills a general education requirement also requires prerequisites? If you find yourself asking this question, don't call the Registrar's Office—they don't know.

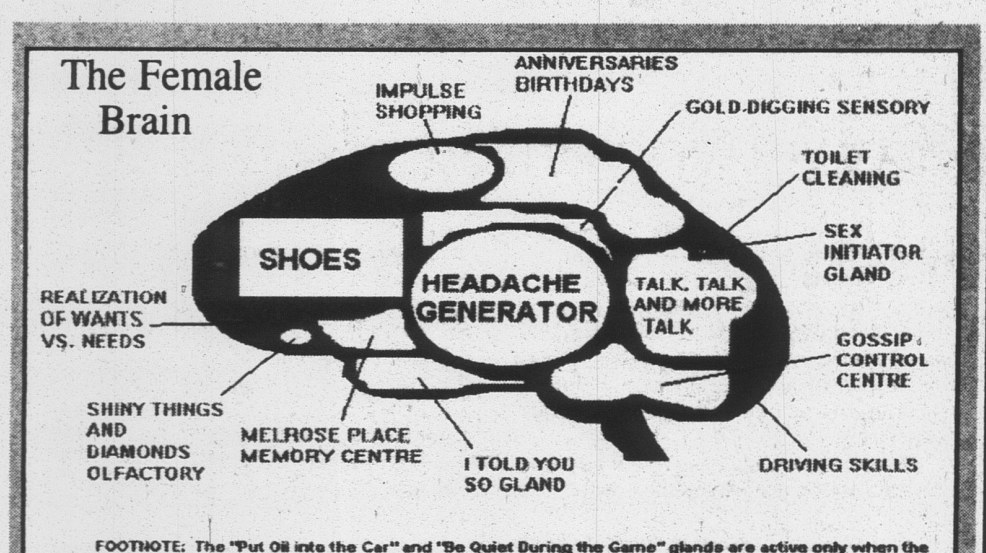
Once a student finally makes a rough draft of their schedule and gets their scheduling time, the "will I get my classes?" fear takes over. Often students do not find out which classes are filled and which are not until they arrive at their scheduling appointment. The scheduling staff types the course code into the computers, only to discover that the class is full. Now, this would make sense if it was the last day of scheduling or if it was a freshman mandatory class like writing. However, when juniors or seniors cannot get into one of their major classes, questions arise. Is it that professors cannot calculate the number of seats that are in the classroom, or is it that they are being stingy because they don't want as many students? Whatever the reason, it adds to the stress.

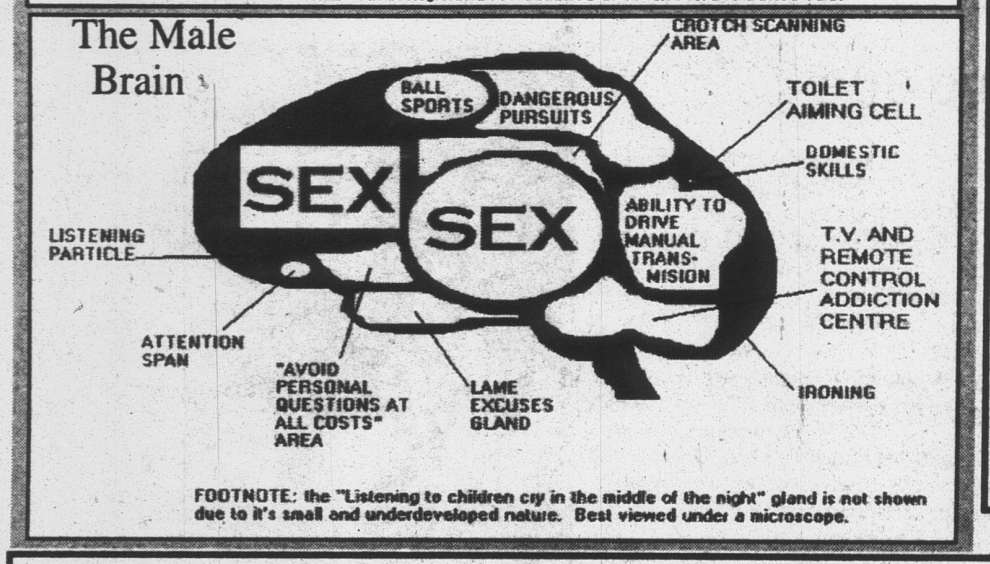
What doesn't make sense is that the college is a business and the students are its clients. As a business, the college should seek to accommodate its clients in the best way possible. Instead, the college is inconveniencing the students more than anything.

When paying students try to schedule a class, they should not be turned away because the class is full, they should have the option of another section at another time. Instead, they are left struggling to find another class that will fit into their schedule, which could mean going through three or four choices before a class is found.

When a client pays money for a service, they should be given adequate service. Instead, students are told what classes they are going to take, when they are going to take them and that they can only take a certain number of credits. If they exceed the college's limitations, they have to stay another year and pay even more money. It is a great business scheme, but a horrible way to develop client relationships.

The solution is simple, find ways to please the client, and the client will be happy.





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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read your editorial concerning vandalism with great personal interest. My car has been repeatedly (3 times) vandalized in the past 2 weeks. I would like to believe that it was just random victimization, but the fact that the car was damaged in the same way 3 times in different locations makes this impossible to believe. I'm writing to ask the help of the readers of the Holcad. I don't know why someone is doing this, but I'd like your help in stopping it. My car is a dark gray chrysler concorde. Someone is taking a sharp object and scratching the trunk. If you see someone doing something like this, would you please get in touch with me? (x7252) Obviously I'm unhappy about the damage, but I'm also unhappy that someone feels this way about me. If you are that person, please come and talk about whatever the problem is.

Phyllis Kitzerow

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the October 22 "Our View" editorial. When I began to read this article I couldn't help but agree that the destruction of property on this campus is ridiculous and uncalled for. However, I was upset to see that this editorial compared these vandals to people who visit fraternity houses on a regular basis.

While these are many people who night after night "give up a piece of their dignity" by drinking in excess, this is not what goes on at fraternities on a daily basis as is implied by this editorial. As a member of a fraternity who lives in a fraternity house, I have seen many parties and witnessed many people do stupid things as the result of overconsuption of alcohol. However, more often than not on any given night I see people, brothers and other students, staying up to watch movies, play video games, or just talk without any alcohol.

To close I would just like to answer your question "Can one's self-esteem be so low that he or she doesn't feel they can socialize with peers-even friends-without a can of the cheapest beer that can be bought at Beer-For-Less." Yes, it does happen to some but I would not go to a fraternity house, at least not mine, during the week and expect to find them. If you do, you might be surprised to see a house full of people having a great time with each other without the alcohol.

Fraternally Yours,

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America seeks to promote abstinence

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(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Sex today is different than it used to be. A few decades ago, when most of us were nothing more than a glint in our parents' eyes, the playing field was not so dangerous. Back then, pregnancy was still an issue, but sex was not lethal because of this great thing called penicillin. But nowadays, things are different. Sex is a high-risk activity that can kill you - kind of like drunk driving or jay walking near Pizza House.

When you combine this with the fact that teens are getting involved with sex earlier than ever - and getting pregnant younger than ever - disaster is bound to erupt. And it has.

Fully aware of this catastrophe, the federal government is seeking to control this deadly scourge of teenage hormones. That is why George W. Bush and a growing number of politicians want to throw out conventional sex education programs to instead promote a single message to America's youth: Keep your clothes on until your wedding night.

Several states have already made the just-say-no approach a policy in some classrooms. Five other states have even required that all schools teach self-denial exclusively. All across the country, the push for "abstinence-only education" is gaining steam.

Backers of the revolution say that the new sex education will curb teen pregnancies and STDs by giving kids an unambiguous pro-abstinence message.

They claim that this approach contrasts many of the hypocritical and flawed comprehensive sex-ed programs that tell students to wait, but then talk about the efficacy of contraception for teens who choose not to wait.

These sexual education activists are fueled by $50 million that the federal government has decided to distribute over five years to states that establish abstinence-only programs. To qualify for the grants, states must set up programs that "(have) as (their) exclusive purpose, teaching the social, psychological and health gains to be realized by abstaining from sexual activity." These programs must also "teach that mutually faithful

monogamous relationship in context of marriage is the expected standard of human sexual activity" (By the way, I am quoting this directly from the grant itself and I am not making this up.)

The argument seems persuasive. If the schools can just convince teens to control the tidal eruptions of their little adolescent hormones until marriage, maybe then the United States will see a drop in teen pregnancy and STD rates. We'll have no more single teen parents languishing on welfare. And there will certainly be no more young people succumbing to AIDS or any other STD. Perhaps this is exactly how things would work in an ideal world. But there is just one problem This is the real world. This is the world where over one-third of 15-year-olds are sexually active. This is the same world where the average guy doesn't marry until age 27 and the average woman doesn't tie the knot until she's 25. Here, kids need contraceptive information, and when no one gives it to them, they'll either get diseases or they'll proliferate like rabbits.

Admittedly, the United States has a huge problem with teen pregnancy. Last year, the teen birthrate in the United States was much higher that that of other industrialized countries: about 57 births per 1,000 15- to 19-year-olds compared to 29 in Great Britain, 11 in Germany, and four in the Netherlands. Clearly, American teens are promiscuous and unchaste when compared to little British and Dutch kids, right? Wrong!

It turns out that the rate of teen sexual activity is about the same in every industrialized country - that is, about half are doing it by age 18. But, according to the Alan Gutmacher Institute, a New York-based research firm, "birthrates are lower in countries where teens have easy and indisputable access to contraceptives and where teens who use contraceptives are considered to be responsible rather than promiscuous."

Specifically, we are talking about countries like Great Britain, Germany and the Netherlands.

Clearly, the United States would do better in controlling the problems of teen sex if it followed the lead of other nations in commending teens who use protection, instead of casting them as lusty little deviants. This approach will send no more of an ambiguous message than listening to a pro-abstinence message at school, and then running home to an hour of Lil' Kim videos afterward.

Obviously, there is nothing wrong with including an abstinence-based message in a comprehensive sex education program - one that teaches abstinence alongside contraceptive use. In fact, for young people abstinence is probably best because it will not only protect teens from pregnancy and disease, but it will also protect them from the emotional and psychological trauma sometimes associated with sex.

However, politicians and school officials must fix their eyes on the reality that teens do have sex. Chasing ideals will only get activists so far.

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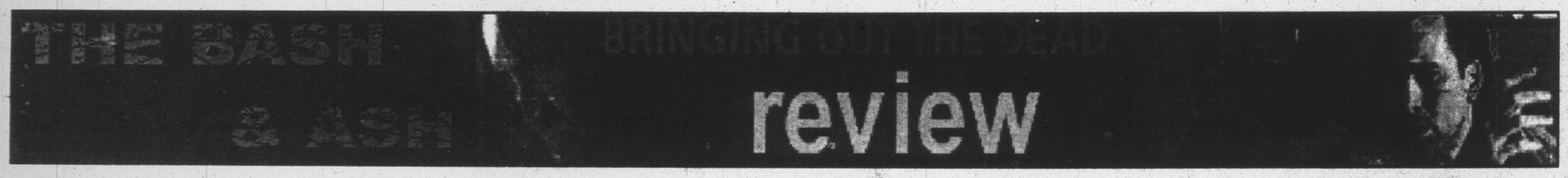


Derrick "Kid Sparkle" B.

Within the first half-hour of most films, you've already decided if you like it or not. Yes, there are exceptions, but a movie usually either pulls you in and gets you going, or doesn't. *Bringing Out the Dead* is an exception.

Maybe it's because it stars Nicholas Cage and Patricia Arquette, or maybe it's because Martin Scorsese directs it, but despite lingering doubts about the film, I liked it.

Bringing out the Dead, which takes place in New York City in the early '90's, features Cage at his finest, as Frank Pierce, a burnt out EMS Paramedic. After five years on the job, Pierce is crumbling under the pressure of the death, filth, and violence he faces over and over again. Working the night shift, he is surrounded repeatedly by overdoses, suicide attempts, heart attacks, drug dealers, hookers and other pleasant fare.

Pierce hasn't saved anyone in a while, and as he rides shot gun in the ambulance, swigging whiskey and shooting himself up with adrenaline (among other choice narcotics carried on board) he begins seeing the ghosts of those he lost. Particularly, he begins to see the ghost of a girl named Rose, whom he was unable to save after she had a heart attack.

Like many of Pierces patients, this movie flat lines. While several semi-plots run throughout the movie, it is basically a collage of three days on the job with Pierce, as his soul plunges, and is (maybe) brought back with the help of Arquette (his real life wife), who plays the daughter of another heart attack victim.

The first half of the movie slugs along, and although Scorsese's superb directing and Cages engaging acting and narration could make anything interesting, it doesn't take long until you start hoping for something more to happen. While there are some striking scenes in the second half, specifically Cage's run-ins with a drug dealer who gets impaled on a fence, there is no build up, and hence, no climax.

Bringing out the Dead is far from uplifting, so anyone uneasy with seeing needles and tubes inserted and removed from the human body will definitely want to check it out.

But even though the movie isn't uplifting, it leaves you with a strange calm. You see the frothing, convulsing victims of New York's streets, but then realize you're safe in a movie theater, at least for the moment.

Although it didn't dawn on me until the end, Scorsese makes interesting use of light, specifically in illuminating Pierce. There are a few lines connecting light to the way he feels after saving someone, perhaps likening him to being some sort of savior. Near the end of the film, as one of Pierce's partners bludgeons a junkie with a baseball bat, Cage glows as he saves the man's life. Look for the light.

If nothing else, *Bringing Out the Dead* provides a realistic look at what a paramedic's job entails in New York City. In the movie the paramedics are almost above the law - beating patients and then taking them to the hospital for treatment, treating calls as chores or trivial inconveniences and doing anything they can to avoid responding. It doesn't paint a positive picture of the profession.

Perhaps even more convincingly displayed are the lives of the junkies, homeless and poor that line these streets. These images coupled with Cage's on the edge performance evoke some feeling of what it would be like to dwell in the convulsing New York streets.

Contributed Photo
Scorsese directs Cage on the set of *Bringing out the Dead*.

Ashley "Webster" W.

Martin Scorsese, Nicolas Cage, Patricia Arquette and a movie entitled *Bringing Out The Dead*. At first glance this film would already be perceived to be the thriller of the year, a blockbuster, but unfortunately it doesn't quite live up to its reputation.

Mind you it is good but not exactly impressive. Because of the fame and notoriety of its director and actors, it has been exulted to a level, of which it is not quite worthy.

The basis of the plot consists of fifty-six hours in the chaotic, disturbing, depressing, exhausting and somewhat supernaturally infused life of Frank Pierce (Nicolas Cage), an EMS paramedic working the graveyard shift on the streets of New York.

Pierce and his co-workers scan the streets, cleaning up the slums and alleys filled with the injured and dying. Scene after scene is filled with a melange of supernatural images of dead, the lost souls which Pierce was not able to save, as well as various images consisting of his own sordid hallucinations. Pierce finds himself going to work completely devoid of energy with barely enough fortitude to keep his sanity. (He looks like hell.) He dreads work and pleads with his captain to fire him for being late, but only gets the response that he'll fire him tomorrow.

Pierce holds on to his existing sanity through the creation of various concoctions of drug cocktails procured from the ambulance's stock-hold, or perhaps a little alcohol.

The acting in this movie is quite commendable, though not overly dramatic. Many of the characters seem numb, without exuding much personality - cardboard cutouts. I saw them and their actions, but psychologically I never felt I was able to pass through their surface to divulge their innermost secrets or come to understand them beyond their reactions to their roles in the workplace.

Many of the characters acted in what would normally be considered certifiable behavior, which at times made for some wonderful dark humor. However, for their occupations, this behavior turned out to be the norm rather than the exception.

I must give Scorsese props for unique cinematography and imagery. This aspect enhanced, and instilled an irrepressible sense of confusion and chaos, depicting some extraordinarily disturbing and provocative scenes. He also uses sped-up, still-life frames, as well as many special effects and strangely positioned camera shots to bombard the audience's senses.

Bringing Out The Dead is an interesting, though not extremely engaging film, which leaves viewers feeling detached and numb. It's like a black river - slowly twisting and meandering without much interruption or a clearly defined primary source or terminus. The story line follows this path diverging randomly to somewhat inconsequential side plots.

Bringing Out The Dead is nothing less than an introspective view of the physically and psychologically traumatizing life of EMS paramedic, as well as a glimpse of life in the dark grungy slums of the city.

Boredman, OH can cure any college student's case of boredom

By Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

Boredman, Ohio is the cure to any college student's boredom.

You can see a movie for a $1.50, then play arcades and eat good pizza. You can even sit down to a real meal for a reasonable price, or browse books, magazines and CDs while sipping coffee or cappuccino. The list goes on as Boardman, Ohio offers cost-effective weekend activities.

If you just want to get off campus and go to great restaurant, the choices are seemingly endless. The more popular chains such as TGI Fridays, Lonestar Steakhouse, Red Lobster, The Olive Garden and Chi-Chi's provide a cool atmosphere and good food. But if you want a fun place where you can be a kid again, the games and pizza at Chuckie Cheese's allow you to do just that.

Do you have something cheaper in mind? Then, Perkins, Boston Market, Bob Evans and Eat N' Park will fit the bill. And of course if time is of the essence, you can choose from any of the usual fast food chains that line the highway.

Three different movie theaters fight for your patronage. The best bet, Cinemark Movies 8, allows you to see a movie for only a $1.50. Though most of the shows playing are about to be released on videotape, you get the theater experience, and it's cheaper than renting a new release at any video store.

Tinseltown, located behind the South Park Mall, features all the latest films with comfortable, reclining seating and digital surround sound.

Finally, the Regal Cinemas South is a basic movie theater, but it often shows movies that aren't playing at Tinseltown or Movies 8.

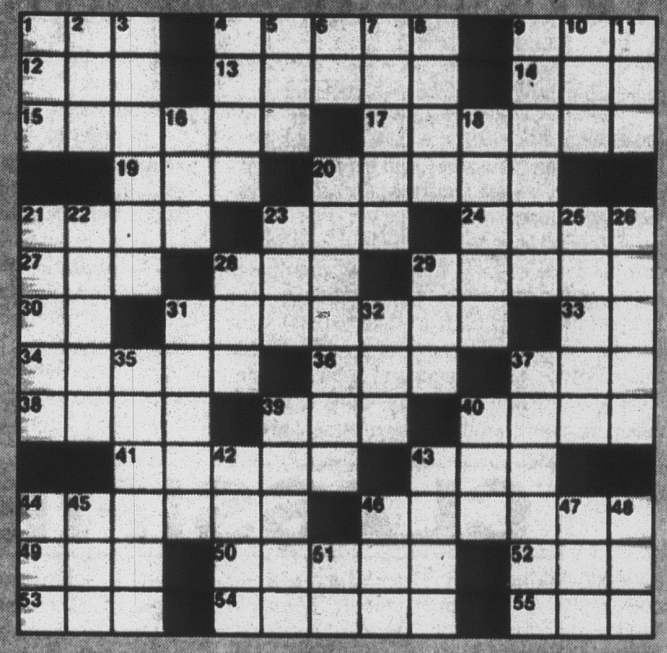
If not in the mood to catch a flick, maybe you would rather go shopping. The South Park Mall is the obvious choice. However, don't forget the many shopping plazas, which have a variety of stores not found at the mall such as Old Navy, Kohls, Staples, Best Buy and, of course, Barnes and Noble.

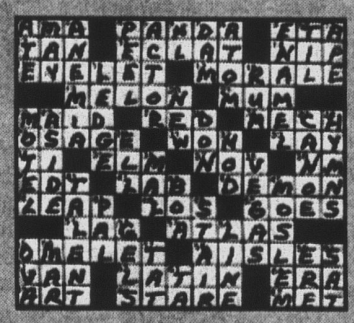
This popular bookstore is a great place to spend hours reading about absolutely anything, listening to any kind of music, or having dessert at the Starbucks located right inside the store.

Located only 15 minutes West of the New Castle Wal-Mart, Boredman, Ohio offers these and many more fabulous entertainment options to cure your weekend boredom.

ACROSS
1. Missile (abbr.)
4. Bed coverlet
9. Fish
12. Scary word
13. Above
14. Verb
15. Tent fabric
17. Many
19. Father
20. Town leader
21. Dash
23. Friend
24. Space agency (abbr.)
27. Reddish-brown colt
28. Follower
29. Under
30. River in Russia
31. Body
33. Louisiana (abbr.)
34. Better
36. Ungentlemanly
37. Hawaiian food
38. Three feet
39. High (music)
40. Rave
41. Amer. bird
43. Baseball stick
44. Admittance
46. Motion pictures
49. Hawaiian necklace
50. Entertain
52. Basketball hoop
53. Bog
54. Stalks
55. Explosive

DOWN
1. Alphabet (abbr., sing.)
2. Snake
3. Day of week
4. Quadrangle (slang)
5. Higher (pl.)
6. Innings pitched (abbr.)
7. Within the law
8. Shallow receptacle
9. Singing group
10. Rowing implement
11. Poem
16. Covered truck
18. Person alone
20. Handcuff
21. Black
22. Thin plate or layer
23. Cushion
25. Athenian poet
26. Wait for
28. Distant
29. Where one sleeps
31. Tree
32. Vessel to store liquids
35. Idiot
37. Exclusive right
39. Aware
40. Raced
42. Allows
43. Pieces
44. Mischievous child
45. Born
46. Curved wheel on rotating shaft
47. Males
48. Attention (abbr.)
51. Particular type of (Suffix)





HUMORSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)
You will discover that you can wiggle your ears today and will actually become quite good at it. People will invite you to parties. Also, your love for learning will lead you into the fascinating world of organic tomatoes.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
You will vow to always tell the truth, but it will backfire on you. Most people find that kind of behavior highly suspicious, and more than a little deviant.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
Architecture may be occupying most of your waking thoughts but don't neglect your long lost relatives in Sri Lanka.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)
Due to forces beyond comprehension, you will begin talking with a Texas accent. Eventually, you'll come out with audiotapes to teach this to others, which you will call "Bubba-Bonics".

LEO (July 23 - August 22)
This weekend's array of parties will have much to offer, but steer clear of the milk flavored beer.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22)
You're going to accidentally spill a soda on your computer keyboard but don't get it cleaned, it makes much cooler noises when you type now.

LIBRA (September 22 - October 22)
While channel-surfing by remote control, you will accidentally happen upon a secret US government channel, and will overhear people in the Pentagon talking about their success with several operatives code-named after various amphibious creatures. A sudden horrible realization will strike you...either that or you'll get jam on your shirt.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21)
As a joke, you will send off a resume for your dog to a company, which wants to hire an extrusion manager. Surprisingly, he will not only get the job, but will earn more than you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21)
Good day to make a nice pot of gruel. Isn't it strange, how difficult it is these days to find gruel on the menu at restaurants? Perhaps you should start your own restaurant (e.g. The Gruel Pot) to rectify that situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)
All of your old grade school teachers will haunt you in a dream that is very very vivid, and very real.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 18)
You will rest peacefully, and sink into a strange dream. In the dream, you will be playing an odd version of soccer with huge clear balloons and people dressed in white formal attire will be cheering you on from the sidelines. Don't go into the light, ok? The extra point isn't worth it.

PICSES (February 19 - March 20)
Today you will banish fear. It will stomp off in a huff.

Now playing at area theaters

Cinemark Movies 8
(330)629-2233

The 13th Warrior (R)
4:35, 7:00, 9:35

Big Daddy (PG-13)
4:50, 7:10, 9:30

The Blair Witch Project (R)
7:45, 9:55

Bowfinger (PG-13)
5:05, 7:40, 10:05

Chill Factor (R)
4:55, 7:20, 9:50

Deep Blue Sea (R)
4:30, 7:05, 9:40

The Haunting (PG-13)
4:40, 7:25, 10:10

Inspector Gadget (PG)
5:10

Jakob the Liar (PG-13)
4:45, 7:30, 10:15

Regal Cinema South 10
(330)758-0463

The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland (G)
3:00, 5:00, 7:00

Bats (PG-13)
2:40, 4:50, 7:45, 10:00

Blue Streak (PG-13)
3:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Crazy in Alabama (PG-13)
2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

Drive Me Crazy (PG-13)
7:20, 10:00

For Love of the Game (PG-13)
3:30, 6:50, 9:00, 9:45

The Omega Code (PG-13)
2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15

Superstar (PG-13)
2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45

Three Kings (R)
3:45, 4:30, 7:45, 10:15

Westgate Cinemas
(724)652-9063

Bats (PG-13)
1:10, 3:05, 5:00, 7:15, 9:05

Bringing Out the Dead (R)
12:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Double Jeopardy (R)
1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Fight Club (R)
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Fight Club (R)
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Random Hearts (R)
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The Story of Us (R)
5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Three to Tango (PG-13)
5:20, 7:50, 10:20

Mock convention looking for state reps and campaign managers

The 2000 Republican Mock Convention, to be held Feb. 10 and 11, offers students a variety of ways to get involved.

The convention's executive committee has put out the word that the student body's participation in the convention is essential to the success of the two-day event.

"Students have the opportunity to get involved in many ways, including state chairs, campaign managers and state delegates," said Inga Laurent, credentials co-chairperson of the executive committee.

State chairpersons will have the opportunity to coordinate all state activities including meetings with their state delegates and parade meetings. They are responsible for recruiting one-fourth of the delegates for their states.

"The state chairs may recruit anyone from the student body to be a part of their state," Laurent said. "Plus, they will get to develop a state theme, a state platform, and a state attitude," she added.

A second way to become involved in this campus wide event is to become a campaign manager for one of the five candidates. The five candidates chosen to take a part in the Mock Convention are George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer and John McCain.

The campaign managers' duty is to persuade the convention that the represented candidate is the one best suited to represent the Republican Party in the general election of the United States.

In order to do this, all managers will participate in a debate before the convention, give a speech during the convention and persuade the delegates to vote for the candidate.

The managers will also receive a budget of $500 for parties and activities to promote the candidate to the campus community.

"It is not necessary to have extensive knowledge of the political process in order to apply for either of these positions. That knowledge will come once the applicants get involved," Laurent said.

"We are just looking for people who want to be involved with one of the biggest events on campus; people who are willing to dedicate a few hours of their time to making the convention a success," she said.

Anyone interested in a position as a state chair should e-mail Laurent at laurenin @westminster.edu and anyone interested in a campaign manager position should contact John Hauser at hauserjm@westminster.edu. General questions can be addressed to the executive committee, campus mailbox 98, EXT. 7129 or by logging on to the Mock Convention web page: www.westminster.edu/staff/jrhoads/Rhoads/home.html.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREER SHADOWING REGISTRATION is Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 27-29 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. TUB grill area. Visits take place Jan. 10, 2000. Contact the Alumni Office in the Thompson House or call EXT. 7364 for more information.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 29
LAST DAY FOR A 40% REFUND
Zeta Tau Alpha Sister Retreat
Zeta Tau Alpha Halloween Bags Delivered
11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. - Chapel
5:00 p.m. Swimming Pre-Season Invitational (H)
6:00 p.m. Chapel Service Tea.m. Halloween Party for College Community Children - TUB Lounge
7:15 p.m. Volleyball @ Wayne State, MI
8:00 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert - TUB Lounge
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under TBA Kappa Delta Scholarship Banquet

SATURDAY 30
11:00 a.m. Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Children's Library
Noon - 5 p.m. Fall PCMEA Workshop - Patterson 51
1:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Pitt-Johnstown (H)
1:00 p.m. Football @ Gannon
1:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Hillsdale, MI
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Tim Conway and Harvey Korman - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Movie: The Blair Witch Project — Down Under

SUNDAY 31
HALLOWEEN
Daylight Savings: Turn clocks back one hour
2:00 p.m. Panhel Greek Social/Mixer — TUB Lounge
3:00 p.m. Concert Choir/Madrigal Singers Concert — Chapel
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting @ Chapter House
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Halloween Party - PH 114
9:00 p.m. Movie: The Blair Witch Project - Down Under

MONDAY 1
11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. - Chapel
4:35 p.m. Feast of All Saints Mass — Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhellenic Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
5:30 p.m. First Class of Continuing Education Introduction to Computers - PH 214
6:15 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112-113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Ga.m.ma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
8:00 p.m. Praise Band - Chapel
9:15 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - TUB A/B

TUESDAY 2
ELECTION DAY
Noon - 6:00 p.m. A.m.erican Red Cross Blood Drive - TUB Lounge
5:30 p.m. Allies Meeting — PH 114
7:00 p.m. Bleasby Colloquium: Sharon Stringer, speaker — PLH
7:00 p.m. Swimming: Blue/White Intersquad (H)
7:00 p.m. Ca.m.pus Club Evening Dessert with Jean Willia.m.son - President's Home
7:30 p.m. Foreign Film Festival: "Mon Oncle" (French) - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 3
Early Registration for Spring Semester 2000 - TUB A/B (starting at 3:00 p.m. each day)
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Joe Balczon, "Zebra Muscles: A Tale of an Invasive Species" - PH 131
5:00 p.m. Student Alumni Association Meeting - TBA
6:00 p.m. First Class of Continuing Education Math, Intermediate Level - PH 113
6:00 p.m. Titan Traverse Spring Break Promo — TUB Lounge
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - TCF 116
7:30 p.m. First Class of Continuing Education Conversational German, Intermediate Level — PH 112
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting - PH 114
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TCF 116
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - TCF 111
9:30 p.m. Seekers Meeting - Down Under

THURSDAY 4
Early Registration for Spring Semester 2000 - TUB A/B (starting at 3:00 p.m. each day)
5:30 p.m. Philosophy Honorary Society Meeting - PH 116
7:00 p.m. IFC Meeting - TBA
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Progra.m.: "Explorers" - HSC
7:15 p.m. Volleyball vs. Geneva (H)
10:00 - midnight Back to the Beat (Live Dance/Radio Progra.m. - Down Under

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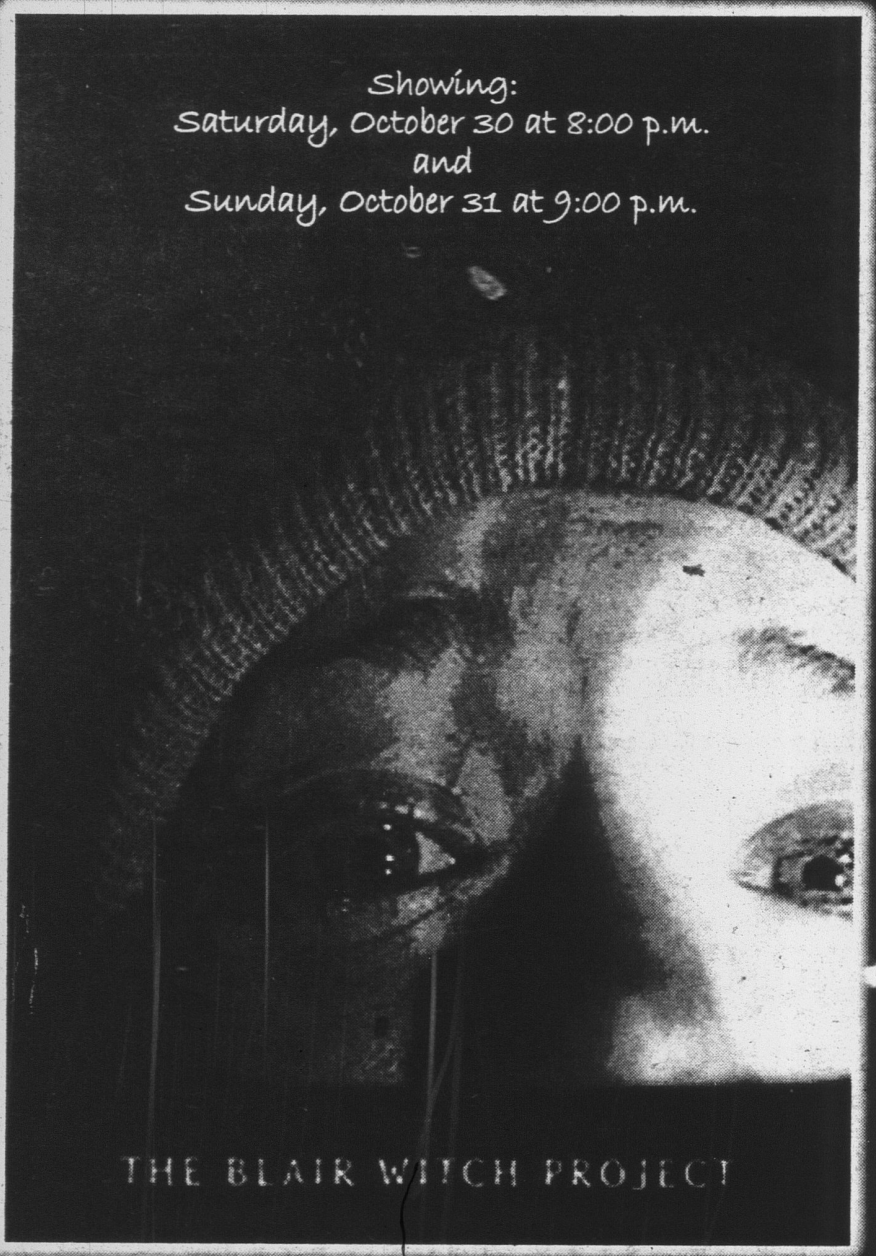

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Despite challenge, *The Miracle Worker* ready to inspire

By Brad Dell
MANAGING EDITOR

Theatre Westminster celebrates its 70th season with William Gibson's American classic *The Miracle Worker*, a play about courage, determination and freedom. The play will be staged at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday through Saturday in Beeghly Theater.

The Miracle Worker marks a new era for the department with visiting director Eileen Hendrickson at the helm of the production.

"It's a timely story with a universal theme of determination and overcoming limitations," Hendrickson said. "Anyone will be encouraged by the events that are portrayed in the play and the outcome."

Sophomore Kristen Kress plays the title character, the miracle worker, Annie Sullivan, who was hired to teach and discipline the deaf/blind Helen Keller (junior Kristy Bronder).

Kress said that the opportunity to play Annie is one of the greatest experiences of her life. "Annie is a wonderful woman of determination, wit and apprehension. When the show closes, if I've honored Annie, it will be one of my greatest accomplishments."

Bronder expressed similar sentiments about the opportunity to play Helen Keller. "Doing justice to a character is something I always worry about as an actor. I just really hope I can do Helen justice."

Hendrickson calls Gibson's script a "realistic appraisal" of the lives of these historical figures. "Gibson has carefully selected events that highlight their early relationship," she said. "The scenes he selected portray the conflict between the undisciplined Helen and the ferociously determined Annie."

Set in Alabama during the 1880s, *The Miracle Worker* challenges southern views of women, displays the struggle of generation gaps and questions what it means to be "a normal human child."

"Annie wanted to teach at all costs, and she took on everyone and everything that got in her way," Hendrickson said.

The Miracle Worker premiered on Broadway in 1959. Since then, it has experienced many revivals, including a recent national rebirth.

"So many people take for granted the Helen Keller story," Hendrickson said, commenting on the popularity of the timeless show. "But when you see the events before your eyes, with actors dedicated to working hard, it becomes a live biography. These historical figures come to life, and you see into their hearts and souls."

Photo by Brad Dell

Kristen Kress and Kristy Bronder star in upcoming *The Miracle Worker*.

Before production began, some member of the theatre department expressed apprehensions about Theatre Westminster doing such a challenging show. But Hendrickson said she was confident from the beginning. "It's a script that is easily adapted so that students

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College interns work with Hoyt Institue art exhibit

By Laura Stanley
STAFF WRITER

A new art exhibit entitled "Earth, Wind and Fire: 5 Millennia of Chinese Ceramics" can be seen on display at the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts in New Castle.

"This is the most historically significant collection of Chinese Ceramics in the United States," said junior Darcie Yobp. "It's a really big honor to have this. Only two museums a year get to do this."

Yobp and Nicole Zeller are interns at the Hoyt Institute, and have been working to promote the exhibit on campus.

"Our job was to put informational packets together to send out. These included a press release and a fact sheet," Zeller said.

Packets were sent to several departments at the college. There have been no responses.

"We haven't seen many people from Westminster I don't think," museum director Kimberly Koller-Jones said.

However, she said that she was pleased with the overall community response. "Today we've had 1400 people come through," she said. In an e-mail she added, "The response from the educational community has been so good that I do believe the Hoyt owes me a new pair of shoes when it's [the exhibit] gone."

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"Acrobats/Fighters" AD 1368 - 1644

All pieces of artwork are from a private collection owned by philanthropist Dr. Robert B. Pamplin, Jr. Pamplin covered the renter's fee, which allows the museum to show the exhibit, as well as transportation and insurance costs. He also donated $10,000 to cover publication, reception and security expenses.

Pamplin was recently named in Forbes magazine as one of the country's biggest philanthropists.

"He's very generous," Koller-Jones said.

The exhibit is only one of two shows in the country. "It's a really big deal to come to New Castle," Yobp said.

The exhibit is on loan from the Pamplin Museum in Portland, Oregon.

The collection of art covers four Chinese dynasties, dating back to the Neolithic Era.

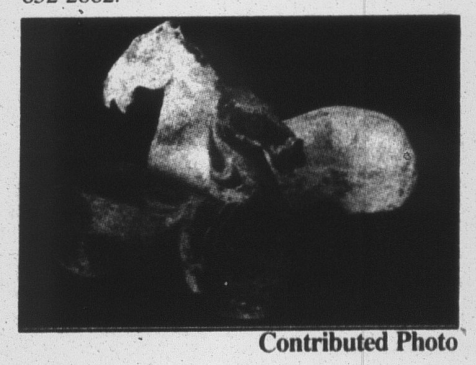
The pottery draws attention due largely to its age. Through symbolism, the pottery reflects the development of the Ancient Chinese. Their strong belief in the afterlife can be seen in the ceramic tomb sculptures and garden figures.

"This is an art exhibit you would see at the Metropolitan or Smithsonian," Jones said.

The exhibit will end on Nov. 15th.

Tours are free to students and to schools. They run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from noon to 3 p.m.

The Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts is located on 124 E. Leasure Ave., New Castle. For more information, call the museum at (724) 652-2882.



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"Han Horses" 206 BC - 220 AD

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CAMPUS NEWS

Clubs hope to gain support through new experiences

By Summerlea Hobbs
STAFF WRITER

Many new clubs are being established on campus to give students the opportunity to gain new experiences and new levels of awareness and understanding. Aiming to do that are the Asian Culture and Boxing clubs as well as Blissful Awareness.

The Asian Culture Club (ACC), organized by freshman Amos Shin, has already gone through the approval process and is an official campus club.

The ACC consists of 11 members at present. Shin began the club to share his culture with the campus and familiarize students with Asian history. Advised by Professor Kang-Yup Na, the students hope to organize an Asian Conference, watch movies dealing with and made by various Asian cultures, bring in outside speakers and work together to develop a more diverse college community.

Presently, only three full-blooded Asians attend Westminster.

"We hope to bring more Asians to WC," Shin said.

The students are working for college support and hope to develop into a strong, educational club on campus. The club plans to have meetings twice a month.

The Blissful Awareness club aims to "inform faculty, staff and humans as to the plight of animals and humans in society," co-founder Molly Zuckerman said.

Contrary to what many believe, Blissful Awareness is not an organization of vegetarians. Rather, it is an organization for free thought, human rights and animal rights advocacy. The 12 members hope to spread awareness through demonstrations, handouts and speakers.

Co-founders Molly Zuckerman and Diana Moore have developed their club's constitution, and they are in the process of filling out the required forms and seeking out a faculty advisor. Meetings are held every Monday night in the TUB. As of yet Blissful Awareness is not an official campus organization.

The Boxing club is in the process of writing a constitution, filling out forms and finding a faculty advisor. Kurt Rothaff and Doug Shymoniak started the organization to give interested students the chance to learn about boxing and refine their boxing skills.

"We want it to be fun and good exercise. It will definitely be a good workout," Rothaff said.

The co-ed club has 15 members and hopes to expand membership at their next informational meeting before Christmas.

The members want to combine their individual training and develop an overall workout together. They also hope to get involved in the amateur boxing circuit in the future.

"Some people will take it seriously, and others will do it for fun. It's a club designed for every student," Rothaff said.

In order to become an official campus organization, these groups must go through several steps. All three groups had an initial meeting to determine the number of students interested. A group must have at least 5 members to be considered for approval, and it must also have a faculty advisor or sponsor.

Clubs must also submit their constitution and other forms to the Student Life and Athletic Council for approval.

Sophomore pursues music career with the release of *Ranting*

By Jacque Duncan
STAFF WRITER

Knowing someone famous is about to become more possible for everyone on campus. Sophomore English major Beth Staley recently completed her first CD with the help of her producer, Zupe, at Woposonic Studio in Altoona, PA. The nine track CD, entitled *Ranting*, is scheduled for release on Nov. 9.

Staley said she always dreamed of being famous and thought her figure skating career would take her there. But skating left her with no artistic outlet, and she ended her career in ninth grade. After that, Staley began writing poetry about life and its struggles.

She enjoyed singing, so she put her words to music on the piano. The summer before her freshman year of college, she began playing a guitar; the instrument now accompanies all of her songs.

Staley said that she feels that her education played the biggest role in her music thus far. "Reading and writing have affected my music more than music itself. Being in school has enhanced my writing. I guess I never realized how much education does when you apply it to life."

Staley's parents initiated the idea of recording her music. She wrote so many songs that her parents thought she should do something with them. So she looked for a recording studio near her hometown of Johnstown, Pa. That was last June.

She said the following four months went by too quickly to remember. The next thing she knew, she had a producer who was telling her that the CD was ready with the exception of the cover pictures and written details.

"My producer believes there is a strong possibility for a lot more to come after this first CD, but no matter what happens, it was fun," Staley said. "It was the biggest learning experience of my life."

Staley admits having fears about the ordeal as well. "I used to dream about being famous, and it's easy to dream by yourself. But now that it could come true, and others believe in my dream now, too, it's a lot scarier."

When asked who her musical inspirations are, she couldn't think of anyone. Instead, books and the trials and tribulations of others inspire her lyrics and tunes.

Taking time for herself is also an important part of her music.

"Running in the morning allows time to think," Staley said. "It forces my body to move; it forces my mind to move; it forces my music to move."

Some of the music she has grown up listening to included soul music, Santana, Madonna, Maynerd Ferguson's jazz music, Neal Young and the "passionate" Guns-N-Roses.

Staley is trying to set up a concert on campus for the release of *Ranting*, and she hopes to get in touch with other college campuses to create more opportunities to share her music.

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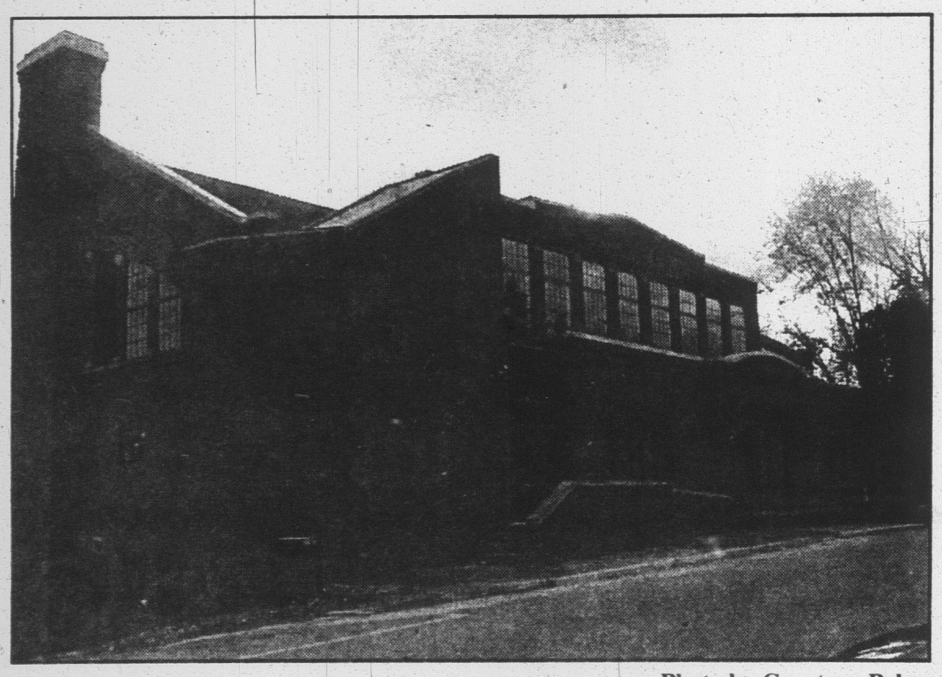
The cover of Beth Staley's first CD *Ranting*. The album will be released on November 9.



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Old 77 construction was done in order to correct safety hazards.

Refurbishing and repairs on Old 77 exterior completed

By Kim Schroeder
STAFF WRITER

Old 77 is one of the many buildings on campus undergoing cosmetic and safety repairs.

The work on the building began the week of Oct. 18 with repairs to the fire escapes on the eastside and one fire exit door on the ground level.

Two fire escapes needed welding because they were pulling away from the building, creating a potential fire hazard. The fire escapes were also quite rusted and in need of repainting.

The exit door needed to be replaced due to age and deterioration.

The concrete walkway outside the main entrance also needed to be replaced. The concrete was receding from the building and had become cracked because of weathering and deterioration. This created a danger to those who enter and exit the front door.

"I don't really see the construction as an inconvenience," junior Donna Macurdy said. "You may have to go to another entrance, but if it's for our safety then I think it's well worth it."

Owen Wagner, director of the physical plant, thought it was in the interest of all those who frequent the building to have these repairs done before the winter weather worsened the situation.

According to Wagner, the jobs were not done during the summer because "it was a matter of identifying problems and marketing bids. Due to many other projects taking place during the summer, there was simply the need to prioritize."

The work on the fire exits were finished Oct. 29 and the replacement of the concrete was completed Oct. 30.

Career shadowing gives students a hands-on working experience

By Allison Sanders
STAFF WRITER

Career shadowing gives students an opportunity to spend a day with Westminster alumni, observing what they do on the job.

"Career shadowing gives students a chance to get a sneak preview at career options and allows them to begin making contacts," said Mary James, director of alumni relations.

Linda Wilson, alumni relations secretary, said that 45 students had signed up for the career shadowing, which takes place the week of January 10, 2000.

Thirty-six alumni ranging from journalists to lawyers to doctors and teachers have agreed to host students. However, if a student wants to shadow in a particular field that is not represented, alumni will be recruited for that student.

The program, sponsored by the Westminster Alumni Council, is in its fifth year. It was organized to help students as they prepare for various careers. Not only is preparation key, but students also learn to make valuable contacts and connections that will help them when they enter the job world.

All students, regardless of year and major, are encouraged to participate.

"I want to see what I'm getting into, so I know that's what I really want," freshman biology major Heidi Reese said.

Other students actually shadow alumni in a particular field before they choose a major.

"I'm an exploratory major but I'm leaning towards public relations," freshman Caryn Nicholson said. "I'm interested in learning which ways I could go with the major."

The shadowing program has had great success in the past. Wilson mentioned that students have received jobs from their contacts due to the shadowing experiences.

Junior psychology major Amy Young participated in the shadowing last year at Western Psych. in Pittsburgh. She was paired up with 1992 Westminster graduate Susan Parks.

"[Shadowing] was really valuable," Young said, "because I got to see what I'd be doing with my major."

She also stressed the importance of networking and mentioned that she is still in contact with Parks.

Sign-ups for the career shadowing took place at the end of October. All spots have been filled for this year, but keep a watch for sign-ups next year.

YOUR HEALTH

Freshman at greater risk for contacting meningitis

By Laura Stanley
STAFF WRITER

Freshmen who live on campus are 6.3% more at risk for contracting meningitis than other students, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"First-year students are more at risk because they are living so closely. They are adjusting to taking care of themselves, and that takes a little time and adjustment," said Judith Duda, director of the Student Health Center.

College students have a greater risk of contracting meningitis due to an increase of risk factors, such as dormitory living, active or passive smoking, bar patronage and alcohol consumption.

Meningitis is a rare bacterial infection that can become fatal if left untreated. There are two types: meninococcol, an inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord; and meningococcemia, the presence of bacteria in blood.

Meningitis can be transferred through direct contact with an infected person, such as kissing, and sharing utensils, beverages and cigarettes. It can also be carried in airborne respiratory droplets.

Fever, severe headache, nausea, vomiting, lethargy, stiff neck and rash are early symptoms of meningitis. The course of this disease takes as little as 12 hours. Antibiotics can help fight the bacteria, but treatment is necessary.

If unchecked, meningitis can result in hearing loss, kidney failure, amputation of limbs, permanent brain damage and even death.

The American College Health Association is recommending students receive a meningitis vaccination, which can reduce the risk of contracting the disease. It has proven effective in controlling outbreaks and preventing sickness. The cost is $70.00.

"The odds of a student here at Westminster contracting meningitis is very slim, but the effects of the disease can be so devastating that students should seriously consider getting the vaccine," Duda said.

Sophomore softball player Katie Horgan was unaware of the effects of meningitis. After reviewing the risk factors and consequences of the disease, she decided it was worth getting the vaccine. However, when told the cost, she changed her mind.

"I definitely won't get one if it's going to cost me money. I'll lose a couple of arms before I pay seventy bucks," Horgan replied, half jokingly.

Sophomore Mike Cosgrove was also unaware of the effects of the disease. "I didn't know meningitis was that contagious. I should be more careful." Will Cosgrove get the vaccine? "I don't know," he said.

Freshman Nick Turko had a different view on the matter. "I was planning on getting the vaccination anyway," Turko said. "But the cost does bother me."

Freshman Nicole Findley took a much broader approach. "It's worth it. I can either have $70.00 or my life. Money comes and goes, but you can always have your life."

Some insurance plans may not cover the cost of the shot. Students should check with their insurance company to know for sure.

Westminster students can receive vaccinations at the offices of Dr. Mansell, Dr. Herrick and Dr. Gregory. To schedule an appointment at their offices, call 946-3564.

Other medical offices in the area offer this vaccination as well. To receive more information, call the Student Health Center at EXT. 7927.

Depression screenings available through St. Francis Hospital

By Melissa Wiley
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The Student Health Center, in conjunction with St. Francis Hospital, will offer free depression screenings on Nov. 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The afternoon will begin with a discussion of depression during a lecture by Dr. Timothy Schneider, MD, a psychiatrist at St. Francis Hospital at 11:00 a.m. in the Down Under. A free lunch will be served following the discussion.

The screenings will begin at 1:00 p.m. and run until 4:00 p.m. During the screenings, participants will be asked a series of questions and will have the opportunity to speak with a trained health care professional.

Common symptoms of depression include feelings of sadness, loss of pleasure in usual activities, feelings of hopelessness, helplessness and worthlessness, changes in sleep and appetite, loss of energy, restlessness and thoughts of death or suicide.

Depression is one of the most treatable illnesses, with the vast majority of sufferers showing improvement in as little as eight weeks. Depression is not a weakness, but rather an illness that deserves treatment.

If you are interested in learning more about depression, come hear Schneider speak on the subject. For more information about the screenings or to schedule a screening appointment, call Babs Quincy at EXT. 7340.

Identifing alcohol poisoning symptoms prevents problems

Do you know when to seek professional medical attention? A simple checklist could save a friend's life

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

What a night...Your friend has been drinking beer for three hours. She passed out a while ago, and now you can't wake her up. She feels kind of clammy, and her breathing is ragged and labored. You think that you should take her to the hospital, but you don't want to get in trouble for underage drinking. Besides, you can't really overdose on alcohol. Can you?

Consuming large amounts of alcohol in a very short period of time is called binge drinking. Binge drinking may result in an overdose in alcohol, otherwise known as alcohol poisoning, which can be fatal.

As alcohol is consumed, it is absorbed through the stomach and small intestine and passes into the liver. The liver tries to detoxify the alcohol. The liver must detoxify almost 90 percent of the alcohol that enters the body. The other 10 percent is removed through the body by urine, respiration and sweat. When the liver can't keep up with the breakdown of alcohol, the body slowly becomes poisoned. Thus, alcohol poisoning results from the body's inability to detoxify large amounts of alcohol so that it does not become harmful.

Alcohol poisoning can cause a blackout, coma and even death.

It's sometimes difficult to tell whether someone is merely "passed out" or in serious medical danger. However, checking for the following common systems will determine if the problem is alcohol poisoning.

—The person does not respond to talking or shouting.

—The person does not respond to being pinched, prodded or poked.

—The person cannot stand up and will not wake up.

—The person exhibits slow, labored or abnormal breathing.

—The person has cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin.

—They have a rapid pulse rate or irregular heart rhythm.

—Their blood pressure lowers.

—They vomit while sleeping or unconscious.

Any of these symptoms could indicate alcohol poisoning. It is not okay to leave your friend alone to "sleep it off" in this condition.

In fact, never leave the person alone. Turn your friend onto his or her side and check their pulse and breathing periodically. Then call someone who can help: the emergency medical services, an ambulance, the RA or RD of your dorm or security.

If you are not sure what to do, remember that it is better to be safe than sorry. Taking your friend to the emergency room could save his or her life.

A PEAK AT THE PAST

Campus' oldest building has seen many changes

By Heather Salada
STAFF WRITER

Numerous changes have occurred over the 114-year history of Westminster's oldest building, Hillside Hall. Not only have the exterior and interior been renovated, but the way of life for women residents has also drastically changed.

When the college was founded in 1852, there were not enough funds for dormitories, forcing students to room with families in New Wilmington during the academic year. But the college appointed a committee to raise funds for a women's dorm, and in 1883 planning began.

In 1885, construction was completed on the college's first dormitory. The Ladies Hall was built on Furnace Hill, a section of land overlooking the college. Other colleges around the nation hailed the building as "the finest housing facility at any institute in the country."

According to Paul Gamble, writer of *History of Westminster College*, Westminster built The Ladies Hall for $25,000 and spent another $10,000 on furnishings. The dorm housed 75 women and included the conservatory of music, parlors, a library and a dining hall where meals were served daily.

Over the years, The Ladies Hall received many improvements. According to the college's historical archives, in 1890 the school added fire escapes to the dorm to meet safety standards and fire codes. The Ladies Hall was equipped with electrical lighting in 1900.

During President Russell's administration in 1906, The Ladies Hall was renamed Hillside, stated *History of Westminster College*. During that year the college expanded the dorm to include the annex, while the conservatory of music moved to a different building.

Until 1941, Hillside Hall accommodated only women. But that year, the women moved into the newly completed Ferguson Hall, and Hillside housed men. Since then, men and women have switched back and forth in Hillside as Westminster built new dorms.

The college renovated the entrance to Hillside by removing the porch and dropping the doors down. It also redecorated the inside periodically to keep up with current trends.

After a candle fire damaged a few Hillside rooms in the 1997-98 school year, candles were banned in all campus dormitories.

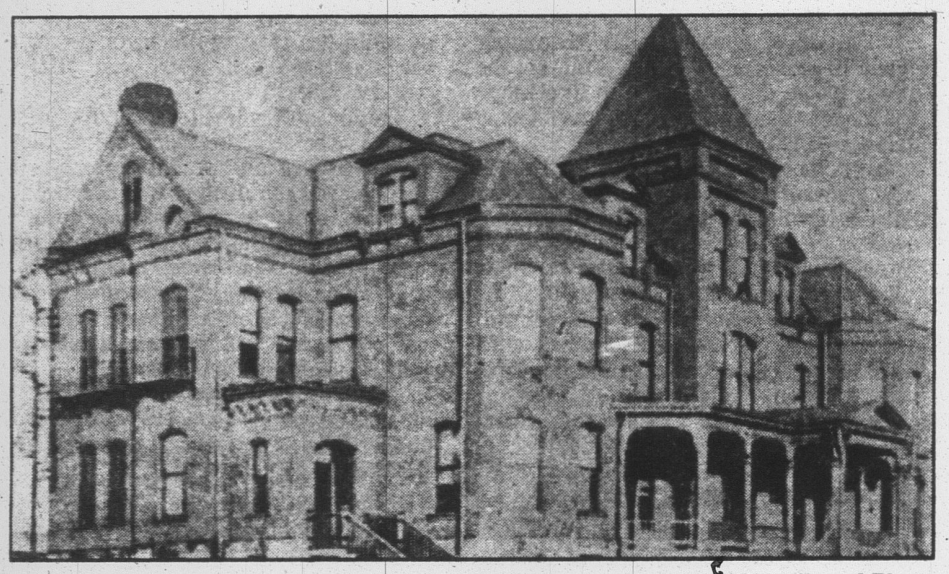
Not only has the look of Hillside changed over the years, student life has also changed dramatically. When Hillside first opened, women had to obey strict rules found in the college's conduct handbook.

The rules included a mandatory "lights out" time, a cleaning day and two required daily meals. Women could only walk to their classes, the post office and prayer meetings in groups before dark. Women could only entertain men in the residence hall one night a week before dark.

These rules seem ridiculous to students today. "When I moved in to Hillside, I noticed the display describing the many rules women had to follow," junior Jennifer Body said. "As a student, I have often been frustrated at regulations, but I'm glad I'm living in today's generation."

Although students are not forced to eat two meals a day in the cafeteria, it is strongly recommended that students purchase a meal plan. Co-educational dormitories still do not exist on our campus, but visitation rules are more lenient. Women can have male visitors until midnight on weekdays, and they are also permitted in the male dorms. No visitation regulations exist on weekends.

"Women at Westminster seem to enjoy living in Hillside because of the larger size and unique shape of the rooms," said Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs. "I hope it continues to be used as a residence hall in the future."



Contributed Photo
Hillside, as it looked years ago.

Photo by Courtney Behm
Hillside today.

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can make it work. Gibson has taken away all the road blocks and provided some great dialogue, action and characterization."

Others now agree that all involved have risen to the occasion.

"This has been one of the overall best theatrical experiences that I've ever had," said senior Jamie Openbrier, assistant to the director. "It has been extremely challenging...especially for Annie and Helen. I'm amazed and proud of my fellow majors and friends."

Kress and Bronder said that they have developed immense admiration for one another.

"Kristy Bronder is one of the most talented women I've ever seen perform - and I've seen lots," Kress said. "Helen is amazingly complex. She's so smart, so cunning, and Kristy never misses a beat. No one else could have played that role."

Bronder said that she was amazed at how well she and Kress worked together. "We worked together right away...we just seemed to fit. We have really challenging scenes together, but we struggled together, talked about things together and supported one another. It was never a question of whether we were comfortable, we just were comfortable."

Hendrickson expressed deep gratitude the hard work of all involved with the production.

"I have directed over 40 productions at colleges, high schools and universities, and this is one of the best casts that I have ever worked with," she said. "And not just the actors, but the technical people as well."

Cast members have also developed great respect for Hendrickson.

"I've worked with probably 10 or 12 different directors," Kress said, "and I've never had a director who pays so much attention to the smallest details...Eileen is amazing."

Other principal Miracle Worker characters include Helen's father Captain Arthur Keller (sophomore Brad Dell), Helen's mother Kate Keller (senior Mollie Wallace) and Helen's half brother James Keller (sophomore Craig Gottschalk).

Also performing in the production are senior Leigh Forejt, junior Rachel Helgeson, junior Michael O'Donovan, sophomore Ben Tate, sophomore Ryan Saeler, freshman Katrina Kayden, senior Jamie Openbrier, freshman Lydia Humanycky, freshman Jen Mossor and four-year-old Krista Thomas.

The Miracle Worker runs at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is free to students and faculty and $5 dollars to those outside the Westminster community.

"The Miracle Worker is a 'miraculous' show that will inspire people to see the world through different eyes," Kress said.

Chapel Corner:
Business + Justice = Peace?

By Keturah Laney
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Few of us know what to do with the news stories regarding economic disparity and the poor in distant countries. As we listen to the reporters, we may wonder how the U.S. can do anything to help families and individuals in South Africa, for example. For that matter, we may ask "how can one person begin to make an impact in any government or economic system?" Bob Schminkey, Westminster College's Peacemaker in Residence is well qualified to answer these questions.

Mr. Schminkey currently serves as Senior Vice President of RISA (Reinvest in South Africa) Investment Advisors. RISA invests in the transfer of economic power and in the empowerment of previously disadvantaged people in South Africa while seeking competitive returns for U.S. investors.

What does this mean? The outcome of Bob's work through RISA is better jobs, higher work-safety standards, access to training and improved living for disadvantaged South African people.

Bob Schminkey's life resume includes over 25 years of community organizing and nonprofit marketing experience. He and his wife Sara Holben, a Westminster alum currently reside in Pensacola Florida. Bob will be speaking in Chapel and Vespers as well as making appearances in several classes next week.

Sunday Vespers - Bob Schminkey

Monday Chapel - Bob Schminkey

Special Event - Praise Jam '99 - Jam with the Praise Band in the Chapel from 8:00-9:00 p.m., Monday. Everyone is welcome!

Friday Chapel - Coach Kip Haas

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

WWII vet donates Holocaust photos to center

By Les Harvath
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

As a member of the 40th Combat Engineers unit of the U.S. Army during World War II, John Bechtold and his fellow soldiers made their way from North Africa to Sicily, moved up the boot of Italy and eventually made their way into southern France.

But it's what group leader Bechtold encountered in Germany's Bavarian Alps that left a lasting impression.

About 15 miles from Munich the first concentration camp created by Adolf Hitler's Nazi government, Dachau, was created in 1933.

The camp was liberated on April 29, 1945, just as Bechtold's engineers arrived in the region.

"We were right there," Bechtold said. "We were shocked by what we saw. It was the most gruesome thing. There were thousands of bodies. It just turned our stomachs. Nobody could eat for several days."

For Bechtold, those images were seared into his mind - and he recorded the horror on film.

"We came across a Kodak factory in Munich, and the soldiers just helped themselves to the gifts of war," Bechtold said.

Bechtold said that during the final days of World War II, GIs just started to take pictures.

Last December, after much consideration, Bechtold determined that the pictures - reminders of the brutality of the Hitler regime - were historical documents that should be in the hands of an archivist.

"I took them to the Holocaust Center in Squirrel Hill," Bechtold said. "I gave them the pictures so people could see what actually happened; so they could see what we found. And so people would believe what happened."

Contributed Photo
John Bechtold shares his memories by donating WWII pictures.

Pittsburgh school honors six different students each month

By Gretchen McKay
POST-GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

Andy Sieber poked his head into Shaler Area Middle School's teeming lunchroom and scanned the throng of more than 400 sixth-graders.

"Anybody see Ruthie Hallas?" Sieber called out as he wandered from table to table.

A few minutes later, the sixth-grade guidance counselor spotted Hallas near the milk line and, glancing at his watch, quickly shepherded her past the parent volunteer standing sentry at the cafeteria door and around the corner to the art room. There, five of her classmates were waiting.

"Don't you remember? Today's the day," he said, while an embarrassed Hallas, a transfer student from the East Allegheny School District, blushed with pride.

The six middle-schoolers, two from each of the sixth-grade's three teams, had been named the middle school's Students of the Month for September.

The monthly recognition is among several guidance programs aimed at fostering pupils' self-worth, building self-confidence and reinforcing the importance of learning.

Come June, said Sieber, 60 students who might otherwise have been overlooked by their classmates or teachers will have been singled out and applauded. By the end of their three years in middle school, almost one-half of all the pupils will have enjoyed the honor, which includes being mentioned in the school paper and having their pictures posted in the hall and classroom.

"There are so many good kids out there that don't get recognized," Sieber said. "This is our chance to tell them we appreciate all their hard work."

Pittsburgh Art Institute cautions students after six muggings

Contributed Photo
Students face a now dangerous walk across the Downtown bridge following several muggings.

By Jennifer McGinnis
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

After he was mugged in broad daylight a week ago on the North Side, Ryan Rice didn't just call police with a description of his attacker - he sketched the man's portrait.

Rice, a computer animation student, is one of six Art Institute of Pittsburgh students robbed recently on or near the bridges that connect Downtown with the North Side.

Police have said that the muggers are not targeting students of the school on Penn Avenue, Downtown. But students abound in the area in which the muggings have occurred.

School administrators met with students in the apartments Monday afternoon to share safety tips and information about counseling services at the school.

Administrators are encouraging students to walk in groups when they go to class. The school also published guidelines for safe commuting in the school's weekly newsletter.

Rice said he was walking beneath an underpass on the northern side of the Clemente bridge about 12:30 Monday when he was accosted by a black male. The man took $25 Rice had just received in a card from his mother.

Despite Rice's sketch, police have not yet caught the culprit.

Fire truck rolls en rout to brush fire; no major injuries

By Paul Pierce and Diana Stricker
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

A South Connellsville Volunteer Fire Department tanker truck was demolished Monday on its way to a brush fire when it ran off the highway, rolled into a creekbed and split apart.

"They had to haul my truck out in three pieces," said South Connellsville Fire Chief Scott Sage.

State police in Belle Vernon are investigating whether the truck's brakes failed and caused the accident, which occurred at 3:45 p.m. in Perry Township. The wreck occurred along Layton Road in Fayette County, just north of the village of Layton.

"That is a very dangerous hill with a 90-degree turn at the bottom," Sage said.

Two occupants of the truck, firefighters Richard G. McDougle and Donald E. Cross Jr, were taken to Highlands Hospital in Connellsville, where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

McDougle was driving and Cross was a passenger. Police said the 20-year-old truck was not equipped with seat belts.

Police said the vehicle went through a guardrail into a dry creek. Due to the weight of the tank, it separated from the truck's cab and became embedded in the creekbed.

The department may attempt to replace the truck, but it will be a difficult task for the volunteers. A new tanker costs between $150,000 and $300,000.

Local woman charged with stabbing lover

By Joe Mandak
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Armstrong County authorities on Monday filed voluntary manslaughter and other charges against a North Huntingdon Township woman in the stabbing death of her boyfriend at a rural hunting camp May 2.

Gilpin Township police also charged Katherine LaVerde, 25, of 9840 McClellan St., with involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault and recklessly endangering another person in the death of Thomas Johnson, 28, of Sutersville.

Johnson died as the result of a single stab wound to his right torso, which injured his liver and caused massive internal bleeding.

LaVerde was originally charged with criminal homicide, a catch-all charge that includes first-degree homicide, which is punishable by life in prison or the death penalty.

But Gilpin Township police Chief Franklin "Butch" Roofner withdrew that charge pending a coroner's inquest in July because Andreassi wanted to further explore LaVerde's claim that she stabbed Johnson in self-defense.

The eight-member jury, which heard LaVerde give her version of the stabbing, issued a nonbinding recommendation that LaVerde be charged with voluntary manslaughter.

LaVerde testified at the inquest that she and Johnson began arguing earlier that afternoon - the one aspect of the day's events on which all witnesses agreed.

She testified that Johnson grabbed her from behind, with one arm around her throat, so she grabbed for a "utensil" on a picnic table and struck Johnson with it - thrusting behind her and to her right.

NATIONAL

Football great Walter Payton dies after fight with rare disease

U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Walter Payton embodied Chicago. Before Michael took flight to lead the Bulls to basketball prominence, before Sammy's home runs and smile brought Wrigley Field back to life, the town belonged to "Sweetness."

Growing up in a suburb of Chicago, I saw the NFL's all-time leading rusher and Hall of Famer scrap for many of the yards he gained.

Payton refused to run out of bounds. He would rather lower his shoulder and punish an opposing defensive player than scamper to the sidelines.

That's what makes my last image of him on a football field as a player so ironic.

In 1987, two years removed from their Super Bowl title, the Bears were on the verge of bowing out in the playoffs for a second consecutive year at the hands of the Washington Redskins.

Trailing 21-17, and with time running out, the Bears attempted to move the ball up field. Chicago gave the ball to Payton, who was shoved out of bounds just short of a first down. Payton skid and landed under a bench.

Then it hit me - Walter Payton wouldn't play another game.

I began to replay some images and moments in my mind. There were plenty.

Payton scored 110 career touchdowns. He didn't just rumble into the endzone; there were times when he soared like an eagle, diving over the top of a fallen defensive line, to give the Bears six points.

He would often gracefully high-step down a sideline, waiting to take the next hit.

I recalled how mad I was that he didn't score a touchdown in the Bears' 46-10 Super Bowl XX route of New England. Everyone but Payton scored in the game it seemed. Did quarterback Jim McMahon really have to score twice?

And Barry Sanders, take note. Payton didn't always have the luxury of a great offensive line. He reached the playoffs just twice in his first nine seasons.

Payton was a defensive player's worst nightmare. He planted many would-be tacklers with a stiff-arm that left some defenders dazed.

I remember how he was presented. Payton never received any negative press, even after a stint as host of *Saturday Night Live.*

And I remember hearing how he only missed one game in his 13-year career, and his coaches had to fight to keep him out of that game.

That's how people remember Payton, as someone who refused to give in, whether he was facing the Packers defense or primary sclerosing cholangitis, the disease he was diagnosed with in February.

Payton, 45, lost his battle against the rare liver disease and died Monday at his home in Barrington, Ill.

But he never gave up the fight.

Trick-or-treating leaves Calif. adolescent in critical condition

HESPERIA, Calif. (AP) - A 12-year-old trick-or-treater was beaten over the head with a golf club and stabbed in the kidney with the shaft after he knocked on a neighbor's door, police said.

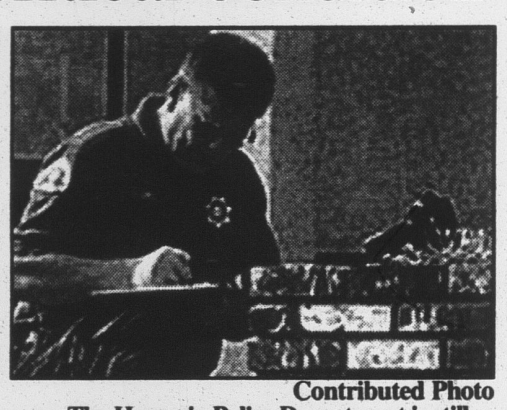
Richard Hernandez was hospitalized in critical but stable condition Monday, police said.

The neighbor, Randall Colbrunn, 35, was arrested for investigation of attempted murder and jailed without bail. Police suspect he was under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

An aluminum bat and a metal pole, both with blood on them, were found at the scene, and witnesses said they also saw the boy attacked with a bat.

Richard was trick-or-treating with his brother and a friend at about 8:50 p.m. Sunday when they knocked on Colbrunn's door, according to a statement from the Hesperia Police Department.

Colbrunn hit Richard on the head with the golf club again and again, and when the club broke he stabbed the boy in the back with the broken shaft, police said.



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The Hesperia Police Department is still investigating the cause of a Halloween beating.

Colbrunn's house had Halloween decorations but the porch light was off when the boys, who live on another street, approached.

U.S. privacy concerns prompt protection of medical records

By Ann McFeatters
POST-GAZETTE NATIONAL BUREAU

WASHINGTON - President Clinton yesterday announced his new proposal to protect the privacy of medical records, intended to make your health data as secret as your video rentals.

But even as he did, privacy advocates asserted that the new regulations didn't go far enough and health insurers complained that they went too far.

With polls showing that one of Americans' top concerns is loss of privacy, especially in the area of personal health information, Clinton said yesterday, "Every American has a right to know his or her medical records are protected at all times from falling into the wrong hands."

One of the problems that consumers complain about is that they don't always know when their medical data are disclosed to employers, financial institutions or pharmaceutical companies - learning of it only later, when they've been denied a job or a mortgage, been embarrassed or suffered in other ways.

There are no federal protections now; various states have widely varying laws.

Basically, the proposed rules were required by a 1996 law but are limited in scope by that same law. They would permit consumers to see their medical records and correct any errors and decide who could see the records. They also would require new forms, called "administrative subpoenas," for law enforcement personnel to fill out in an effort to make them think twice about whether reviewing medical records in a specific case is really necessary. They would bar banks and credit-card companies from getting specific information on diagnoses and treatment of their customers. At present, a bad medical report can be used by a bank as the rationale for refusing to grant a mortgage.

Shepard killer convicted of murder, awaiting possible death sentence

JARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Aaron McKinney was convicted on Wednesday of murder in the beating of a gay college student, making him eligible for the death sentence for a slaying so brutal it spurred calls for hate-crime laws around the nation.

In addition to felony murder, McKinney was convicted of second-degree murder, aggravated robbery and kidnapping in the death of Matthew Shepard. The jury of seven men and five women returned the verdicts after about 10 hours of deliberation. The jurors, however, rejected a first-degree murder charge that McKinney had planned the attack.

The sentencing phase, where the jurors will consider the death penalty, is to begin Thursday.

As the jury prepared to announce its verdict, McKinney, 22, stood next to his two attorneys, looking impassive, arms crossed in front of him. When the first verdict was read — guilty of kidnapping — his arms dropped to his sides. His father, William, looked straight ahead with no emotion.

Shepard, 21, a University of Wyoming freshman majoring in political science, met McKinney and Russell Henderson at a Laramie bar on Oct. 6, 1998.

Prosecutors said McKinney and Henderson lured Shepard from the bar and drove him to a remote spot on the prairie, where they tied him to a wooden rail fence, robbed him of $20 and pistol-whipped him into a coma.

Eighteen hours later, Shepard, bruised and bleeding, was found still lashed to the fence. He died five days later at a Fort Collins, Colo., hospital without regaining consciousness.

Authorities said robbery was the primary motive but that the slightly-built Shepard also was singled out because he was gay.

Henderson pleaded guilty in April to kidnapping and murder, and is serving two life sentences.

In closing arguments Tuesday, prosecutor Cal Rerucha paused for 60 seconds to let the jury reflect in silence on the beating inflicted on Shepard.

"Think what 60 seconds was to Matthew Shepard," Rerucha said. "It's a short time if you're eating an ice cream cone. It's a long time if you're descending into hell not knowing what fate will meet you there."

Defense attorneys argued that McKinney, in a drug-induced rage, lost control after Shepard made an unwanted sexual advance.

They were barred from using a "gay panic" strategy, which is based on the theory that a person with latent gay tendencies will have an uncontrollable, violent reaction when propositioned by a homosexual.

District Judge Barton Voigt ruled that the strategy was akin to temporary insanity or a diminished-capacity defense — both prohibited under Wyoming law. The ruling essentially let the defense argue the beating was a crime of passion but not present the theory that the passion was caused by a specific mental condition.

In his closing argument, public defender Dion Custis told the jury that McKinney was in an "emotional rage."

"(He) is not a cold-blooded murderer, ladies and gentlemen, he reacted," Custis said. "There was no thought process."

Shepard's death sparked vigils around the country denouncing the murder as a hate crime and renewed efforts for laws protecting homosexuals from such crimes.

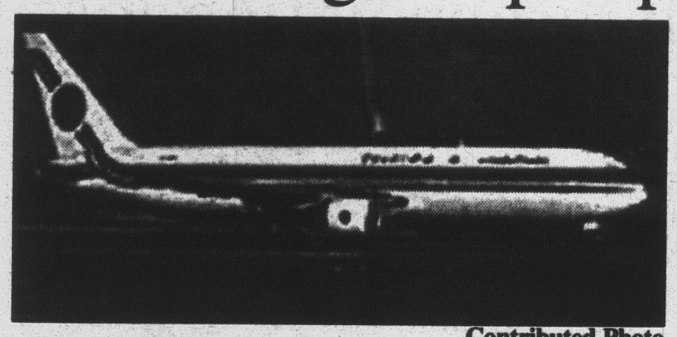
In Wyoming's Legislature, however, proposed hate-crime bills failed. Opponents complained that gays and other protected groups would get special treatment and argued that existing laws are enough. President Clinton's push to expand federal hate crime legislation to protect gays also fell short.

Shepard went to high school in Switzerland, spoke three languages and had traveled the world before returning to his native Wyoming to attend the university. He was raised in a close, loving family made comfortable by his father's job in a multinational oil company.

McKinney and his friend Henderson came from the poor side of town. Both were from broken homes and as teen-agers had had run-ins with the law. They lived in trailer parks and scratched out a living working at fast-food restaurants and fixing roofs.

INTERNATIONAL

Searchers give up hope of finding survivors in EgyptAir Crash



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The Boeing 767 flight was carrying dozens of American tourists when it crashed.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWPORT, R.I. - The Coast Guard said on Monday it has abandoned hope that anyone survived among the 217 people on board EgyptAir Flight 990.

"We believe at this point it is in everyone's best interest to no longer expect we will find survivors," said Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee. As searchers focused on retrieving remains and locating the wreckage and potential clues, they found what Larrabee called a "significant piece" of the aircraft, large enough to require a crane.

They also located a signal, most likely one of the black boxes on the jetliner, while scouring a 9,000-square-mile area off Nantucket Island.

Other debris found so far includes small parts of the aircraft, seats and cushions, clothing and paperwork. Only one body had been recovered by midday today, but searchers were finding "evidence of further human remains," Larrabee said.

The average life expectancy in water temperatures of 58 degrees is five to six hours, he said, speaking 35 hours after the plane went down.

While relatives mourned the 217 passengers and crew members, investigators began the painstaking task of figuring out what caused the airliner to plummet into the sea from 33,000 feet. The descent took just two minutes.

The EgyptAir Boeing 767 slammed into the ocean 33 minutes after leaving New York for Cairo with dozens of American tourists on board.

Alleged killer of over 100 boys finally arrested in Columbia

By Larry Rohter
NEW YORK TIMES

BOGOTA, Colombia - Now that Luis Alfredo Garavito is finally in custody, Colombian police and news reports are describing him as a cunning serial killer, a glib predator and a "solitary sadist." But it is also clear that, whatever his personality traits, Colombia's deepening social disintegration provided him with the perfect environment in which to operate.

On Friday, Garavito, a 42-year-old drifter, confessed to the slayings of at least 140 boys between ages 8 to 16 during a five-year killing spree that ended only because he was recently jailed on an unrelated rape charge. Police say that Garavito would befriend the children and take them on long walks until they were tired. Then he would tie them up with nylon rope, slit their throats or behead them and then bury their bodies.

Many, if not most, of Garavito's victims appear to have been street children, from poor families or separated from their parents by poverty or the political violence that has displaced 1.5 million Colombians in little more than a decade. Authorities said it was because there was no one to notice that the children were missing or to inquire about their whereabouts that Garavito was able to go on killing for so long without being detected. But his arrest has brought an avalanche of criticism from poor people, who say that they find police officials indifferent, abusive or corrupt.

By his own account, Garavito seized on the social convulsions Colombia is experiencing as a result of three decades of armed conflict and turned them to his own advantage. He often passed himself off as a priest, social worker, teacher or representative of charitable foundations. He kept a list of his victims, but not by name, and some of the remains are so badly decomposed that it will be difficult if not impossible to identify them.

The first major break came last November, when skeletal remains of 27 children were found in a ravine. Police initially attributed those deaths to satanic cult rituals.

Clinton wants final mid-east peace treaty within 10 months

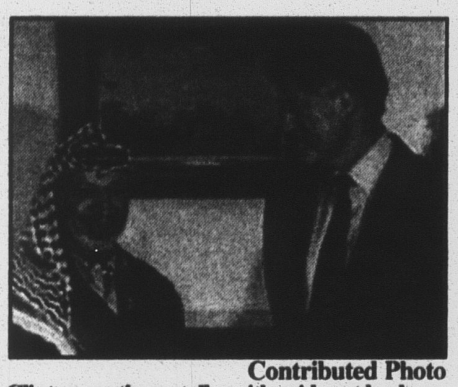
OSLO (AP) -- President Clinton said today he hopes to inject "renewed energy" into the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, and encouraged both sides to move quickly toward agreement on a final treaty within 10 months.

"This is the hard part, the really hard part, and we all need to support them," Clinton told reporters during a question and answer session with Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik.

Clinton said while it is too soon to predict results, he believed the Oslo talks could yield steps toward establishing a timeframe for reaching a peace agreement. He noted that the Israelis and Palestinians have demonstrated a commitment to carry out the 1993 Oslo peace accords and resolve their most contentious differences.

"I don't think this is a time for hand-wringing," Clinton said. "What we've got to do is create a renewed energy to make the process continuous."

The two-day Mideast summit opening on Monday in Oslo sets the stage for arduous negotiations on Palestinian statehood, creating a new sense of urgency after weeks of delays and sluggish preparations. Clinton met separately with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat ahead of three-way talks on Tuesday.



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Clinton continues talks with mid-east leaders.

Powerful cyclone devastates India; 232 people dead

By The Associated Press

BALESHWAR, India (AP) - Three days after one of the worst cyclones on record hit eastern India, relief helicopters finally lifted off with food for some of the millions of people left homeless and stranded by flood waters.

Communications were severed to most of the area, but reports of hundreds and perhaps thousands of casualties and horrendous damage were beginning to emerge.

Food riots erupted in Bhubaneswar, the state capital of Orissa, which had no electricity, drinking water or fresh food. Residents stopped vehicles carrying emergency relief and looted them.

The Press Trust of India reported 39 bodies were recovered from coastal areas, apparently in addition to at least 232 deaths reported earlier.

In Bhubaneswar alone, 200,000 people - nearly one of every six residents - lost their homes, Press Trust said. Entire slums were washed away. Cuttack, the second largest city in the state, was still under six feet of water in some places.

In Geneva, the International Red Cross appealed for $2.65 million to bring emergency aid to the homeless.

"This is the worst flooding in 100 years. I would say it's the worst in India's history," said Asim Kumar Vaishnav, the chief administrator of Baleshwar, also in charge of relief operations in and around the district.

Vaishnav estimated damage would surpass $2.3 billion from the cyclone, which ripped through the port city of Paradwip and ravaged Cuttack, the industrial hub of eastern India.

Agreement reached to create Disneyland in Hong Kong

By Mark Landler
NEW YORK TIMES

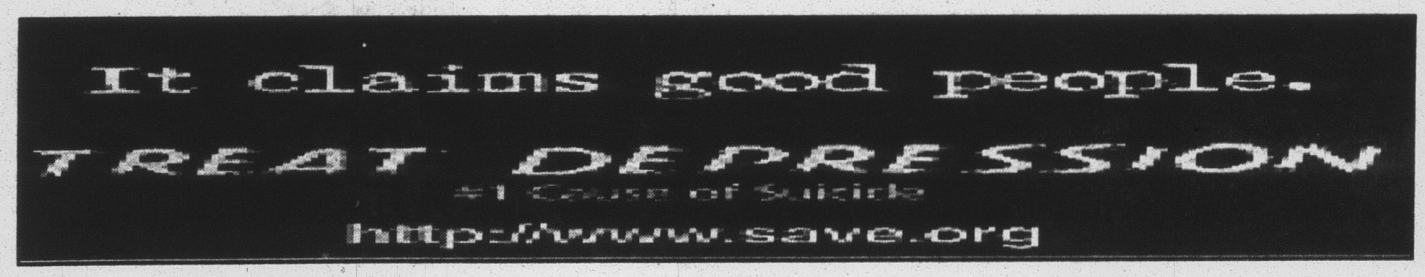
HONG KONG --In a deal that will bring Main Street, U.S.A. to the doorstep of mainland China, the Walt Disney Company has reached an agreement to build a theme park in Hong Kong, a government official close to the negotiations said early Monday.

The agreement, which comes after nearly a year of arduous talks between Disney and the Hong Kong government, is to be announced on Tuesday. The theme park will be Disney's third outside the United States, after those near Tokyo and Paris, but is precedent-setting in several ways.

For Disney, the park would be its first significant beachhead in China, a nation with which it has had a long and occasionally stormy history. For Hong Kong, which is shaking off the effects of its worst recession in decades, it would be the most costly government undertaking since the former British colony returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

Under the terms of the deal, Disney and Hong Kong are to be partners in a joint venture that will develop the park at a secluded bay on Lantau island, six miles or so west of central Hong Kong. The park, to be built on reclaimed land not far from the vast new airport here, would open in 2005.

While the prospect of a Hong Kong Disneyland has drawn objections from a few people here on cultural grounds, it is not expected to be as emotional an issue as it was in France, where the opening of Euro Disneyland in 1992 provoked accusations of American cultural hegemony.



SPORTS

Paul's Points

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

This past Sunday found myself home for the whole day without any homework, any chores or anything to do. So I sat down in my bedroom and watched football all day. Here are some of my thoughts and highlights of the day.

**Saints/Browns game: If you recall, about a month ago, I told all of the Saints fans on campus to prepare themselves for a wild card berth. Since that point, the Saints had blown four fourth-quarter leads en route to losing every game. So I was sort of rooting for New Orleans...hoping to salvage at least a little bit of my pride.

But I also felt sorry for Cleveland. From Carmen Policy to Chris Palmer to Tim Couch, the organization was just waiting oh-so-patiently for a win, and I empathized with them.

I watched the whole struggle. I watched Ricky Williams fumble three times and carry the ball what seemed like every play. I watched Billy Joe Tolliver call timeout too soon, instead of letting the clock run down. I watched Doug Brien nail the field goal to put the Saints ahead.

Then Tim Couch hit his pass to midfield with two seconds left. Then there was the Hail Mary touchdown pass, already being compared to such NFL lore as "The Catch," "The Drive" and "The Fumble." Browns 21, Saints 16.

**Jaguars/Bengals game: I switched to watch this during the Browns/Saints commercials. I've never seen a team just not be able to do anything at all like Cincinnati. I watched them play Pittsburgh and Cleveland (the Bengals' lone win) and quite frankly, this is one of the saddest teams that I've ever seen. Jaguars 41, Bengals 10.

**Titans/Rams game: Thought this was the marquee matchup of the week, I watched only the last five minutes. I cheered for Tennessee for two reasons. One, the Rams are in Dallas's conference, and as a Cowboys fan, I'd like to see the Rams lose. Two, the Cowboys/Colts game was already starting, and this stupid game was running over.

Happily, Rams kicker Jeff Wilkins missed the tying field goal and the game ended Titans 24, Rams 21.

There are no more undefeated teams in the NFL.

**Then my game. Cowboys/Colts. After watching Dallas slack off in the second half against Philly and the Giants, I was really hoping for something different this week on the road.

And of course, it didn't happen. Edgerrin James, Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison rode all over Dallas's D. They showed no respect for Deion Sanders and threw to his side more than any other team I can remember. Results? Touchdowns and pass interference penalties.

The Colts defense attacked the Cowboys offense the entire second half. Emmit Smith ran nowhere, the passing game was non-existent (spare one touchdown drive) and the offensive line couldn't cope with Indy's pressure.

Final score: Colts 34, Cowboys 24.

I was impressed with Indianapolis. They reminded me of another young team from a few years back when another young trio wearing blue and white was preparing to take control of the NFL. Aikman, Smith and Irvin meet Manning, James and Harrison.

Soccer season ends with disappointing loss

By Lindsey Braem
STAFF WRITER

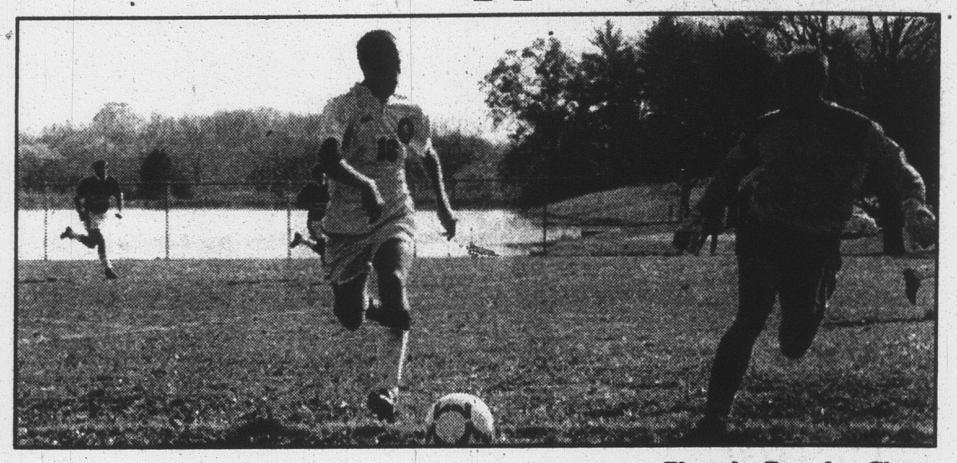


Photo by Brandon Cleary

The men's soccer team gave up a win to Pitt-Johnstown in their final game.

The men's soccer team ended the 1999 season with a 2-1 loss against Pitt-Johnstown.

"It's kind of a relief [that the season is over] because the team was getting worn down, though I know we will all miss playing," junior Matthew Nichols said.

The non-conference game, held at 1:00 last Saturday afternoon, was the last for the Titans. The final record for the men is 5-11-2 overall and 2-3-1 in the GLIACs.

A goal by Pitt-Johnstown early in the first half was the first successful shot on Westminster's goalkeeper, freshman Kevin Humbertson.

Halftime ended an uneventful first half with Pitt-Johnstown still in the lead.

Nichols earned the Titans' first and only goal in the second half. Senior midfielder Rich Regelski added his second assist of the year.

Pitt-Johnstown retaliated with a second goal and regained the lead.

The crowd was very rowdy and encouraging toward the team.

"I thought we played well as a whole, but I also thought our record should have been better," Humberston said.

Second-year head coach Girish Thakar was not available for comment.

Although the men's soccer team may have ended their 1999 season with an upset, it included a number of highlights and outstanding players.

Defeated in their home opener by California University, the team was not discouraged. Though Westminster's only goal was made by Braeden Mathieu, this was his first collegiate goal.

During the September 15 game, the Titans took a 1-0 lead into half time as freshman defender Carl Baldwin scored his first collegiate goal.

Nichols made a last second goal off an assist by Regelski that earned him the title of GLIAC Men's Soccer Player of the Week. The win against Geneva College was the team's first of the season.

Recording a career-high four goals in the September 24 game against Ohio

Valley College, senior forward David Kantner led the Titans to victory. The same game had sophomore goalkeeper James Houser splitting the shutout win.

Humberston was honored by representing the men's team in the NCAA II National Statistics. At that time, he was ranked 17th nationally in saves per game.

The first GLIAC win on October 16 against rival Saginaw Valley State was a 1-0 Titan shutout.

Freshman forward Pasquale Reino scored both Westminster goals against Hillsdale College on October 24.

"We have a lot of strong younger players, and I expect a good season next year," Humberston said.

Lady Titans capture win

By Brent Wilson
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Titans volleyball team posted a one and three record last week.

The Lady Titans began their three game stand last Wednesday at home with a non-conference win against Grove City. The Lady Titans topped Grove City with scores of 15-8, 16-14, 13-15 and 15-10.

Freshman middle hitter Suzanne Fitz was the Titans leading offensive threat with a career high 18 kills. Senior Danielle Kean set up a team high 41 assists and team best 18 digs during the contest. Senior middle hitter Jessica Furman also came through with a team best three blocks.

The Lady Titans then set off on the road for the first of a two game road trip to Michigan.

The started on a sour note, as the team dropped a match to GLIAC rival Wayne State with scores of 15-11, 13-15, 15-4 and 15-6.

The Lady Titan's offense was again led by freshman middle hitter Suzanne Fitz, with a team high 12 kills. Senior Danielle Kean led the team in assists with 28, and junior Sarah Verhoff led in digs with 29.

The Lady Titans concluded their GLIAC road trip with a loss to Hillsdale 12-15, 15-7, 15-8 and 15-11.

Senior middle hitter Jessica Furman topped offensive categories for the Lady Titans with a team high 10 kills. Senior Danielle Kean again led in assists with 38, and junior Sarah Verhoff recorded a team high 20 digs.

Women's soccer team ends season with win over IUP

By Adriann Popovich
STAFF WRITER

The Women's Soccer team ended the season with a win against IUP on Oct. 27. This win put the team at a record of 6-10-1 for the season.

IUP scored in the first half, but sophomore goalie Sarah Morrison stood strong and prevented the IUP women from any additional goals.

"Sarah had a lot of saves today including two penalty kicks. I think this was her best game of the season," sophomore sweeper Carrie Mathers said.

At the half, the score was 1-0 IUP, but the Lady Titans quickly took control. Freshman forward, Tammy Newell, scored the first goal of the game for Westminster. Junior Jaime Helm's goal put the Titans ahead 2-1 and secured the win. Both players also had an assist.

Although the team's season was not as successful as last year's, the girls are not discouraged with the results. The team had to work through injuries to returning players, which gave freshmen more playing opportunities.

"We have a strong recruited class, but competition this year was a lot harder," sophomore forward Ashley Pyle said. "We played a couple Division I teams, so that's why our record wasn't as good as last year."

In order to be eligible for playoffs next year, the team will keep a Division II schedule, unlike most of the college's teams, which are changing to a Division III schedule.

The girls are looking forward to the indoor and spring seasons later this year.

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Football team shuts-out Gannon Knights, 52-0

By Luke Shuester
STAFF WRITER

The football team won its second game in a row with a 52-0 slaughtering of Gannon University on Saturday.

The Titans were unable to score after the first four possessions until late in the first quarter when sophomore Jon McCartney kicked a 25-yard field goal.

"We were concerned early in the game when we had the ball on four separate occasions and were only able to get a field goal out of them, offensive coach Scott Renninger said. "We eventually hit some big plays and were finally able to put some points on the board."

In the second quarter, the strong Westminster offense began its attack as sophomore running back Tim Stasik took the ball into the end zone on a 36-yard touchdown run. Senior Matt Dvorsak continued the onslaught of scoring after catching a 46-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback James Graham.

Following Dvorsak's touchdown, Westminster went deep into the play book and lined up junior quarterback Brian Lipiello as a wide receiver. The Titans ran a reverse hand-off pass and Lipiello hit senior Dan Detwiler for a 12-yard touchdown pass.

The Titans ended the first half with a 31-0 lead.

They came out of the locker room and posted two more touchdowns with Graham connections to both Detwiler and Dvorsak. The Titans scored their last touchdown as senior defensive end Shane Jordan intercepted a pass on the Titans' 11-yard line. Jordan ran the ball 60 yards and then pitched the ball to senior inside linebacker RJ Pabis. Pabis took the ball the rest of the way for the touchdown.

The defense held Gannon to 180 offensive yards. They caused five fumbles and one interception.

"Our defense has really picked up the pace the last couple of games and has helped our offense put the ball in some really good field position," junior Brian Rigby said.

In another game highlight, senior receiver Matt Dvorsak broke two Westminster receiving records. Dvorsak now holds the most career catches with 131 and most receiving yards with 1937 in total yards.

The Titans will travel to Detroit, Michigan Saturday to take on Wayne State University.

"Wayne State is a wide open offensive throwing team and has a extremely quick and explosive defense," Renninger said. "It has been a tough year for us (Titans) and Wayne State in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference."

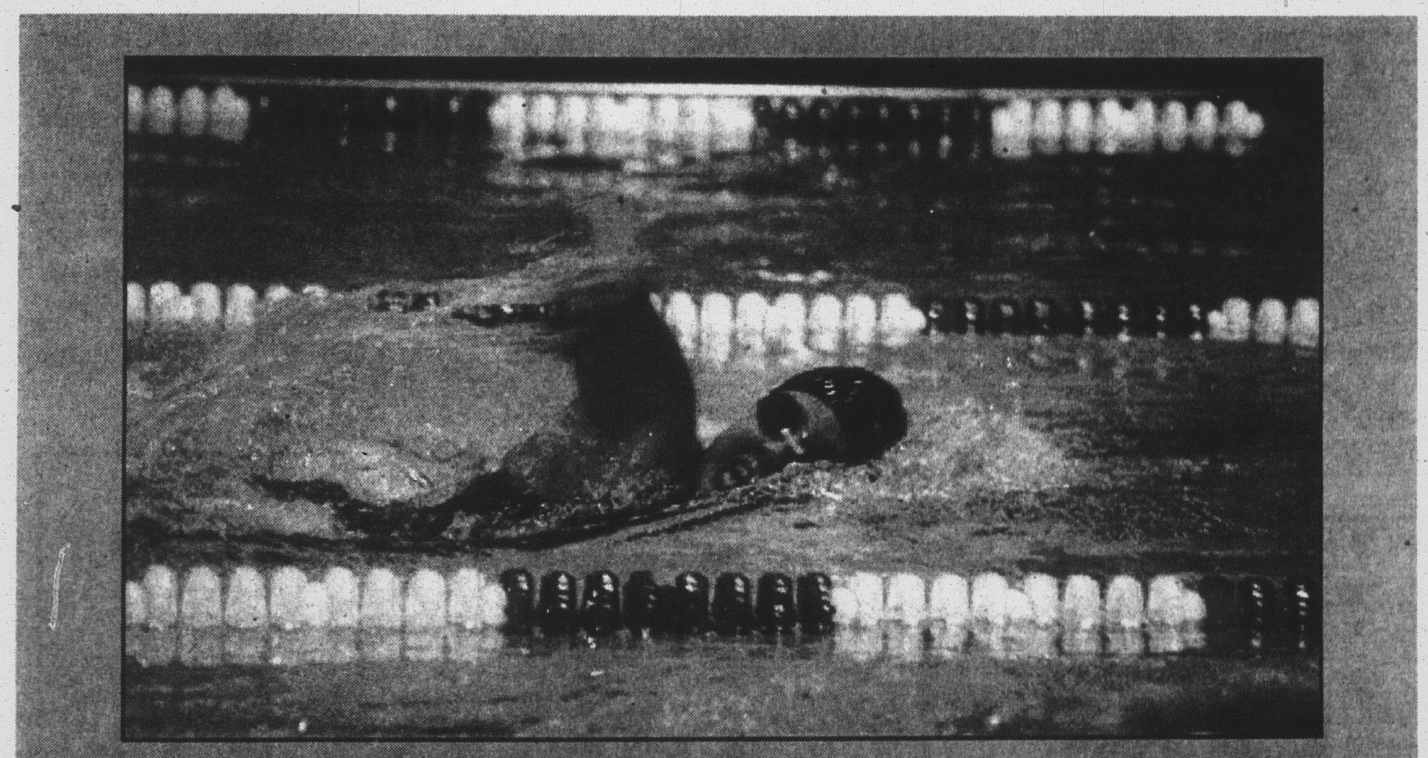


Photo by Brandon Clearyy

The swim team has begun its season with inner-team competition.

Yankee tradition

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Truth be told, unless you were a Yankee fan, it was not much of a World Series.

But that is because Atlanta did not put up much of a fight. As if to show their domination in all aspects of the game, the Yankees beat Atlanta in every conceivable way. They hit the ball better and more often; they played long ball when it counted most; their pitchers turned the Braves' bats to sawdust; and they made the great plays in the field.

When the Yankees' offense stalled and their pitchers needed a few runs, New York waited for the Braves to make a mistake. Luckily, they usually did not have to wait long.

Are the New York Yankees the team of the decade, or even the century?

The Yankees might not be perfect, but they are certainly the team of the 1990s.

Atlanta has the mathematics on its side. Eight straight division titles and five trips to the World Series in one decade is very impressive. But, they are an organization that will be remembered for the chase and not the clinch of the ring.

The Yankees, however, proved to be much better finishers, jolting their way to a second straight World Series championship with a sweep of the Braves.

The 1999 Yankees are just the third team in history to sweep two consecutive series. The other two teams, naturally, were also the Yankees. They had double sweeps in 1927 and 1928; and 1938 and 1939. The most distinguished in baseball history, Ruth, Gehrig and DiMaggio, led the way.

Only twice in baseball history has a team swept the World Series in consecutive years...both times it was the Yankees. They swept Pittsburgh in 1927 and St. Louis in 1928, and DiMaggio's Yankees swept the Chicago Cubs in 1938 and Cincinnati in 1939 for their fourth consecutive World Series title, having beaten the New York Giants in 1936 and 1937. The Yankees of Scott Brosius, Derek Jeter and Paul O'Neill became the third team to do so.

The Yankees three world championships in the last four years includes a 12-game Series winning streak and a 22-3 record in the last two postseasons. Despite that, some might argue that Toronto's consecutive world championships in 1992 and 1993 and Atlanta's lone championship in 1995 make them worthy competition for "Team of the Decade" honors.

But there can be no argument who the team of the century is. Last week was the Yankees' 25th world championship in 36 World Series appearances.

"This (championship) is special because we'll be celebrating not just the world championship, we'll be celebrating a century of achievement...the best team of the century," Mayor of New York Rudolph Giuliani said last Wednesday.

Riding on decorated floats, the "team of the century" includes millionaire players a world apart from the 1923 Yankees, who captured their first World Series victory of the century.

Back then, after they had beaten the New York Giants in their brand-new Bronx stadium, the Yankees received record-breaking victory checks of $6,100 apiece and could not get out of town fast enough. They headed "for the great open spaces where the streams abound with fish and the woods are full of big game," according to a 1923 New York Times account.

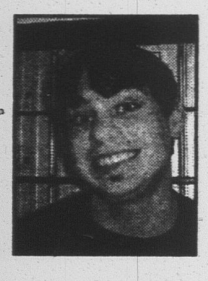
Although the 1999 Yankees will be heading off to their million-dollar homes instead of the peacefulness of the woods, there is no denying that the baseball is virtually the same. In addition, while the Yankees are the team that everyone loves to hate, the evidence supports that the New York Yankees are the team of the decade...and the century.

OPINION

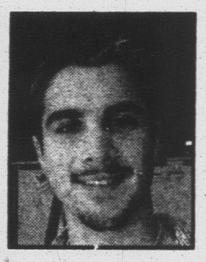
Question of the week

Did you vote on Tuesday? Why or why not?

Emily Baker, junior
"I work in the courthouse and my boss is the commissioner. I voted for him."

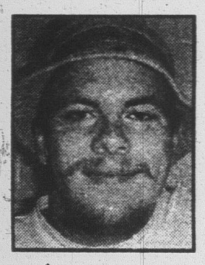


Alan Bailey, senior
"I've voted in every election but this one. Right now I don't have an official residence."



Bobby Fisher, freshman
"I never registered...it wasn't something on my list of things to do this year, maybe next time."

Scott Hauser, sophomore
"I always vote. I think it's important to exercise what little voice I have."



Jay Crumbacher, junior
"I didn't vote because the process has become too dominated by the 2-party system."

Lani Nuss, sophomore
"I didn't have an absentee ballot, so I didn't vote."

Jessica Torick, sophomore
"I sent in an absentee ballot. My dad is running for school board and I wanted to support him."

Caroline Roby, sophomore
"I didn't even know there were elections."

Dana Thompson, sophomore
"I didn't vote, but I wanted to. I don't want Jim Roddey privatizing Kane hospitals."

OUR VIEW: Generation Y – Why?

Generation Y. Also known as the Echo Boomers and Millennium Generation, Generation Y includes people born from 1977 to the present (though no one can really decide what year the new generation started). This generation is known as being more racially diverse than the others: one in three is not caucasian. One in four lives in a single-parent household and three in four have working mothers. Things have drastically changed since their parent's generation.

The name is fitting. The entire generation, the second largest thus far (next to the Baby Boomers), seems to be incessantly searching for a purpose. Their parents were the war babies who saw the direct effect of WWII and Vietnam. Peace and love were the key words and sex and rock-n-roll were dominant. Among this, or maybe because of this, there were many, many causes and many, many protests. Whatever the issue, the Baby Boomer generation was there. They took a side, stood up for what they believed and tried to make a difference. Whether it be women's lib or bad cafeteria food, there were sit-ins, protests and activists ready and willing to proclaim to the world how they felt.

The downward slide into apathy began somewhere amid Generation X. Fewer and fewer people took interest in the world around them. They felt as though no one cared about what they had to say, and if they did speak up, no one heard. Now Generation Y has fallen into the lull that the previous generation began. Generation Y is a spoiled group in the fact that they complain and complain about what is happening, but no one does anything about it. They are a generation of question but not of action. Their parents are the ones acting out on behalf of them.

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The largest visual representation of the apathetic attitude of this generation is seen through voting. The forefathers fought for freedom of speech and the vote. Frankly, the young people of today's society take advantage of neither. A comment by a polling judge Joseph Heinrich summarizes it all very well.

"Young people don't vote," Heinrich said. "They just don't care."

According to the U S Census Bureau, voters between the ages of 18 and 24 have had the worst turnout of any age group in every congressional and presidential election since 1980. For example, of the 10 million eligible voters between the ages of 21 to 24, only 37.2 percent were registered to vote in the 1994 congressional elections and only 16.5 percent voted. Presidential elections were worse with 38.5 percent voting in the 1992 Clinton-Bush showdown. On the other hand, when the Baby Boomers were between these ages (18-24) in the 60s, they saw more than half of 11 million young voters, taking to the polls.

So don't vote. In fact, don't do anything. That way the theory of not being heard will definitely take place. Continue to be referred to as an apathetic Generation with no direction. Generation Y? It's more like Generation Why? Why vote? Why speak up?

Maybe it's because this generation owes it to themselves to stand out. Don't just settle because it's easy, settle when you have won.

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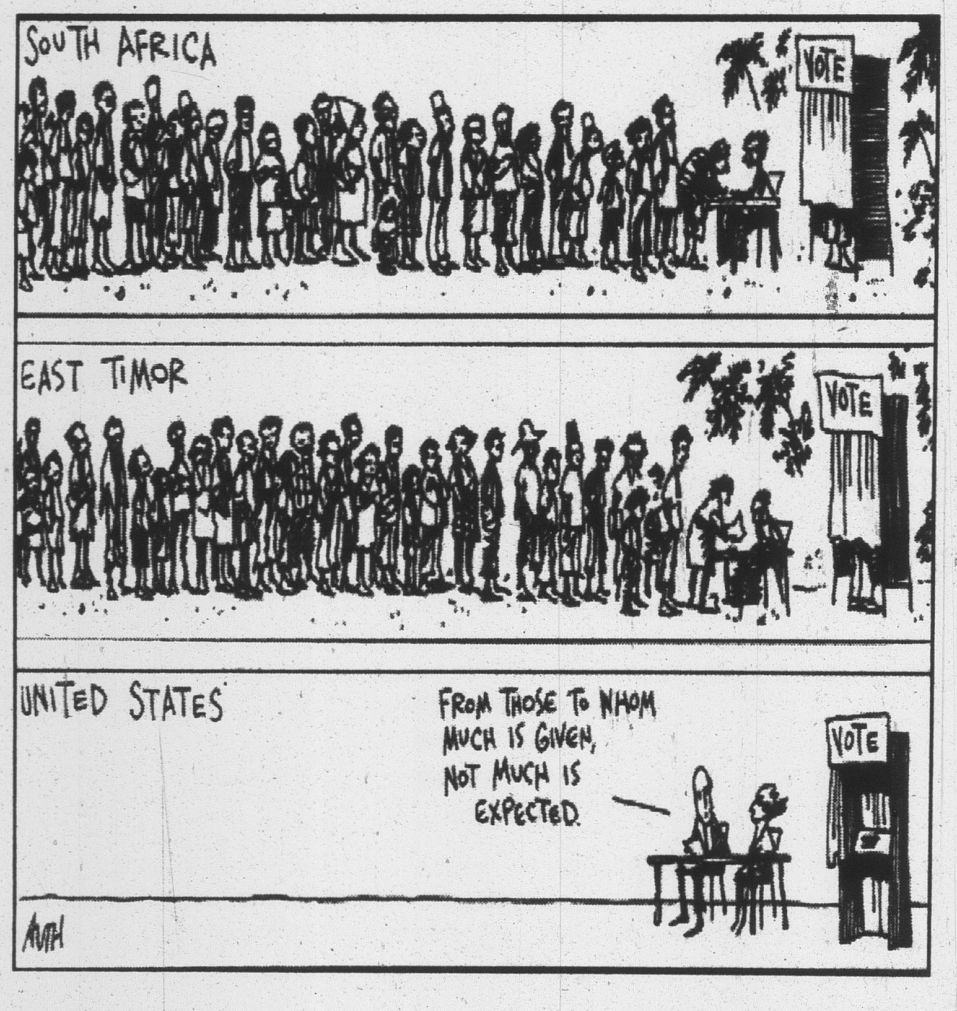

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Pro-lifers have no candidates to support on election day

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THE DARTMOUTH (Dartmouth College)

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. - Within pro-life circles voters often face a dilemma. The pro-life voters can choose a Republican candidate who might be "right" on the issue of abortion but woefully wrong on other issues. In my interactions with fellow pro-lifers, especially Catholic pro-lifers, I have heard that Republicans are pro-life on abortion but anti-life on other issues; they hate the poor.

Democrats often provide the opposite extreme. They love the poor and provide the "right" programs for the downtrodden but are wrong on abortion.

The pro-life voter then must weigh his issues and through some political calculus, decide which candidate to vote for. More often than not the winner is the pro-abortion Democrat. The 2000 Presidential election will again bring this dilemma to pro-life voters.

I would like to investigate this dilemma more deeply. Let us grant liberal pro lifers the argument that Republicans hate the poor. How is the pro-lifer to vote in the 2000 election?

Paradoxically politics has the strange habit of staying the same even while the actors change. Now if a Republican were to be elected in 2000, his anti-poor schemes would likely find themselves stagnated. The change promised by either of the two parties is not likely to be that great. In fact the differences between the solutions offered by the parties might be so slight that they could be imperceptible.

But there is one great divide which should more clearly illuminate the side

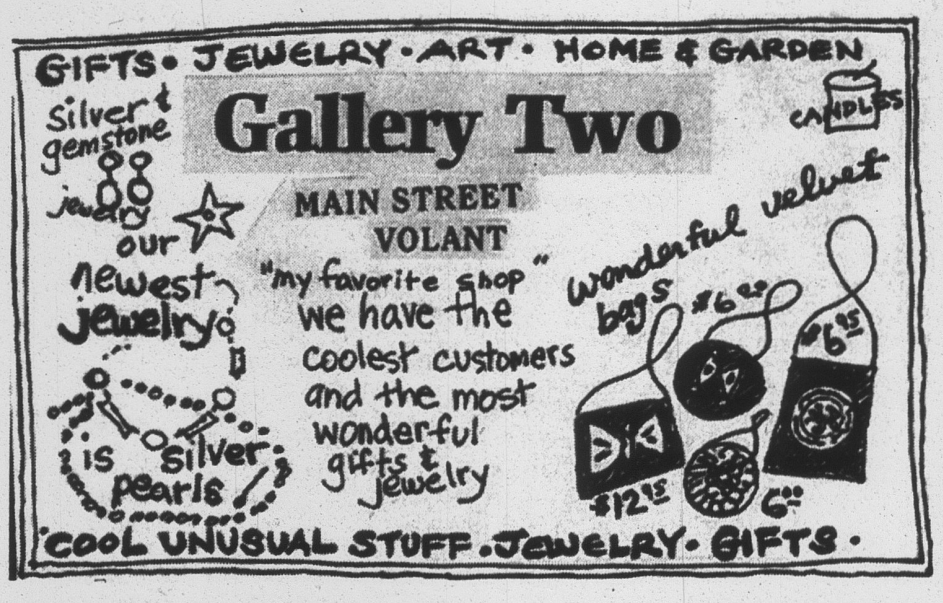
which the pro-lifer is inclined to take. The fact that the next president will have an important hand in shaping the judiciary and thus the legal philosophy which rules the country, should hit the pro-life voter like a ton of bricks.

With a Democratic president there is not a snowball's chance in hell that

judges who adhere to a strict view of the Constitution and believe that the

American people can decide for themselves whether or not abortion should be

legal will be nominated.



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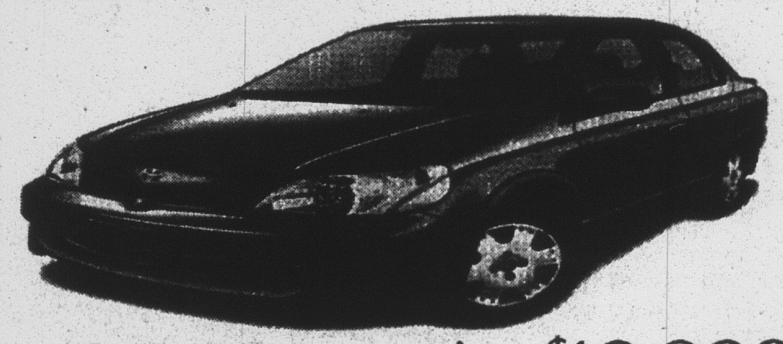

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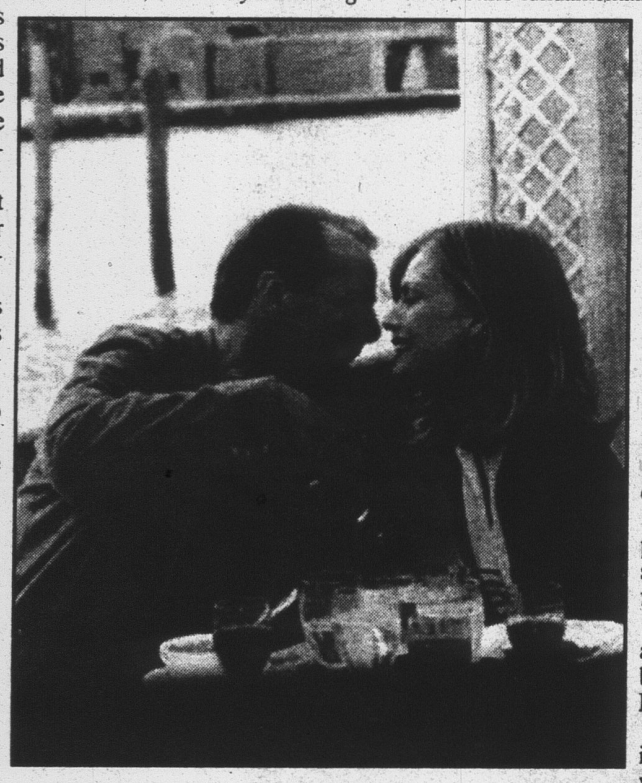
Ashley "Webster" W.

It has been brought to our attention that in the past it seems that we have been neglecting a large demographic of our viewers, those who love romance movies.

We have been partaking in movies of a more violent and action-packed nature, while not viewing a broader genre of films. Our bad.

So this week we are working to remedy this situation by going to watch a love story. We put our pride on our shirtsleeves, hopped into Kid Sparkle's AMC Eagle 4WD and took off to see *The Story of Us*. Here's to you, our romance loving viewers...

The Story of Us was written by Alan Zweibe (writer of the sitcoms, *The Gary Shandling Show* and *North*) and directed by Rob Reiner. The movie's plot consists of the marital turbulence occurring between its two main characters Bruce Willis (Ben Jordan) and Michelle Pfeiffer (Katie Jordan). Willis and Pfeiffer have been married for fifteen years, and slowly their marriage has declined to the point that they are barely able to converse with each other.



The real story line come to life as their children are sent to camp for the summer, leaving them alone to face their problems without a common bond (the love of their children) to hold them together.

They decide to separate for a period of time. During this period the audience is subjected to flashbacks as well as intimate monologues with both Willis and Pfeiffer, depicting their past from when they first met, up to the present. With these introspective glimpses the audience is able to mentally arrange the pieces, understand the present scenario and see the whole picture. It is here that the audience sees how idyllic their life had been, and the steady progression to the dire state it is in now.

The movie can be quite humorous at times especially during the interactions between Willis and his friends and Pfeiffer and hers. It is here that the usual banter and opposite-sex bashing occurs. No, it is not original, sounding much like a sitcom, but it is still funny nonetheless. It is a good look intothe average American dysfunctional family.

Pfeiffer and Willis come across with powerful and emotional performances. Our ole die hard is now a calm, emotional, loving family man who drives the big Ford Expedition and even tears up when visiting his children at camp. Our favorite feline is a settled mother who organizes the household and makes sure it runs like clockwork. Also worthy of mention is AT&T boy Paul Reiser as Willis's cynical publisher, and the producer Rob Reiner as Stan one of Willis's close friends.

Overall, the movie was entertaining and interesting, but not very deep. It can be very emotional at times (K. Sparkle cried) and almost gut wrenching, but it doesn't quite pull it off. It isn't really tragic at any point in time. The Jordans are healthy, have wonderful children and also seem to be well off and happy with their careers. With so much going for them, it is hard to really sympathize with their plight.

The Story of Us is a good movie for those people who like films of this genre. "Hey Earl, if you want to impress your date and get a little lovin', here ya go. And Sally, if your are already depressed about your boyfriend, or lack thereof, I would not recommend this unless you are a glutton for punishment."

Keep on rockin' in the free world.

...Derrick "Kid Sparkle" B. - "kid tested"

If Quentin Tarantino wondered into the foray of writing love stories, the result might look something like *The Story of Us*. Flashback laden, it's a collage of snippets out of time from the marriage of Ben (Bruce Willis), and Katie Jordan (Michelle Pfeiffer).

Director Rob Reiner lays everything out on the table in *The Story of Us*.

Everything is spelled out, leaving little for armchair psychologists like Ash and Kid Sparkle to untangle or debate, arm wrestle or fist fight over. At the same time though, the movie doesn't feel dumbed down. The result is a believable love story that goes down easy, and touches some of the basic fundamentals of what loving someone really means.

Ben and Katie have been married for 15 years. With two beautiful children, a house I wouldn't mind calling my own, (which looks homey, yet perfectly contemporary), and a good income (they're both writers), they have what many would consider the ideal life, except their marriage is crumbling.

Concerned with their children's well being, Ben and Katie pretend to be happily married, as many parents attempt to do. When the children leave for summer camp though, the charade is dropped, and Ben moves to a nearby hotel, leaving Katie and himself to drown in lonely solitude.

Willis is in prime form here: free-spirited and spontaneous. His emotionally charged performance, particularly when he and Pfieffer go at it (as in fighting) and his seductive, "you know you want me," stare, make him the perfect Ying to Pfeiffer's Yang.

Borderline wanly and strikingly beautiful, Pfeiffer's performance strives to keep up with Willis's. Katie is anal, organized, calculated and unable to let slide that which does not matter. Despite these characteristics, Pfeiffer manages to bring emotional warmth to her character who continually stifles Willis's attempts at reconciliation.

Willis's and Pfeiffer's explosive arguments are some of the best parts of the movie. These arguments and flashbacks of the good times shared between Ben, Katie and their children build up enough emotion for a nice tug at the heartstrings.

Pfeiffer helps us relieve the feelings of sadness, longing, happiness and emptiness collected along the way in an emotional outburst that borders on ludicrous. But it works within the confines of the story and Pfeiffer's character's traits.

Reiner has crafted an excellent love story here. If he fails in anyway, it's in that he doesn't actually let us see why things are awry. We're told why; Ben's lack of responsibility is clashing with Katie's anal-retentive tendencies, sucking the spice out of their marriage. But we enter in the middle of the storm. Yes, the flashbacks show us the fights and the bliss before the fights, but we never see the things happening that caused the collapse of the marriage. Instead, we simply see the affects.

As Ben and Katie attempt to resurrect, they begin trying to see themselves through the eyes of the other. In affect, they see their own flaws, and, at the same time, see that the "flaws" (both their own and those of the other) are what make them special and what brought them together in the first place.

Often it's not similarities that draw us together; it's the differences that make us fall in love.

The Story of Us is stylishly and effectively told. It conjures up all the expected emotions, yet remains light-hearted. Perhaps most importantly, it offers an optimistic view that with a little time couples can get through what seems like the end. It is also a good look at ones self through the eyes of the other.

This feeling shivers down your spine.

Love comes in colors Kid Sparkle can't deny.

Former student directs *Clue* at local theater

By Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

Former Westminster student Steve Dovutovich made his community theatre directing debut with the musical *Clue* at The Casino in Buhl Park, Sharon.

Clue, based on the board game by Parker Brothers, was presented by the Columbia Theatre For the Arts and opened last Friday at 8:15 p.m.

"It's a real interesting show," said Dovutovich, whose Westminster directing credits include *Psycho Beach Party* and last year's *Prom Queens Unchained*. "There are 216 different possible endings because the audience actually gets to choose the killer, the weapon and the room."

True to the board game, the character Mr. Boddy, the man who is inevitably murdered, gives the audience clues after each scene. He even displays cards with each character's picture, cards with each weapon and cards with each room as he asks audience volunteers to choose one from each category and place them in the "Confidential" envelope.

To aid the audience in narrowing down the clues, each member has a card entitled "Detective Notes," where they can check off suspects, weapons or rooms as the clues are given.

As the audience tries to "deduce who-dunit," the other characters, Mr. Green, Colonel Mustard, Miss Scarlet, Mrs. Peacock, Professor Plum and Mrs. White, all dressed in color-coded costumes, sing and dance their way out of or into suspicion.

"The songs are very interesting too," Dovutovich said. "They are creepy one minute and insane the next."

The songs may be creepy, but the atmosphere is quite fun.

An hour prior to show time, the audience can enjoy a variety of desserts and beverages while seated among candlelight and piano music.

The cast members also mingle with the audience during this time, allowing them to meet all the suspects (characters) in the show.

Though the show is obviously performed by amateur community members, the concept is very entertaining. *Clue* will be presented again this weekend on Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m.

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5. Prayer ending
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12. Got
13. Character quality
14. Beer
15. Prepares for publication
17. Tibet citizen
19. Put down
21. Cool taste
22. Affirm
23. Passage for steam
24. Right (abbr.)
25. Transgression
26. Lair
27. Trust
29. Raised railroad
31. Suffix to form adjectives
32. Lo!
33. Ounce (abbr.)
34. Plural verb
35. Street (abbr.)
36. Criticize
38. Complete
39. Referee (abbr.)
40. In reference to
41. Dues
42. Narrow strip of wood
44. Placard
46. Stone pavement
48. Mad
51. Indian tribe
52. Marine algae
54. Old
55. Germany (abbr.)
56. Disorderly
57. Allows

DOWN
1. Fem. Pronoun
2. Small boy
3. Obvious
4. Discourage
5. 2-year degree
6. Alteration
7. Ireland (poetic)
8. Catch
9. Basic language
10. Dash
11. Mar
16. Small (abbr.)
18. Give off
20. Mistake
22. Lemon drinks
23. Passage for air
25. Physical dimension
27. Musical staff symbol
28. Lavish excessive love
29. Great Lake
30. Jeans
34. Math mean
36. 2nd Gr. Letter
37. Odors
39. Miler
41. Untamed
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43. Delayed
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49. Vietnam offensive
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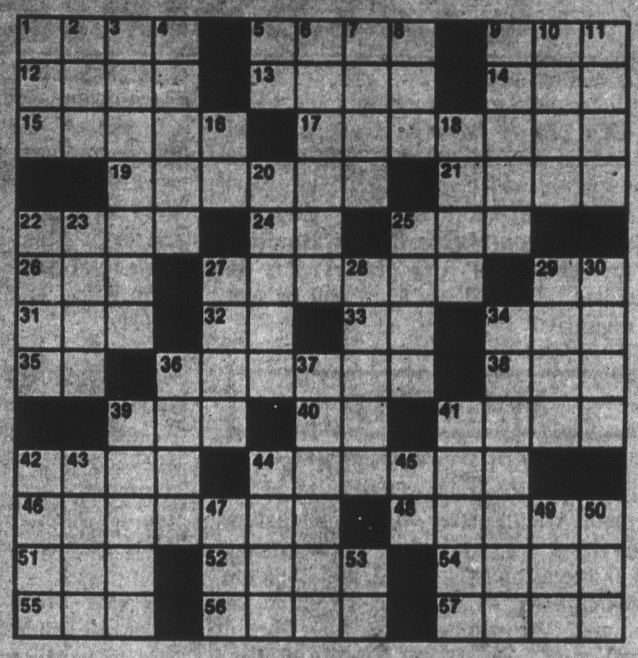

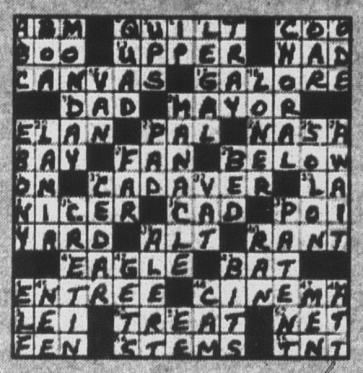

HUMORSCOPES

Capricorn
You will seek out a traditional Hawaiian priest to conduct your wedding ceremony on the beach at Makaha. The kahuna will intone the traditional blessing over you and pronounce you married. Then he'll invite you to kiss his holy okole. You should refuse.

Aquarius
Here's a stock tip, my friend. Invest in Jobst, the maker of high-quality men's support stockings. Do it even if you have to mortgage the house.

Pisces
You're about to get lost inside the Avery label wizard on Microsoft Word. You'll spend the rest of your life trying to figure out how to print #5198 audio cassette labels. I pity you.

Aries
High-definition television is about to come to your city. Big whoop. .

Taurus
Your heart will swell in glorious rapture as you behold an orchard covered with blossoms this spring. You'll cast aside your inhibitions and your clothing, running through the waves of delicate fragrance as the blossoms embrace you. Then your tongue will swell as an allergic reaction to a bee sting closes your airway and you suffocate and die.

Gemini
When you first turn on your brand-new police scanner, you'll pick up a neighbor's cordless phone conversation. You'll overhear him reporting you to the police for having an illegal cable T-V connection. Sorry pal — you're busted.

Cancer
You're about to meet your high-school hero, the man whose writing changed your life and set you on the career path you enjoy today. When you finally greet Professor Stephen Hawking, all you'll be able to say in the context of your meeting will be, "Would you like fries with that?"

Leo
That pain in your leg is a blood clot in the saphenous vein. It's about to break loose and lodge in your lung. You'll die alone and afraid from a pulmonary embolism. Can I have your Grateful Dead records?

Virgo
Bill Gates is about to send you a little thank-you gift for your support of Microsoft Windows. It's a personally-signed greeting card with a check for 250-million dollars in it. He won't miss it. Just pocket change as far as he's concerned.

Libra
You've been thoughtfully feeding the birds through this long, cold winter. They've been thriving and growing. In fact, a 250-pound chickadee is knocking on your back door right now asking for some ketchup.

Scorpio
The answer to your lifelong dilemma is contained somewhere in the multiple volumes of scripture used by Theravada Buddhists. Trouble is, nobody in human history has ever been able to organize or comprehend them. There are thousands of volumes. Good luck.

Sagittarius
You will be both surprised and delighted at the news that you are about to be married. Unfortunately, the wedding is scheduled for Jan. 1, 2000, so the reception is going to have to wait until the global destruction has been completed.

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Big Daddy (PG-13)
4:50 PM, 7:10, 9:30

The Blair Witch Project (R)
7:45 PM, 9:50

Bowfinger (PG-13)
5:05 PM, 7:40, 10:05

Deep Blue Sea (R)
4:35 PM, 7:05, 9:40

The Haunting (PG-13)
4:40 PM, 7:30, 10:10

Inspector Gadget (PG)
5:10 PM

Mickey Blue Eyes (PG-13)
4:45 PM, 7:20, 9:55

Regal Cinema South 10
(330)758-0463

The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland (G)
3:00, 5:00

Bats (PG-13)
2:40 PM, 4:50, 7:45, 10:00

Blue Streak (PG-13)
5:15 PM, 7:40, 10:10

Bowfinger (PG-13)
Times TBA

Crazy in Alabama (PG-13)
2:50 PM

Drive Me Crazy (PG-13)
7:20 PM, 10:00

For Love of the Game (PG-13)
3:30 PM, 6:50, 9:45

House on Haunted Hill (R)
3:00 PM, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

Music of the Heart (PG)
4:00 PM, 7:00, 9:50

The Omega Code (PG-13)
2:50 PM, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

Westgate Cinemas
(724)652-9063

Bats (PG-13)
1:10 PM, 3:05, 5:00, 7:15, 9:05

Bringing Out the Dead (R)
12:45 PM, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Double Jeopardy (R)
1:00 PM, 3:00, 5:05, 7:30, 9:30

Fight Club (R)
1:05 PM, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

House on Haunted Hill (R)
1:20 PM, 3:20, 5:15, 7:10, 9:30

The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
12:50 PM, 2:55, 4:55, 7:05, 9:10

The Story of Us (R)
12:55 PM, 3:10, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20

Superstar (PG-13)
1:15 PM, 3:15, 5:20, 7:40, 9:35

Three to Tango (PG-13)
1:00 PM, 2:50, 4:50, 7:20, 9:25

Cinemark Tinseltown USA
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Best Man, The (R)
4:30 PM, 7:20, 10:10

Bringing Out the Dead (R)
4:20 PM, 7:10, 9:55

Double Jeopardy (R)
5:10 PM, 7:40, 10:05

Fight Club (R)
4:00 PM, 7:00, 10:30

Random Hearts (R)
4:15 PM, 7:15, 10:15

The Story of Us (R)
5:00 PM, 7:30, 10:00

Three to Tango (PG-13)
5:20 PM, 7:50, 10:20

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FOR SALE/ RENT

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRAR'S HOURS: Registrar's Office at 107 Old Main will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. only during registration, Nov. 3-9.

SCRAWL ACCEPTING STUDENT WORK: Scrawl, Westminster's literary magazine, is accepting submissions for its 2000 edition. Submissions can include poetry, photography, short stories and artwork. Deadline is Dec. 10. Send all submissions to box 159, and include your name and box number. All submissions are judged anonymously.

SKI CLUB ACCEPTING MEMBERS: The Ski Club is accepting new members until Nov. 12. Cost is $2. Money will also be accepted for the first trip on Jan. 29 to Holiday Valley until Nov. 12. Anyone interested in the Showshoe trip should let Brad Ebel know before the end of the month. For more information, see the web page at http://www.westminster.edu/Student/Orgs/ski/1st_page.htm.

COLLEGE BOWL: College Bowl sponsored by the Student Government Association will be held Fri.&Sat., Nov. 12&13 at 6:30 p.m. in the main lounge are of the Walton-Mayne Union Buiding. Teams consist of four players plus an alternate. The All-star team will be sent to regionals.

WANTED

ARLEN SPECTER INTERNS: The Pittsburgh Regional Office of U.S. Senator Arlen Specter will be conducting interviews for Christmas Break/Spring 2000 interns on Nov. 19, 22, and 23 in the Pittsburgh Regional Office. Deadline for resumes: November 15 for Spring Semester. Send to Ms. Kathy Risko, Internship Coordinator, Suite 2031, Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. For more info, call Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338.

CASCADE EXPRESS HIRING: Cascade Express is looking for sales/cashiers, food prep, PA lottery sales for a store scheduled to open at the end of November. Hourly wage $6.50. Send resume to Cascade Express, Inc., c/o A. Graziani and Company, Inc., 1057 Butler Avenue, New Castle, PA 16101, or call (724) 654-5535 for an interview.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT: Pennsylvania Representative Chris Sainato is looking for a part-time legislative assistant. Duties: Constituent service, assist the representative at community events and meetings. Willing to work around student's schedule. 14 hours/week. $7.28/per hour. Call Chris Sainato at New Castle office: (724) 656-1112 or Harrisburg: (717) 772-2436.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP: State Farm Insurance Companies offer summer internships for mathematics majors. Prefer 3.0 GPA, $13.43/hr. Full time work schedule. Deadline: December 1, 1999 to apply. Send resume and transcripts to: State Farm Insurance, Human Resources, Attn.: Chanda Brooks, 3 State Farm Plaza South, K-1, Bloomington, IL 61791.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ INTERNSHIP: The Spina Bifida Association of Western Pennsylvania has summer and weekend positions available. Excellent community service and intern possibilities. For information, call Janet Waugaman at ext. 6338.

PART-TIME HELP: Local Bed & Breakfast (on Waugh Avenue) needs student to work part-time on leaf-blowing, snow removal, general maintenance. Call (724) 946-8641 if interested.

NANNY NEEDED: The Philadelphia Nanny Network is looking for people with babysitting experience, willing to spend at least one year working as a nanny. Call 1-800-765-6269, or check out www.nannyagency.com.

NUMEROUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Camp Living Waters, located in Schellsburg is looking for the following: Environmental Education Program Director, Adventure/Challenge Course Program Director, Creative Arts Program Director, Kitchen/Maintenance Assistant. Deadline for applications: Feb. 15. Contact: Rev. Steve Jones, Penn West Conference United Church of Christ, 320 S. Maple Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601 or call (724) 834-0344.

LOVE TO WORK WITH KIDS? Camp Kids offers summer camp jobs with weekends off: www.campuskids.com. Looking for college students with experience working with children; must be at least 18 years old. Call or write: 1-800-633-7350; Campus Kids, P. O. Box 1058, Chatham, NJ 07928.

ACCOUNTING INTERNSHIP: The Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad is accepting resumes for students interested in an accounting or information services internship. Send resume and transcript to: Mrs. Virginia K. Cochenour, Manager Personnel Administration-East, Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Co., P.O. Box 68, Monroeville, PA 15146.

DATA ENTRY POSITIONS: Local company has two part-time positions available immediately through Feb. or March. Data Entry, $9.18/hr. Two 8-hour days: Sunday 2-10 p.m. and Monday 2-10 or 3-11 p.m. Send resume to Mrs. Betty Talbert, Box 161, or drop off at Economics and Business Dept., OM 212.

DEPT. OF STATE INTERNS NEEDED: The U.S. Department of State has an extensive intern program. Deadlines are Nov. 1 and March 1 for summer and fall, respectively. Visit www.state.gov/www/ careers.

DOW JONES INTERNSHIPS: Dow Jones newspaper has internships available for juniors, seniors & graduate students: Newspaper editing; Real-Time financial newswires, and online editing. Application deadline is Nov. 15. For more information, call Janet Waugaman ext. 6338.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 5
Early Registration for Spring Semester 2000 - TUB A/B (starting at 3:00 p.m. each day)
11:40a.m. - 12:10 p.m. - Chapel
5:00 p.m. Swimming Relay Invitational @ Edinboro
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Program: "Explorers" - HSC
7:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Gannon
8:00 p.m. Sixth Sense Concert - Down Under
11:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

SATURDAY 6
11:00 a.m. Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Children's Library
Noon Football @ Wayne State, MI
Kappa Delta Big Brother/Big Sister Day
1:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Mercyhurst
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Program: "Explorers" - HSC
8:00 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Movie - Down Under
TBA Alpha Gamma Delta Bowler's Classic - Colonial Lanes
TBA Phi Mu Formal

SUNDAY 7
1:30 p.m. Junior Recital: Summerlea Hobbs - Chapel
4:30 p.m. Senior Recital: Christina Andrae - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting @ Chapter House
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:15 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Initiation - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 8
Early Registration for Spring Semester 2000 - TUB A/B (starting at 3:00 p.m. each day)
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm InVisions Sales - TUB Grill
11:40 a.m. - 12:10 pm - Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhellenic Meeting - TUB Lounge
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
5:30 p.m. First Classs of Continuing Education Introduction to Access in WINDOWS 95 - PH 214
6:15 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112-113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
8:00 p.m. Praise Band - Chapel

TUESDAY 9
Early Registration for Spring Semester 2000 - TUB A/B (starting at 3:00 pm each day)
8:00 a.m. Admissions Office Information Session with Leadership Lawrence County - Chapel
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm InVisions Sales - TUB Grill
5:20 p.m. Argo All-Staff Meeting - TUB Lounge
5:30 p.m. Allies Meeting - PH 114
5:30 p.m. First Class of Continuing Education Tips and Shortcuts for WINDOWS 95 - PH 214
6:00 p.m. Public Relations Colloquium - HSC 152
7:00 p.m. Theta Chi Faculty Appreciation Night - Chapter House

WEDNESDAY 10
Last Day for First-Year Students to DROP (one class) - $15 Fee
Last Day for Upper Class and Transfer Students to WITHDRAW ($15 Fee)
Career Center Mock Interview Program - Walton-Mayne
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Jim Hall, "The Matrix: Linear Algebra Meets the Toy Industry" - PH 131
6:30 p.m. Alcohol 101 - PH 311-312
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 p.m. Preschool Lab Parent Workshop - HSC 152
7:30 p.m. Newman Club Meeting - OM 210
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TCF 116
8:00 p.m. Fall Theatre Production: *The Miracle Worker* - Beeghly Theater
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - TCF 111
9:30 p.m. Seekers Meeting - Down Under

THURSDAY 11
VETERANS DAY
Career Center Mock Interview Program - Walton-Mayne
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Philosophy Honorary Society Meeting - PH 116
7:00 p.m. Beth Wilson Lecture - TUB A/B (sponsored by Multicultural Affairs)
7:00 p.m. IFC Meeting - TBA
8:00 p.m. Fall Theatre Production: *The Miracle Worker* - Beeghly Theater
10:00 p.m. - midnight Back to the Beat (Live Dance/Radio Program - Down Under)
TBA Phi Mu Open House
TBA Honors Chorus - Orr Auditorium

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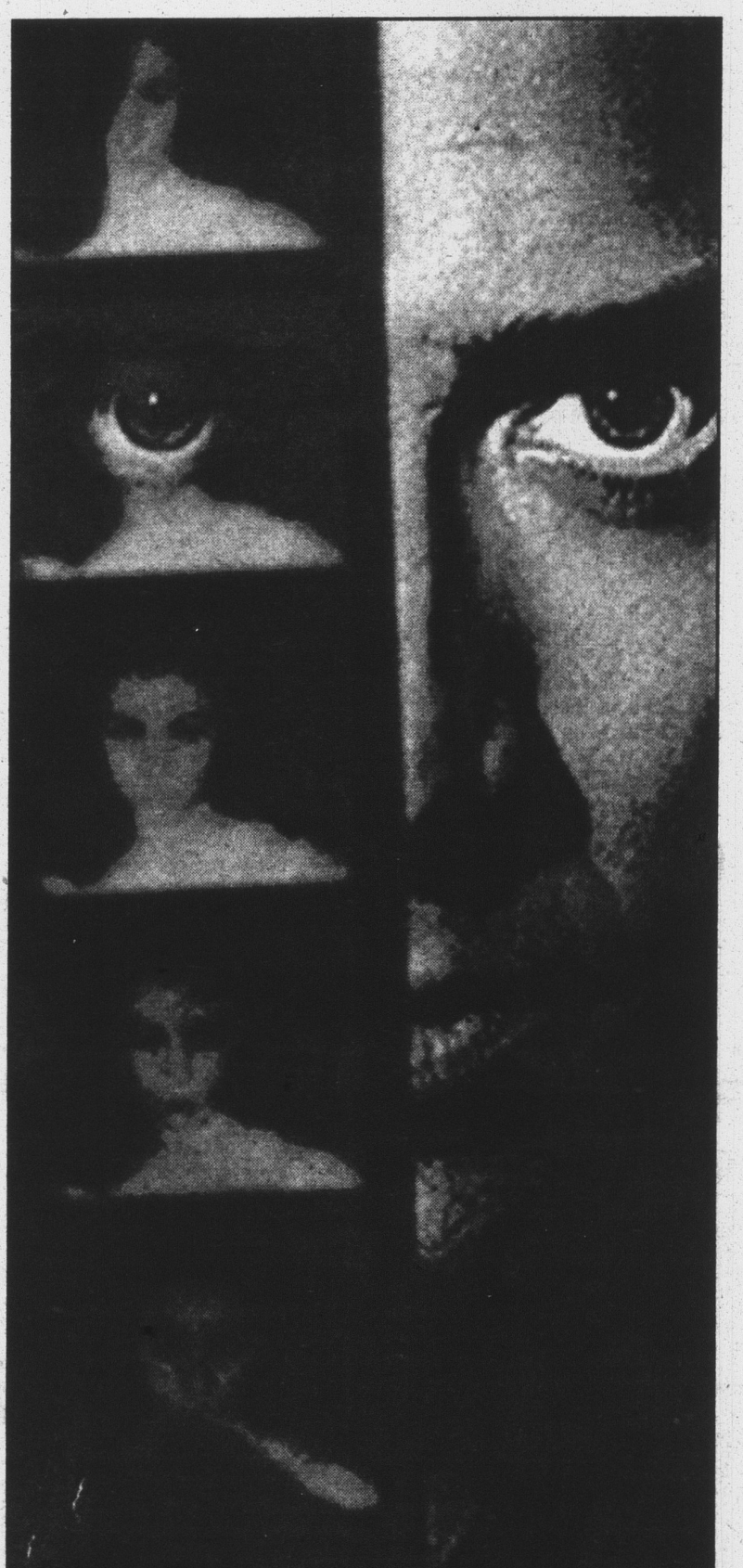

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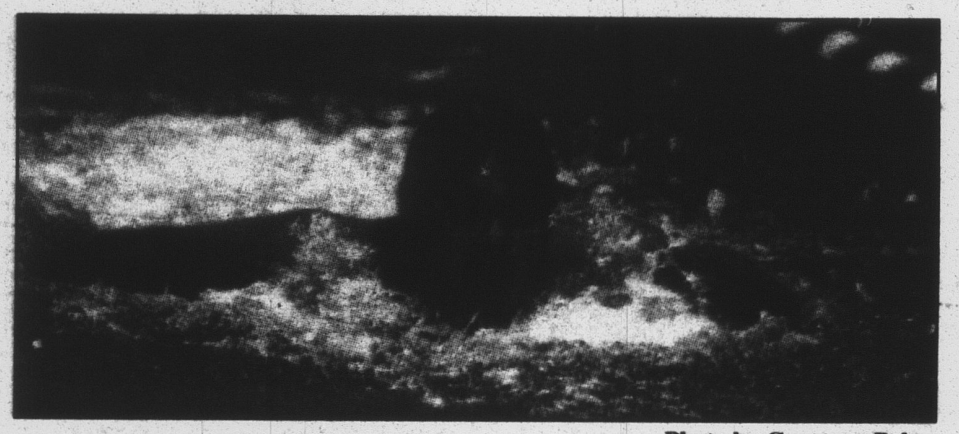

Photo by Courtney Behm

The Edinboro Invitational proved to be a great season start for the Titans.

By Alyssa Detore
STAFF WRITER

Titan swimmers dominated the Edinboro Relay Invitational last Friday collecting over 15 first-place finishes and demonstrating a successful start to the season.

"I'm very pleased with the performance of both men's and women's teams for the first meet of the year," Head Coach Rob Klamut said. "The depth they exhibited is important for both regional and duel meets."

The Edinboro Relay Invitational, which included Edinboro University, Gannon University and Westminster, gave the athletes the opportunity to participate in events they would normally not compete in.

The men's swim team took first place for the fourth year in a row with a final score of 122. For the third year, the Lady Titans overpowered Edinboro and Gannon with 134 points.

The Titans took the lead with victories in the men's 300 Backstroke Relay with Eric Mojock, Brian Lytle and Jim Mann, the 300 Breaststroke Relay with Kurt Rotthoff, David Field and Lucas Shipe and the 400 Medley with Mojock, Rotthoff, Dave Gesacion and Lytle. The team also conquered the 200 Free Relay with Mike McPeak, Al Starr, Craig Guthoerl and Mann and the 1500 Free Relay with Seth Bontrager, Aaron Francis and Glenn Giles.

The Lady Titans proved just as powerful by taking the lead in the 300 Backstroke Relay with Karen Faulhaber, Stephanie Dawson and Tara Crawford, the 300 Breaststroke Relay with Amanda Zelechoski, Kelly Vernal and Stephanie King and the Crescendo Relay with Erin Battin, Dawson, Zelechoski and Jaime Sell.

The women also triumphed with wins in the 200 Free Relay with Dawson, King, Battin and Faulhaber, the 1500 Free Relay with Vernal, Sheri Snyder and Gretchen Burwinkel and the 400 Free Relay with Burwinkel, Battin, Faulhaber and Crawford.

For many freshmen and new swimmers, this relay invitational was the first meet of their Westminster career. Coach Klamut expressed his extreme satisfaction at their performance saying how pleased he was with their swimming.

Freshman Amanda Olinger showed a strong Titan start by assisting in the victories of the women's 300 Fly Relay with Chrissy Jardine and Tina Proudfoot, the 800 Free Relay with Sell, Burwinkel and Snyder and the 400 Medley Relay with Crawford, King and Proudfoot.

For the men's team, freshman Richard King also performed well as a member of three first-place relays including the men's 800 Free Relay with Bontrager, Chris Giles and Francis, the Crescendo Relay with McPeak, Starr and Giles, and the 400 Free Relay with Lytle, Mann and Gesacion.

"This meet gave the team, especially the new swimmers, a chance to relax and get a feel for what a college meet is like," junior captain Tara Crawford said. "It also gave us an opportunity to look at Edinboro and Gannon, our competition for the next two meets."

Westminster will battle Gannon University once again Saturday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. at Gannon. This meet will commence the team's duel meet season.

"We have a set of goals that we set at the beginning of the season, and our first goal was to win the Edinboro Relay Invitational," junior Chrissy Jardine said. "Our next goal is to prevail over Gannon. By this successful meet at Edinboro the team is showing that we are right on track."

Last Lecture Series to hold discussion on activities

By Courtney Panik
STAFF WRITER

Coach Scott Renninger will discuss extracurricular activities as overlooked sources of development and education at the next Last Lecture Series event in the TUB lounge at 4 p.m. next Tuesday.

Renninger chose to participate because he feels strongly that students need a variety of experiences in order to develop into well-rounded individuals.

"I am absolutely committed to the interaction of coaches with the entire student body," Renninger said. "A good part of education comes from outside of the classroom...College is a time when a person can have fun while preparing, learning and working."

In his lecture, Renninger hopes to discuss a variety of topics. He hopes students will understand the hidden values of extracurricular activities and realize that "the organization does not define a person, but it is the person who defines the organization."

Renninger also feels that it is important to meet with students outside of class. He finds that the value of a small school is the relationships formed by its members, including teachers.

According to Renninger, large schools have lost the bond between professors/coaches and students. He said that he feels that small schools are starting to lose the link, but programs like the Last Lecture Series are building stronger ties.

"The value of a small school is that there is always someone to go to when you need help," Renninger said. "Sometimes students forget that their teachers and coaches are there for them."

As a football coach, a physical education professor, an active advisor of the Interfraternity Council and an avid supporter

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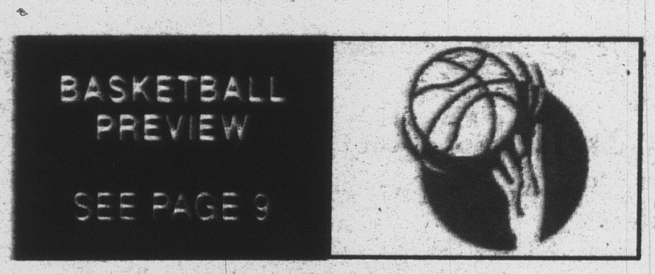

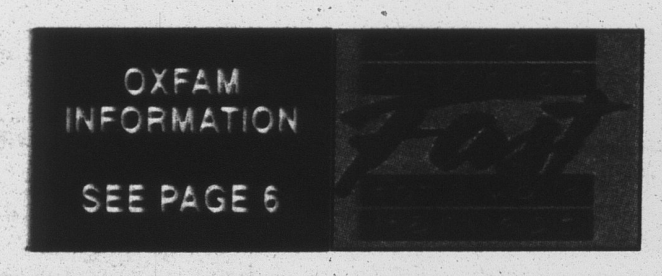

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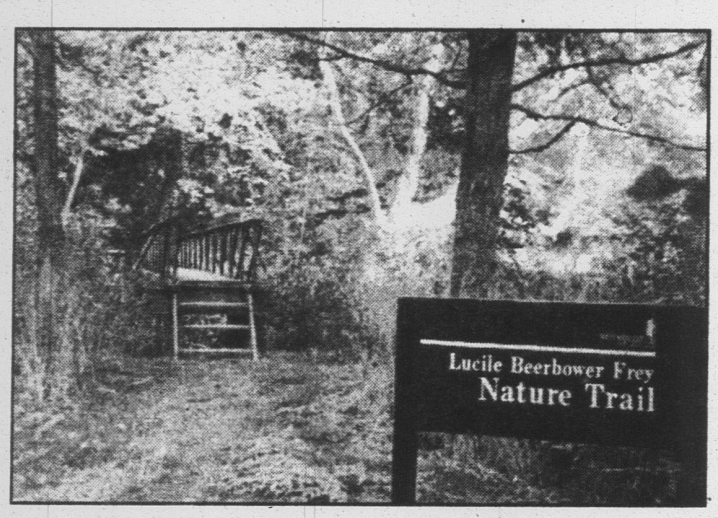
CAMPUS NEWS

Field Station offers a variety of experiences for students



By Tori Krivak
STAFF WRITER

The Field Station, more commonly known as the biology farm, is used mainly by classes in biology and environmental science, but is left unexplored by most other members of campus.

It is a 40-acre plot, located behind Lake Brittain. It includes a Nature Center, an elevated nature trail, research plots, an arboretum and a weather station. A variety of habitats also exist in the station, such as two streams, a woods area, a marsh and pasture.

The Nature Center is a 120-year-old barn where students gather to run their experiments, make observations, analyze data and preserve specimens. Because the center is near the field sites, it has made students' experiments much easier to conduct.

In the future, professors hope to make the facility an actual classroom and functional laboratory with computers and other equipment.

The Nature Trail is a half-mile path extending from a footbridge across the Little Neshannock Creek to the Nature Center.

Built more like a boardwalk to eliminate walking through mud and other obstacles, the trail makes the Field Station more accessible to students and professors.

At the end of the boardwalk is a side trail that leads to a wildlife observation tower. The 20-foot tower allows students to get a different view of the wildlife.

The Weather Station has been in use since 1977, measuring average daily temperatures, median daily temperatures, minimum and maximum daily temperatures, humidity, weekly precipitation and soil temperature.

Anyone is welcome to walk along the trail to observe wildlife or just to exercise. More information on the Field Station is located on Westminster's website under the outdoor lab icon.

Scrawl coffeehouse seeks to explore artistic talent on campus

By Laura Stanley
STAFF WRITER

The literary magazine, *Scrawl*, invited members of the school community to read poetry, short stories or play music at a coffee house last Thursday at the Down Under.

"It was very nice. We had a large intimate gathering," participant Salim Taylor said. "It was a lot of friends within a large group."

Volunteers read their own poetry and shared thoughts and reflections. The material dealt with love, anger, confusion and inspiration.

Musicians Beth Staley and Derrick "Kid Sparkle" Bash also performed.

"It was a lot of fun. It's cool to hear other people's poetry and to share your own," coffeehouse attendee Christian "Rice" Reifsteck said.

The coffeehouse began at 7:30 p.m. and ran until 9:30 p.m. Free refreshments were provided.

Coffeehouse organizer Andi Majot said there will be another one in the spring.

According to Majot, the purpose of the coffeehouse was "to show there are artistic literary groups on campus. We have a lot of events focused on fraternities, sororities and sports events, but not very many on artistic groups."

"I thought there'd be more people, but I wasn't completely surprised that not many people showed up," Majot said. "Next time I won't buy as many cookies."

Scrawl publishes an annual magazine of poetry, short stories and drawings done by the faculty and students of Westminster.

The publication is currently accepting submissions for its 2000 edition.

Submissions can be poetry, photography, short stories or artwork. Participants can send entries to Box 159 before Dec. 10th. All entries will be judged anonymously. *Scrawl* requires that participants include their name and box number on each entry.

Family Health Council seeks to provide confidential treatment

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

For the fourth consecutive year, Family Health Council of New Castle is working with the Student Health Center to provide low-cost, confidential treatment for both male and female students.

Every third Wednesday, nurse practitioner Terril McBride and a secretary come to the Student Health Center to administer physical exams, provide education and supplies of birth control, and to give pregnancy tests, HIV tests and free advice. McBride can also prescribe drugs and refer students to a gynecologist as needed.

Students are charged on a sliding scale for the procedures, and most types of health insurance is accepted.

To ensure complete confidentiality, the records that are used by McBride and Family Health Council are kept completely separate from the main records of students at Westminster.

"Other than the making of the appointment, the Student Health Center knows nothing of what goes on. It is very confidential," said Judy Duda, the director of the student health center.

McBride sees students by appointment from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. That time usually accommodates eight to ten patients. If necessary, McBride stays over time to help extra students.

"I know they are helpful because their schedule is always full. Sometimes it is so full that students go to the main office in New Castle. If the student does not have a way to get there, we can provide transportation for them," Duda said.

The college has been in a contract with Family Health Council since the fall of 1996 and has received positive student feedback during that time.

"There are a few questions about it on the Student Affairs Survey. Every year they get favorable reviews. The students that have experienced their service are always very pleased," Duda said.

Some students might already be familiar with Family Health Council or the type of work they do.

"The services Family Health Council provides are very similar to places like Planned Parenthood. Some students might have had something like that in their hometowns," Duda said.

To make an appointment with Family Health Council, students are instructed to call the Student Health Center at EXT. 7927.

Memorial scholarship honors alumna's musical passion

Contributed Photo
Patricia and Gerald Hodge

By Kylee Ellis
STAFF WRITER

After the death of former student Patricia Agnew Hodge in Feb. 1998, her husband and three grown children were in search of a meaningful way to honor her lifelong passion for music. After much thought, they decided to establish The Patricia Agnew Hodge Music Scholarship.

The award is a merit scholarship offered to students with high GPA's studying music or music education from several Mercer County schools. The districts include Greenville, Reynolds and Jamestown school districts.

"This is a great opportunity for up coming freshman to take advantage of winning this scholarship," said M. Thomas Taylor, development officer of foundation relations.

The annual scholarship is renewable for four years, provided students remain music majors and maintain a grade point average of a "B" or better.

"We knew that Westminster was an excellent college with a strong music program that was popular with area students," said Gerald Hodge, Patricia's husband.

"The scholarships are based solely on merit to encourage and reward students for working so hard and doing well."

Patricia Hodge was an elementary school teacher in Mount Lebanon, Pa, taught the piano until 1997 and was a substitute music teacher in Greenville and Reynolds school districts.

Gerald Hodge takes pleasure in knowing that the scholarships may initially benefit some of his wife's former students.

Former PE teacher moves to admissions department

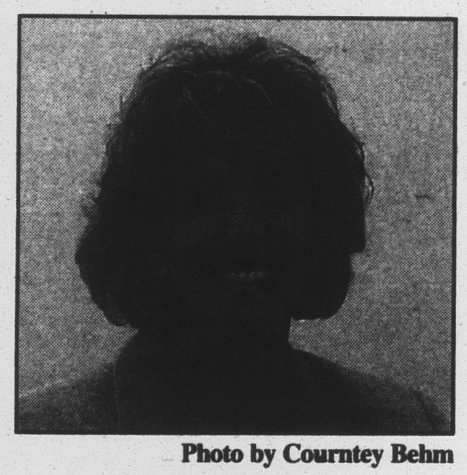


Photo by Courntey Behm
Gina Sharbaugh

By Megan Salsberger
STAFF WRITER

Regina Marie Sharbaugh, former twelve-year instructor in the Physical Education Department and twelve-year director of the Dance Theatre program, has assumed the position of admissions counselor this year.

After applying for the position in March, she was offered the job and later accepted in May.

As the new admissions counselor, Sharbaugh is responsible for recruiting prospective college students, which includes interviewing, traveling to area high schools, processing applications and organizing overnight programs.

"I was excited to extend my Westminster family from my current position. The fact that I have been teaching here for the past twelve years has given me the chance to know the kind of student that typically goes here," Sharbaugh said.

But more importantly, Sharbaugh feels she possesses "the qualities that would impact or influence a prospective student of Westminster College."

She feels she brings her "personality and enthusiasm to the position," and enjoys working with an "enthusiastic, hard working and personable staff."

In this position, Sharbaugh has had the opportunity to work on a new overnight recruiting project with Professor Leslie Thomas of the Theatre Department. The project involves inviting students to spend the night with a student host, have dinner and attend an ice-cream mixer at the Down Under, attend the production of The Miracle Worker, and take part in Campus Visitation Day.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of putting this project together," Sharbaugh commented.

She also attended the PASSCAC Convention for admissions counselors held at Seven Springs this past June.

"The convention was quite informative for a first timer," she said. "It provided me the opportunity to learn from colleagues in the field of college admissions, which helped me to identify with individuals and the association."

Sharbaugh graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor's of Science in Physical Education, and went on to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale to earn her Master's degree in Science with an emphasis in Dance.

"I began my dancing career with lessons here and there throughout my younger years, but it was not until I attended Slippery Rock University that I became seriously interested in Dance," Sharbaugh said.

She began teaching dance here in 1987 when former director Christine Cobb gave up the position. Cobb and her husband Thom, Sharbaugh's dance instructor at the time and current teacher in the dance department at SRU, contacted her about the position at Westminster.

Dance Theatre holds an annual spring concert, and as an organization attends the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention every other year at the Seven Springs Convention Center.

"I believe that it is important to educate our audiences on dance as a true art form," Sharbaugh said.

In her twelve years with the Physical Education Department, Sharbaugh was the instructor of the Jazz, Modern, Folk Dancing and kickboxing classes offered to students.

"I feel such reward in sharing my expertise as a dancer and as an instructor and in being able to work with students who share the same passion for dance," Sharbaugh said.

Sharbaugh, 41, currently resides in New Wilmington with her husband Ed and three children Cara, 15, Ryan, 13, and Carson, 8.

Although she had to give up her position in the Physical Education Department this year due to the numerous responsibilities she has undertaken, Sharbaugh plans to remain at the helm of Dance Theatre.

Outside of her Westminster activities, Sharbaugh is the director of the St. James Liturgical Dance Group, and enjoys yoga, kickboxing, and spending time with her family. She was also the gymnastic/movement education director at the New Castle YMCA for two years.

"Sure, there will be times that this new job conflicts with other areas in my life, but what job doesn't?" Sharbaugh said. "I have always liked my connection with Westminster College and the people I have come to know. It also helps tremendously that I have a strong support system at home."

Dr. Ji-moon to speak on Korean women writers

By Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

Dr. Suh Ji-moon, a professor of English at Korea University, will speak on Korean women writers of the 1990s at 7 p.m. this Monday in Beeghly Theater.

Suh Ji-moon is coming to New Wilmington this weekend to continue collaborating on a book of Korean War poems with Dr. James Perkins.

Perkins met Suh Ji-moon last fall when he was in Korea teaching at Seoul National University during his sabbatical. They met at a conference of The American Studies Association of Korea where she learned he was a published poet.

It was then that they decided to take a variety of Korean War poems written by men and women in or affected by the war from 1950 to 1953 and translate them into English for the first time.

"Although an award-winning translator, she is not familiar with writing poetry," Perkins said. "So she does a rough translation and I tinker with them to make them feel more like poems."

They've looked at over 150 poems so far and want to put together a book of about 100 poems.

"She keeps coming up with more so we have to decide what will be left in or taken out," Perkins said.

An award-winning translator, Suh Ji-moon's credentials also include her column, written in English, which ran for over a decade in the Korea Times. The 1988 publication of her book, *Faces in the Well* features a collection of these columns as well.

Suh Ji-moon is currently in the United States studying feminist theory at Stanford University. She plans to use her studies to support courses in feminism and women's literature at Korea University when she returns.

"I knew nothing about Korea when I went over," Perkins said. "I found the people to be bright and funny and generous and Suh Ji-moon is a perfect example of that combination."

The English Department, the Foreign Language Department, and the Diversity Symposium jointly sponsor Suh Ji-moon's lecture. It is free and open to the public.

Contributed Photo
Jim Perkins andSuh Ji-moon

"Suh Ji-moon is a delightful individual, and I believe our students would be enriched by meeting her and listening to her," Perkins said.

Sigma Kappa celebrates 125th anniversary

By Melissa Wiley
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Alpha Sigma Chapter of Sigma Kappa celebrated its 125th anniversary with a luncheon and ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 11:30 a.m. in Russell Dining Hall.

During the luncheon, the sorority welcomed family, friends and alumni to kick off Cherishing Memories, Celebrating Dreams, the year-long celebration of the sorority, which was founded at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, on Nov. 9, 1874.

During the ceremony, the sisters recognized their five founders, Elizabeth Gorham Hoag, Mary Low Carver, Ida Mae Fuller Pierce, Frances Elliott Mann Hall, and Louise Helen Coburn. The sorority also presented President R. Thomas Willaimson with an anniversary proclamation celebrating the sorority's strong relationship with the college.

Sigma Kappa has also sent a monetary donation to the Shenango Home. The donation will be added to a benevolent fund that serves to assist residents having financial difficulties.

"We always enjoy celebrating our yearly anniversaries, but this year with it being 125 years we wanted to celebrate even more," said Missy Sutmire, president of Sigma Kappa. "Having President Williamson attend so that we could not only celebrate our sorority, but also our relationship with Westminster truly made the day extra special," she added.

Nationally, Sigma Kappa has 112 collegiate chapters, 140 alumnae chapters and over 120,000 members. The sorority is dedicated to academic excellence, personal character and service to society.

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of the Mock Convention, Renninger has become a strong proponent of extracurricular activities.

The Last Lecture Series is an opportunity to see the specific passions of the professors outside the classroom. The concept is to have a professor give a lecture as if it were to be his/her last.

"It brings out the personal qualities of the professor. Each professor chooses a topic they feel passionately about and want to share with the students," senior Janae Mehalik said after hearing the first lecture given by Keen Compher.

"It gives us a chance to be a professor," Compher said. "A professor is one who professes what they believe to be true."

Compher spoke about human sexuality. He wanted his knowledge to help the students have a better understanding of the topic.

"After listening to Dr. Compher, I have a different view on human sexuality," said residence director Kim Quist.

Residence Directors Quist and Rebecca Lance organized the series. The goal is to create interaction between faculty, staff and students.

"The faculty is viewed as the givers of wisdom and the staff as the troubleshooters for students," Quist said.

She hopes the interaction of the three will create a more well-rounded perception of each and boost programming.

This is the first year for the Series. Five lectures remaining, and each counts toward head of the class.

A large number of students turned out for the first lecture, and the same is expected for the second. Locations are subject to change. Snacks and beverages are provided to those who attend. For more information, contact Kim Quist EXT. 7693.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Y2K only small deterant in New Year's plans

By Barbara Vancheri
POST-GAZETTE

Although you may be planning to ring in the year 2000 in a quiet celebration at home (just you, your jugs of water, canned food and extra cash from the ATM), an estimated 37 million adult Americans say they're likely to travel over the New Year's weekend.

A telephone survey of Americans found that 76 percent were "not at all likely" or "not very likely" to take a vacation when the annual odometer turns over to 2000. They either want to spend the holiday at home or are turned off by possible Y2K computer glitches, claustrophobic crowds, lack of time or money.

That leaves a combined 24 percent who said they were very or somewhat likely to travel. And three out of five of them planned to use their own car, truck or RV - with only a third intending to fly, which is seen as dicey by nervous vacationers.

At last count, there were 225 First Night celebrations planned, including one in Pittsburgh.

Cleveland may boast the world's largest light bulb, but Pittsburgh promises the city's largest game of musical chairs. And, strangely enough, it has nothing to do with saving parking spaces during a snowstorm.

Fayette County couple accused of child abuse

By Joe Abramowitz
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

A Fayette County couple accused of using tape and a makeshift straitjacket to keep a 5-year-old boy in his bedroom waived their rights to preliminary hearings on Monday.

Connie Frances Misiewicz, 40, and Edward Sylvester Misiewicz, 42, both of 61 Dunlap Creek Village, Redstone Township, waived the hearings on the advice of the public defender's office.

Senior District Justice Emil Bertugli of Redstone Township ordered them held for court. The Misiewiczes each face charges of unlawful restraint and endangering the welfare of a child.

Prosecutors allege that from Oct. 1 to Oct. 25, the couple repeatedly restrained Nelson James Richardson Jr. in his bedroom at their Fayette County Housing Authority residential unit.

Connie Misiewicz is Nelson's biological mother. Edward Misiewicz is the boy's stepfather.

State police arrested the couple Nov. 1 after being contacted by the boy's biological father, Nelson James Richardson Sr., an inmate in the Mercer County Jail.

Richardson Sr. told police that he learned of the alleged abuse from his older son, Russell Richardson, 20. Both Russell Richardson and his fiancee, Marsha Lynn Brewer, a frequent baby sitter, allegedly witnessed the purported abuse.

The Misiewiczes allegedly taped the boy's mouth, eyes, hands and feet with masking tape, both in his bed and in a steel utility chair. In addition, the couple allegedly fashioned a homemade straitjacket from a large flannel shirt, which was placed on Richardson with the buttons down the back.

According to court records, the child often was left for periods of up to nine hours in the darkened bedroom, which contained only a urine-soaked mattress.

During periods when Nelson was not restrained, he worked to build a tunnel through a plasterboard wall in his bedroom closet to the kitchen in an effort to get food.

Investigators said the boy appeared to be malnourished.

Nelson and his four sisters - ages 4, 8, 10 and 12 years - were removed from the home and now are in foster care.

Both Connie and Edward Misiewicz allegedly told police that they committed the acts because Nelson was eating paint chips and acting inappropriately.

Pastor rehired

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a pair of death row appeals that raised a sweeping capital-punishment issue: Is it cruel and unusual punishment to execute someone long after his conviction and death sentence?

The justices, by an 8-1 vote, turned away arguments aimed at sparing the lives of death row inmates Carey Dean Moore in Nebraska and Askari Abdullah Muhammad in Florida.

The two have been on death row for 19 and 24 years, respectively.

Justice Stephen G. Breyer voted to hear arguments in the cases, but four votes are needed to grant such review.

"Where a delay, measured in decades, reflects the state's constitutionally own failure to comply with the Constitution's demands, the claim that time has rendered the execution inhuman is a particularly strong one," Breyer wrote.

Justice Clarence Thomas took the extraordinary step of writing an opinion concurring in the court's denial of review.

"I am unaware of any support in the American constitutional tradition or in this court's precedent for the proposition that a defendant can avail himself of the panoply of appellate and collateral procedures and then complain when his execution is delayed," Thomas said.

Over the years, both prisoners have actively pursued numerous appeals of their murder convictions and death sentences.

NATIONAL

Non-profit College Board launches $30 million website

By Mary Beth Marklein
USA TODAY

For $10, you can plug your vital statistics into a software program and learn your chances of getting into more than 150 of the most selective colleges. For $99, your application essay can be reviewed online. For $300 to $3,000, you can get a package of services including tutoring, help on writing essays and securing top-notch recommendations. Some employers now offer coaching services as a benefit.

And if that isn't enough to convince you that the business of college preparation is more cutthroat than ever, consider that the College Board, a non-profit group founded in 1900 to encourage equity in college admissions, is launching a $30 million for-profit Web site.

"That was the shocker, the final nail in the coffin," said college placement consultant Howard Greene, based in Westport, Conn. College Board officials insist the nascent profit subsidiary does nothing to change the company's mission.

But to Greene and others in the field, the decision to go commercial underscores everything that has gone wrong with a once-dignified and logical process, from the rise of the test-preparation industry to the creation of college marketing departments and through to the hysteria surrounding the process among some families today.

"I don't know how we get out of this, because it's a multibillion-dollar industry," said Joyce Smith, executive director of the National Association for College Admission Counseling in Alexandria, Va.

Smith, a 25-year veteran of the field, saidthe industry is preying on fear, a fear that feeds on the American philosophy that everyone should have the opportunity to get a college education.

"A lot of this is 'Am I going to get the chance to get that education that I'm promised?' " Smith said. "But it's not just (about) the right to attend college; it's the right to attend the best college."

—In Brief

HMO to relent on managed care principle

DALLAS - UnitedHealth Group, the nation's second largest health insurer, plans to discontinue a type of red tape that has vexed many patients: It will give doctors, not administrators, the final say on what treatments are medically necessary. Officials said UnitedHealth will announce Tuesday that it will grant doctors decision-making ability on their patients' treatments, even if the insurer's staffers believe such services aren't medically necessary.

UnitedHealth, which covers 14.5 million people across the country, paid more money to scrutinize and deny questionable treatments than the practice saved, according to Dr. Archelle Georgiou, the Minneapolis-based company's chief medical officer.

Parents charged in fire

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The parents of five children killed in a 1997 fire have been accused of setting the blaze deliberately to kill the kids and collect insurance. Ricky Lee Brown and his wife, Barbara, are accused along with a housemate of setting the blaze to collect more than $61,000 in insurance on the house and children. "They did this because they were tired of their children. Their children interfered with their lifestyles," a federal prosecutor said. Brown signed a contract for a new house in the country just three weeks after burying his children. The defense is expected to begin its case Tuesday. If convicted, Brown could face the federal death penalty. His wife and the housemate, Janette Ables, are being tried separately.

INTERNATIONAL

Pope asks religious leaders to accept conversions

By Alessandra Stanley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW DELHI — Summoning all his moral authority, Pope John Paul II tried Sunday to persuade leaders of other religions that interfaith understanding should lead them to recognize the Roman Catholic Church's right to evangelize.

"Religious freedom constitutes the very heart of human rights," the pope, on a three-day visit to India, said at an interreligious gathering that included Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Jews and representatives of several other faiths.

"Its inviolability is such that individuals must be recognized as having the right even to change their religion, if their conscience so demands."

But that is an argument that many religious leaders in India accept only with difficulty. Christian conversions are at the heart of a political and religious dispute that has made the 79-year-old pope's visit a tense one.

Christian proselytizing is fuel for Muslim fundamentalists, but it is also a source of uneasiness between the pope and some of his more moderate and like-minded religious peers.

"Conversions are a fundamental right," Samdhong Rinpoche, a Buddhist monk who is the speaker of the Tibetan Parliament in exile, said after leaving the podium he shared with the pope. "But what we fear is that between indoctrination and anybody's inner-consciousness to choose his religion, there is a clean line."

The pope, who came to India to close a synod of Asian bishops, has declared the evangelization of Asia, where Catholics remain a tiny minority, to be one of the church's top priorities for the next millenni-

NATO attacks kill prisoners

By Carlotta Gall
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBRAVA, Kosovo — The high, red brick walls of Dubrava prison tell little. Like the modern police buildings outside, they bear signs of bomb damage from NATO attacks in May this year, but that is only half the story.

Just inside the prison walls there are piles of abandoned clothes, drenched by months of rain but still giving off the stench of human corpses.

The smell pervades the prison buildings inside, a reminder of the horror that gripped the prison for five days in late spring, when NATO bombing and the Serbian rampage against Kosovo's Albanians combined to turn this prison into what Spanish peacekeepers who now guard the buildings depict as a site of murderous mayhem.

Prisoners were trapped first by NATO bombing, which killed at least 23 prisoners, and then by masked Serbian police forces, who killed more than 100 other Albanian inmates in running battles raging through the prison for two days.

The blood and smell of death remain, nearly six months later. Bedding and clothes are strewn all over the extensive grounds where prisoners dragged them out to sleep outside in an attempt to avoid the NATO air strikes.

In a nearby village named Rakos, the war crimes tribunal has reportedly found 97 bodies in a mass grave, thought to be the bodies of inmates from the prison. Investigators from the tribunal at The Hague have exhumed the site, and they have also investigated what happened at the prison. They have not yet released any public findings.

Mexico holds first primary presidential election

By Julia Preston
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY — Franciso Labastida Ochoa, the candidate of the establishment in Mexico's governing party, won a decisive victory on Sunday in the party's first presidential primary election, rapid vote counts and early official returns showed. But his main opponent moved to open a battle over the results.

In a televised address to the nation after the polls closed, President Ernesto Zedillo said his party's first competitive primary had been generally orderly and "genuinely democratic," and would "without a doubt strengthen the democracy of the nation as a whole."

With 27 percent of the votes counted, Labastida was winning 248 out of 300 electoral districts, while his chief rival, Roberto Madrazo Pintado, was trailing far behind with only 22 districts. A rapid count by Warren Mitofsky, a pollster, for the Televisa television network showed that Labastida would win as many as 270 districts.

Labastida has a strong chance of winning the presidential election next July 2.

Madrazo, a former governor of Tabasco state with long experience at fighting tenaciously when he is behind in a race, seemed ready to try to prove to elections authorities that he had won and, failing that, to make dozens of formal complaints about inequities during the campaign and the voting.

The primary broke with seven decades of authoritarian tradition in which the incumbent president hand-picked his successor in a ritual known as the finger-tap. Despite the contention over the results, the vote was regarded across the political spectrum as a historic

Israel and Palestinians begin peace treaty talks

By REUTERS

AMALLAH, West Bank — Israel and the Palestinians started intensive talks Monday on a final peace treaty, sharply divided on the most sensitive issues in their century-old conflict.

The meeting in the Palestinian-ruled town of Ramallah lasted less than two hours but negotiators said afterwards they planned to reconvene Thursday and hold several sessions each week to try to forge a framework agreement in about 100 days.

"We recognize the enormity of the problems, we are aware of the differences in our positions, which will reveal themselves in the days of negotiations ahead of us," chief Israeli negotiator Oded Eran told a news conference after the session.

Israel and the PLO aim to move beyond their interim peace deals and reach a formal treaty by September resolving the issues at the heart of their conflict, including the future of Jerusalem and of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza.

They must also resolve the fate of Palestinian refugees displaced in 1948 and 1967. There are some 3.6 million U.N.-registered refugees in the West Bank and Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Palestinians say the figure is five million.

Palestinians want the talks to lead to an independent state in all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip with Arab East Jerusalem as its capital.

Bush honored

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN (AP) — Former President Bush was honored Monday for his role in the fall of the Berlin Wall 10 years ago.

Bush met with two other Cold War leaders, Helmut Kohl and Mikhail Gorbachev, to celebrate their collaboration in a historic milestone - the opening of the Wall on Nov. 9, 1989, and the ensuing diplomacy that ensured German unification and redrew the map of Europe.

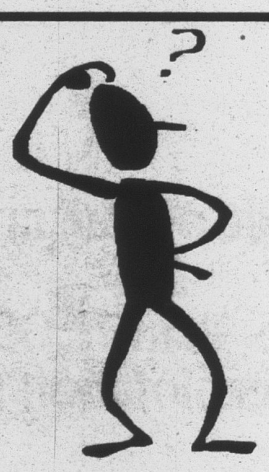
Bush was awarded honorary citizenship of Berlin in a sentimental ceremony led by Kohl and attended by Gorbachev.

Kohl, the chancellor who ended Germany's East-West division with stunning speed 11 months after the Wall fell, credited Bush with a good deal of the momentum of the "incredible" pace of events that swept away the Cold War order.

Both former leaders honored the third - and perhaps most important - player in the drama, former Soviet leader Gorbachev, whose reform policies ultimately brought down communism and paved the way for German unification.

Kohl, whose deft diplomacy overcame wariness in Britain and France about quick unification, expressed pride that united Germany has remained a stable democracy firmly anchored in Europe.

He commended Bush for "trusting the Germans," but added that U.S.-German relations have to be kept alive as memories fade of American protection for West Germany during the Cold War.



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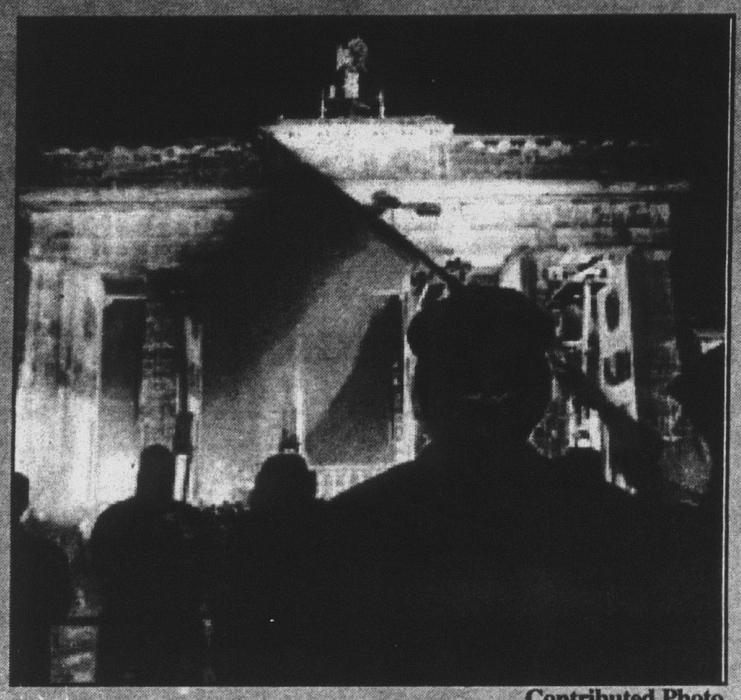
Germany celebrates 10 year anniversary of fall of Berlin Wall



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THE MICROSOFT MONOPOLY

Government wins; Microsoft ruled a monopoly

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran
WASHINGTON POST

Microsoft Corp. has used its unparalleled dominance in the computer industry to bully rivals and squelch competition, a federal judge ruled last Friday in a stinging decision that lays the foundation for a final judgment that could fundamentally realign the multibillion-dollar technology industry.

Addressing for the first time the key factual issues in the government's long-running antitrust battle with the software giant, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson cast Microsoft as a voracious monopolist that has hindered innovation, harmed consumers and run roughshod over its rivals.

"Microsoft has demonstrated that it will use its prodigious market power and immense profits to harm any firm that insists on pursuing initiatives that could intensify competition against one of Microsoft's core products," Jackson wrote in a 207-page ruling. "The ultimate result is that some innovations that would truly benefit consumers never occur for the sole reason that they do not coincide with Microsoft's self-interest."

Jackson's "findings of fact" stopped short of concluding whether Microsoft's aggressive business behavior violates the Sherman Antitrust Act. The judge will address that issue in another ruling that likely will be released early next year, assuming the government and the company do not reach an out-of-court settlement.

But legal specialists said yesterday's ruling, which almost exclusively sided with the government's courtroom depiction of Microsoft as an unrestrained behemoth, sets the stage for the judge to rule that the company has broken the law and to slap it with stiff sanctions. The remedies could range from requiring an end to certain practices to possibly forcing Microsoft to split itself into separate companies.

The Justice Department's antitrust chief, Joel I. Klein, hailed the ruling as an "important victory" that shows that "in America, no person and no company is above the law."

Microsoft executives maintained that their actions have not broken the law and said they plan to continue their legal fight. "We respectfully disagree with a number of the court's findings, and believe the American legal system ultimately will affirm that Microsoft's actions and innovations were fair and legal, and have brought tremendous benefits to millions of consumers," Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates said in a statement.

In the lawsuit, the Justice Department and 19 states alleged that Microsoft used a variety of illegal business tactics to monopolize the market for PC operating systems with its Windows software and to extend its dominance into the burgeoning market for Internet browsing software.

The case, which seeks to apply antitrust laws drafted in the age of railroad and oil monopolies to the fast-changing world of technology, could create a legal precedent in the same league as the government's breakups of Standard Oil Co. in 1911 and AT&T Corp. in 1984.

Is the bullying over for IBM?

IBM, the poor dear, was being bullied. Microsoft, according to an IBM official who testified at the antitrust trial, said it would deny IBM a license to use Microsoft's Windows operating system unless IBM agreed not to promote products that compete with various Microsoft products.

IBM refused to make that concession. And got the license anyway.

Attorney General Janet Reno says Microsoft's behavior has had the effect of "impairing the ability of Microsoft's competitors to obtain financing for research and development."

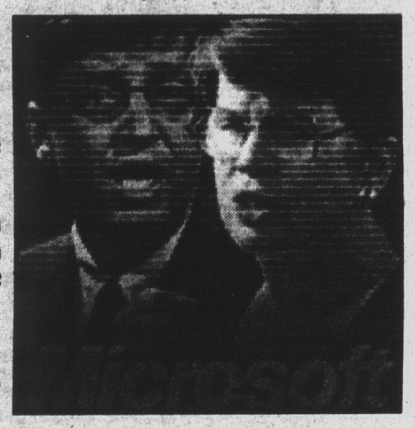
Joel Klein, assistant attorney general for antitrust, says the government will seek "serious remedial redress" for "harm to innovation" because "products that would have come to market were impaired." It will be fascinating to see to what extent this involves postulating harms - perhaps correctly, but certainly problematically - resulting from the nonexistence of hypothetical products.

Still, Microsoft has a large incentive to settle before the next stage, at which it probably will be formally branded a monopoly.

Microsoft has made some ten-thumbed efforts at self-defense, including its lobbying to cut the funding of the Justice Department's antitrust division. But the damage Microsoft can do, to itself or the economy, pales in comparison with the damage government can do trying to lasso the whippet of high-tech industry with a lariat woven of laws from an era long before the perpetual hurricane of creative destruction began howling through an industry that may be subject to a series of highly perishable supremacies.

MICROSOFT HISTORY

ORIGIN: Founded in Albuquerque in 1975 by Bill Gates, 19, and Paul Allen, 21. Gates soon drops out of Harvard. In 1979, they move the company to the Seattle area, where both grew up.



IBM DEAL: In 1980, Microsoft licenses its personal computer operating system to IBM. Microsoft retains ownership of the system, meaning that the company will collect a fee each time IBM loads the software onto a machine.

APPLE'S CHALLENGE: Apple Computer in 1984 introduces the Macintosh, which offers a graphic-based navigation system, with a mouse for users to point-and-click.

WINDOWS: Microsoft in November 1985 releases its Windows operating system, similar to the Mac but widely judged as a slower and inferior product.

GOING PUBLIC: Microsoft sells stock at $21 a share in March 1986; Gates becomes the industry's first billionaire a year later.

A BETTER WINDOWS: The company finally refines its Windows system and releases version 3.0 in May 1990, a product that becomes popular enough to overwhelm any opportunity for Apple or anyone else to claim a large slice of the market. The company's practices in building market share come under scrutiny. Microsoft eventually signs a consent decree with the government, agreeing to stop some of its practices.

THE INTERNET: Microsoft is slow to recognize the importance of the Internet. But alarmed by the growth of the Web browser developed by Netscape Communications Corp., the company finally embraces the new medium in 1995. It releases its Internet Explorer browser - again, judged an inferior product at first - and launches a series of Web-based software and content initiatives.

THE ANTITRUST CASE: In 1997, the Justice Department sues Microsoft, alleging the company violated the 1994 consent decree by forcing computer makers to feature its Web browser. On Friday, Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson issues preliminary findings that Microsoft harmed consumers by using its monopoly power to stifle competition and innovation.

Microsoft still sees options

Microsoft Corp. may have taken a pounding in the first round of its antitrust case, but some legal specialists say it's too early to predict a knockout.

In a searing ruling issued on Friday evening, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson declared Microsoft a monopolist that has stymied innovation and injured consumers with its aggressive tactics. Jackson's "findings of fact" sided with virtually every one of the government's allegations and rejected almost every part of Microsoft's defense.

That significantly strengthens the Justice Department's hand in any settlement talks and raises the likelihood that Jackson will impose a tough penalty - even breaking up the company - when the case enters the remedy phase next year.

Still, Microsoft is hardly cornered. It has viable, though somewhat risky, options that fall well short of wave-the-white-flag surrender, according to legal experts.

The company could drag out the proceedings for years, hoping that changes in the high-tech market make the case seem anachronistic. The company could also take its chances with the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, wagering that the higher court, which has reversed Jackson before, is more tolerant of Microsoft's brand of aggressive competition.

"Time is on Microsoft's side here," said Robert H. Lande, a law professor at the University of Baltimore. "Two years from now, when the Supreme Court gets the case, Microsoft can make the argument that the factual record is obsolete."

Gates' emotional link to Windows may be self-destructing

Suddenly, Microsoft seems vulnerable.

Microsoft's continued reign as the most powerful force in the technology world is at risk - and not just because a federal judge on Friday dealt the company a staggering blow in its antitrust battle with the government, ruling that the firm has used its market clout to hobble competition, stifle innovation and harm consumers.

Outside the courtroom in the fast-moving technology marketplace, Microsoft faces equally daunting challenges as the Internet expands personal computing beyond the desktop. Several of the largest PC manufacturers, including Compaq Computer Corp. and Dell Computer Corp., have started backing away from their singular devotion to Windows. Not only have they begun selling machines outfitted with a rival operating system called Linux, but they're developing a new generation of slimmed-down computers that could include no Microsoft software at all.

Meanwhile, Microsoft's much-vaunted new operating system for businesses, Windows 2000, is two years behind schedule. Industry observers question whether the company's billionaire co-founder, Bill Gates, is too emotionally committed to Windows at the expense of other technologies, a debate that may have contributed to the recent departure of several key executives responsible for Windows and Internet strategy. And arch-rival Sun Microsystems Inc. is mounting a direct attack on Microsoft's highly profitable Office software suite by distributing word processing programs, spreadsheets and other everyday applications over the Internet - for free.

SPORTS

In rememberance, athletes come first?

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

In the past few weeks, three well-known athletes have died. First, golfer Payne Stewart was killed in a plane crash. Next, racecar driver Greg Moore crashed during a race and was fatally injured. Then, football legend Walter Payton died of a rare liver disease and cancer.

These men were incredibly gifted athletes, and Stewart and Moore had long careers ahead of them. Unfortunately, the fact that these men are famous took away from the reality that these incidents happen to people around the world everyday.

Payne Stewart won the U.S. Open last summer, but he will be remembered for his colorful knickers and tam-o-shanter hat.

Walter Payton rushed for 16,726 yards during his 13-year career. He won two Most Valuable Player awards, helped Chicago win a Super Bowl and missed only one game due to injury. Payton retired after the 1987 season, and the Bears immediately retired his No. 34. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993, his first year of eligibility.

Greg Moore won the 1999 season-opener in Florida. He won twice in 1998, winning the Rio 400 and Michigan 500. His first two CART FedEx Series wins came in 1997 when he became the youngest driver to ever win a CART event, at age 22, in Milwaukee.

During the same time of these deaths, EgyptAir Flight 990 crashed into the Atlantic Ocean, off of the coast of Massachusetts, killing 217 passengers. The tragedy of this incident was greatly overshadowed by the news of the professional athletes that had died. The reaction around this campus was the same. In classes, students were saddened about the news of the three athletes, while some did not even know about the plane crash. This is evidence of the belief that the media puts professional athletes above everyone else.

Traveling on Flight 990 were doctors, teachers, mothers, fathers, siblings, friends and acquaintances. At least 340 relatives of the passengers have traveled to Newport, Rhode Island to honor their loved ones, and many more are expected to arrive. Feature articles about the three athletes have surpassed the severity of this plane accident. Yes, the three men were immensely talented. Yes, they were famous and liked throughout the sporting world.

But does this mean that they should be placed on a pedestal above 217 individuals? The deaths of Stewart, Payton and Moore have been rightfully covered in great detail, but the grief of their families and fans have been examined over and over again by the press, while the personal details of the crash victims have been practically ignored.

Athletes and celebrities have been glamorized by the media for decades, and will be for decades to come. The deaths of Stewart, Payton and Moore were tragic and will be remembered by sports fans forever. The plane crash was disastrous to a degree far greater than the athletes' deaths, but the media will concentrate the stories of the athletes because they attract more attention. Unfortunately, the media and general public often overlook the fact that athletes and celebrities are people and not gods.

This will only change when the public shows compassion towards each other as individuals, and not rank humans by their place in society.

Football captures third consecutive win

By Chris Comtois
STAFF WRITER

The football team won its third consecutive game on Saturday, posting a 24-14 victory over Wayne State University. Westminster improved to 3-7 with the win.

The Titans jumped on top midway through the first quarter, following an interception by junior safety Mike Schuler, giving the Titans the ball at the Warrior 21-yard line. Five plays later, kicker Jon McCartney hit a 30-yard field goal to give the Titans a 3-0 lead.

Wayne State struck back with a 12-play, 64-yard touchdown drive late in the first quarter to go up 7-3.

The Titans took the lead for good with a pair of second quarter touchdowns. The first came on a four-yard touchdown rush by tailback Jason Long. The Titans went up 17-7 at halftime after an eight-play 57-yard drive ending with a 29-yard pass from quarterback James Graham to wideout Dan Detwiler with 1:29 left in the half.

"Going into halftime we kept thinking about last year's game against Wayne State and how we took a lead into halftime and watched as they came back to win the game in the second half," senior Don Kelly said. "We knew in order for that to not happen this year we needed to play harder and execute better than we had in the first half."

Wayne State cut the lead to 17-14 on their second possession of the second half. After recovering a Titans fumble at the 34-yeard line, Wayne State drove for a score on a run from two yards out.

The Titans pinned Wayne State on their own one-yard line on a 64-yard punt by McCartney. A short punt by Wayne State allowed the Titans to gain possession at the Wayne State 25-yard line. Two plays later, Graham connected with tight end from 13 yards out for the final score of the game with four seconds left to play in the third quarter.

Wayne State mounted on final scoring threat but the Titan defense held on and stopped the drive on their own 14-yard line.

"We are obviously very pleased with the win today," Coach Scott Renninger said. "We played well as a team and beat a good Wayne State team. We got good plays on both offense and defense with several big plays from the special teams."

Graham led the Titan offense with 229 yards passing while completing 19-of-27 passes. Defensively, Westminster forced five Warrior turnovers, including four interceptions with two by junior free safety Adam Jones, who also recovered a fumble. Jones now leads the GLIAC with five interceptions on the season. Senior inside linebacker David Kern had the Titans' other pickoff.

The Blue & White will close the 1999 season at home 1 p.m. Saturday against GLIAC rival Northern Michigan University (5-4, 5-3 GLIAC).

Volleyball ends season with win against the Hurst

By Brent Wilson
STAFF WRITER

The women's volleyball teams ended their season last weekend with a loss at Gannon on Friday, and a win Saturday against Mercyhurst University.

The team finished with a 15-20 record overall, 2-17 in the GLIAC.

The lady Titans lost Friday at Gannon University with a score of 15-13, 15-7 and 15-5. The top hitter for Westminster was sophomore Meredith Etcher with nine kills. Also, senior Danielle Kean set-up 18 assists, and sophomore Andrea Cronie posted a team-best 39 digs for the Titans. Junior Brooke Engles recorded pair of service aces for Westminster.

Saturday, the Lady Titans played at Mercyhurst University and won the final victory of the season with a score of 15-6, 15-10 and 15-12. Again, Etcher led the Titans with a team-high of eight kills, while Cronie had seven and sophomore Shannon Simmons had six kills. Kean had 26 assist against Mercyhurst and senior Jessica Furman had three blocks in the matches. Also, junior Sarah Verhoff led the team with 10 digs.

Kean leaves the team after having three positions in the school records for top five in digs, service aces and assist.

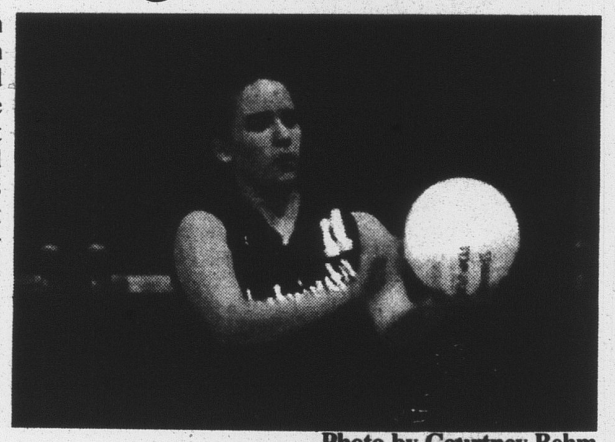


Photo by Courtney Behm
Danielle Kean steps back to serve.

Titans participate in National Child ID program

For the second consecutive year, the Westminster College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will sponsor the National Child ID Program at a Titan football game.

Titan student-athletes representing all 16 varsity sports teams will distribute free child identification kits to all fans as they exit the stadium following the Titan football game vs. Northern Michigan University at 1 p.m. The kits allow parents to take and store their child's fingerprints in their home. If ever needed, the card provides vital information to assist authorities in efforts to locate a missing child.

The National Child Identification Program was created in 1997 by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) with the goal of fingerprinting 20 million children. All 681 NCAA Division I-A, I-AA, II and III have been invited to participate by having kits distributed at a fall football game.

"One part of our athletic mission statement says that we want our student-athletes to project a positive image," Athletic Director Jim Dafler said. "We are very fortunate to have so many quality student-athletes who not only want to be positive role models, but who also want to give something back to the young children in our community. I am proud to see athletes in all our varsity sports pull together for this very worthwhile volunteer effort."

Website honored by Dick Butkas football network

The football Internet website has been honored as a Dick Butkus Football Network (DBFN) 2000 All Pro Site. The site was selected by the DBFN website judging committee based on content excellence.

As part of the honor, the site is now eligible for the 1999 Internet Football Awards, to be voted on on-line from now until the end of the year. Voting takes place at at the Butkus Football Network site at www.dickbutkus.com and at the Internet Sports Awards website at www.isportsnet.com. The winners of the 1999 Internet Football Awards will be announced on January 11, 2000.

The website was created by College Webmaster Dee Drisko and the Information Systems department at Westminster. The site is maintained and updated daily by College Sports Information Director Joe Onderko and the Office of Communication Services at the college.

TITAN BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Young basketball squad to focus on constant improvement

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1999-2000 Women's Basketball Team

By Matt Deegan
STAFF WRITER

Last year was a year to forget for the Lady Titans. This year the ladies look to the future with an enormous recruiting effort that should have the Lady Titans on the top of their game a couple years down the road.

Last year the Lady Titans went 3-23 (0-19) in the GLIAC, but this year they look to improve on that record and make strides in their play.

"Success will be based on constant improvement over the season, not just on wins and loses," head coach Jan Reddinger said.

Coach Reddinger has seen a lot of action since she became the head coach of the Lady Titans. She has seen the Titans move from the NAIA to NCAA Division II and she shall soon see the Titans into Division III and the PAC conference.

"Division II was a step up in competition from the NAIA, and the GLIAC is a very tough conference," Reddinger said.

Reddinger has help with her coaching duties. She is joined on the sidelines by S. Kipley Haas who has been with the Lady Titans for over twenty years. The Lady Titans also have a new face on the sidelines. Jaime Brown will be a coaching intern; she was a 1999 graduate of Buffalo State College.

The Lady Titans are a young team with only one senior, Becky Snyder, who leads the team with her overall effort and drive to victory.

"Becky is an emotional leader on the team. She gives 110 percent whenever she is on the court," Reddinger said.

Snyder will be one of two captains on the team. She is joined by junior Jennifer Naugle who is a three-point specialist for the Lady Titans.

The Titans were led last year by a group of freshmen who now have one year of experience under their belts as sophomores. Robin Thayer led the team in scoring last year, averaging just over ten points per game. Omadee Curry, a tough defensive player, led the ladies with five rebounds per game. She is also working on her offensive game, and improves with each practice.

The Nansen sisters are back, but one won't be seeing the court for a while. Amy Nansen has been lost for the season due to an ACL injury she suffered during the preseason. Julie Nansen should add experience to the shooting guard position.

Desiree Henry will be one of the players who will be battling for a starting position this year. Last year, Henry saw limited action at point guard and hopes her aggressive play will earn her the starting spot.

Henry was excited when talking about the Lady Titans. "We will have a better team than last year, and we have a lot of young players coming in who should make a great impact out on the court."

Henry has a lot of company though with three freshmen point guards giving her heat at every practice. There are two freshmen who should be seeing considerable playing time due to Nansen's injury. Teale Ganster and Samor Himes should provide the spark down low in Nansen's absence. Even if this season isn't as successful as the Lady Titans had hoped, they feel confident of their chances in the PAC conference next year.

"Moving to Division III hasn't hurt our recruiting because Westminster has always looked for a player who can do it on the court and in the classroom," Reddinger commented.

The Lady Titans will first look to this season and their competition in the GLIAC.

1999-2000 ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
10	Desiree Henry	G	5-3	So.
12	Jennifer Petures	G	5-6	Fr.
13	Robin Thayer	G	6-1	So.
14	Sarah Fast	G	5-4	Fr.
15	Kylie Johnson	G	5-4	Fr.
21	Jaime Lynn	G	5-6	Fr.
23	Samor Himes	G/F	5-9	Fr.
24	Ashley Kenney	G	5-6	Fr.
25	Amy Nansen	F	5-11	So.
30	Jennifer Naugle	G	5-9	Jr.
31	Julie Nansen	G	5-7	Jr.
33	Teale Ganster	F	6-0	Fr.
35	Kristen Karatinos	G	5-5	Fr.
43	Omadee Curry	F/C	5-11	So.
45	Becky Snyder	F	5-8	Sr.

Playoff goals unchanged despite tough season schedule

1999-2000 ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
00	Jim Klipa	C	7-0	Jr.
3	Jeff Simmons	G	6-3	Fr.
5	Marty Barnett	G	5-11	So.
10	J.P. Maszczak	G	6-1	Jr.
12	Drew Colosimo	G	5-9	Fr.
14	Rick Giordano	G	6-4	Fr.
15	Shane Lanigan	G	5-11	Jr.-R
20	Rondell Earvin	F	6-3	So.
22	Andy Wormsley	G	6-4	Jr.
24	Ryan Oman	G	6-5	So.
25	Ryan Delaney	F	6-4	Jr.
32	Chad Phillips	F	6-6	Jr.
33	Bryan Conrad	C	6-9	Sr.
34	Greg Foster	C	6-8	Fr.
35	Andy Pazul	F	6-6	Fr.
42	Dan Klipa	F	6-8	Fr.
44	Joe Wilson	F	6-4	Fr.
52	Henry Klinar	F	6-6	Jr.

By Justin Nicholette
STAFF WRITER

This year, the Titan basketball team is back and ready for action. With 18 players (11 of whom are returning from the previous year) they feel well equipped to take the team all the way to the playoffs.

Coach Dafler hopes that this year's start goes as well as the previous one. They began last season with a 7-0 record. This year they will try to do the same.

"We are cautiously optimistic about this year. I feel we have the potential to be a GLIAC playoff caliber team," coach Dafler said.

On Nov. 19th, the team plays Lemoin and California of PA in the Buzz Ridel Classic. The Titans will also battle Michigan Tech in an upcoming game.

The team definitely does not have an easy schedule this year. But Dafler said he was pleased and optimistic about the schedule.

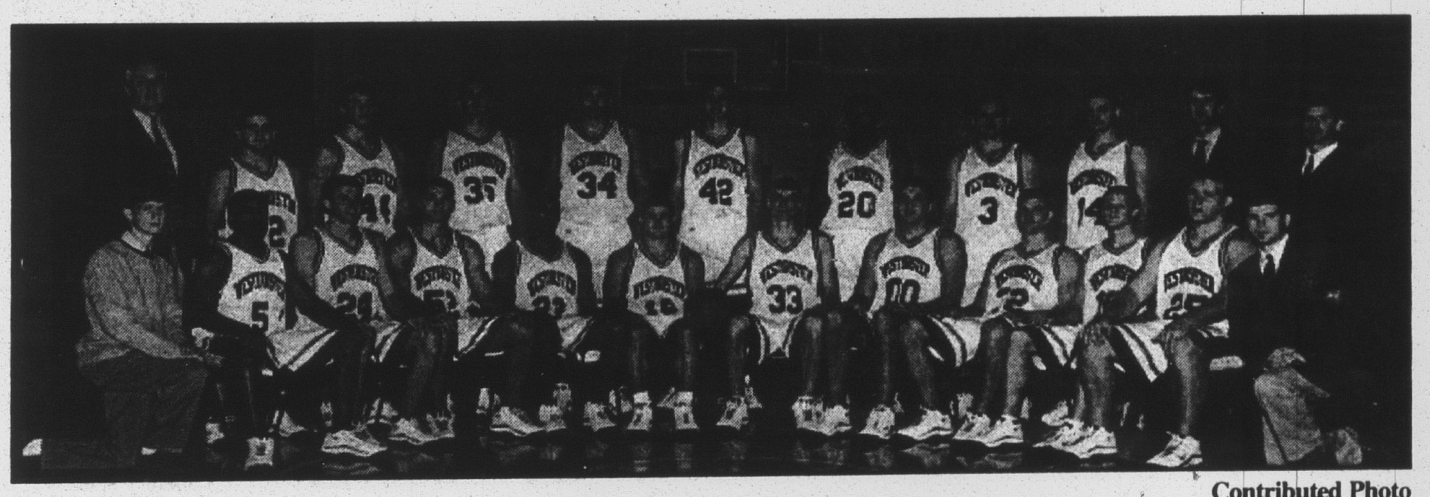
Junior J.P. Maszczak agreed with Dafler, "The experience gained from the previous season will make a huge difference in the way we play this season."

Last Saturday, Dafler announced his starting line for the scrimmage as Klinar, Wormsley, Conrad, Lanigan and Phillips, although this is subject to change throughout the season.

The captains of this years' Titan basketball team are Brian Conrad and Shane Lanigan.

"The fall workouts have been rad, and we're looking forward to a most excellent year," junior Henry Klinar said.

"We have worked hard in the pre-season," Dafler said. "There is a good blend of veteran players as well as newcomers. There are a few injured new players, but all in all, we are ready to go."



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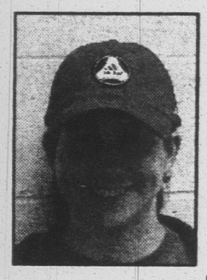
1999-2000 Men's Basketball Team

OPINION

Question of the week

Do you think Microsoft should have been declared a monopoly?

Kristie Stoltsz, junior
"I don't think it's fair. Bill Gates created the system, he doesn't deserve to be punished for it. The government is interfering to make a profit."



Amy Melissa Young, junior
"I think it's good that the government has become involved. Microsoft is a business, it needs to be regulated so innocent people (like college students) are not ripped off."

Brad Campbell, senior
"Although I hate Microsoft, I think it's a terrible decision. It's sad that in the world's most capitalistic country that one is punished for succeeding in capital ism."

Dave Stout, junior
"Everything that goes up must come down."

Peter Hammer, sophomore
"I think it's wrong. Why penalize success?"

Roxanne Taylor, junior
"Microsoft sucked in the first place. Too many buttons to push."

Erin Clohessy, sophomore
"I agree because a lot of non-Microsoft programs are not compatable with Microsoft hardware."

Shannon Driscoll, sophomore
"Microsoft is deterring other companies from competing in the high technology market. I feel the decision is valid."

Kim Zack, freshman
"I think it was a good decision, but way overdue. Microsoft is a monopoly, the products are designed so they are only compatable with other Microsoft products."

OUR VIEW: The Microsoft Giant

The battle has been settled, Microsoft is officially a monopoly. The question is, what does that mean to consumers?

Many are arguing that Microsoft should be broken into pieces because it was controlling the market, dominating other corporations and restricting entry barriers.

However, by drawing Microsoft as a Godzilla-type bully who was plowing over the competitor, these individuals fail to recognize the repercussions of the verdict.

Since the beginning, Microsoft has proclaimed its dedication to the consumer - improving their systems constantly in an effort to be the best. What do they get for it? A declaration stating their efforts to better their company are wrong and that they need to break up the company that they built.

Now, the consumers want options. They want to be able to choose. Well, that's terrific, but by the time the quality and compatibility of the competition catch up, the consumer may be changing their tune. Or perhaps many people will continue to buy Microsoft products in the little pieces the government is forcing them to break into.

Bill Gates is a smart businessman, not the anti-Christ, despite the pictures that the government is trying to paint. He wanted his product and company to be the leader and he achieved his goal. What's wrong with that? Wouldn't every company like to be the best? If they don't, they probably shouldn't be in business.

His strategizing with other corporations such as Netscape isn't a ploy to destroy anything or any other company. It's a plan to make the computer industry easier to use. A conglomerate of related industries is beneficial to the consumers in the fact that the software and programs are inevitably compatible.

The consumer is looking for a good system that is easy to use and effective. However, Linex is the only other comparative system. The problem with this system is that it is not user friendly. It is primarily used for information systems analysts, who know the programs inside and out.

If more systems begin to enter the picture, the compatibility of programs is really going to become a problem. Programs that had worked on the Microsoft systems will not work on the new systems. So, the businesses will begin to change their software in an effort to become compatible, which is going to increase consumer costs while these other companies play catch-up.

FRANKLY, THE STRONGEST WILL SURVIVE AND DO WELL NO MATTER WHAT, SO WHY POSTPONE THE INEVITABLE.

Microsoft has been able to provide a quality service without high costs. Isn't this what consumers want? One would think so, but then the government starts acting like the mother of the beat-up child by coming into the court room trying chastize the bully and take away "his" power. However, (surprise, surprise) analysts are predicting that Microsoft's sharholder value is going to increase. So, though the government might have won initially, Microsoft still has the potential for ending up to be the strongest corporation anyway.

The government wants everyone to have a chance at being successful, which is fine. However, why do you have to punish the corporation that is doing well?

So let's put a half case of Coke in with every case of Pepsi because we feel like Pepsi is dominating the industry. Is that going to make more people drink Coke? No. Is it going to be a royal pain for consumers who have to go buy another case of the Pepsi/Coke mix just to get a full case of Pepsi? Of course.

So, let them break Microsoft up into little pieces. It doesn't mean that consumers are going to continue buying the product; it's just going to be a pain for them to do so. Frankly, the strongest will survive and do well no matter what, so why postpone the inevitable.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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Contributed Editorial

In the end, money is what matters

Staff Editorial
Brown Daily Herald (Brown U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. — These are the Americans who have not benefited as extensively from the economic boom that has spread across the nation, leading to home starts galore, increasingly luxurious lifestyles, and a general sentiment of cozy comfort.

These are the Americans to which the government cannot turn a blind eye. The U.S. Senate just passed a bill that would ostensibly better the lives of those Americans subsisting on minimum wage.

If the current legislation negotiates a Congressional conference committee unchanged, the current $5.15-an-hour minimum wage would increase by 35 cents in March 2000, by 35 additional cents in March 2001 and 30 cents more in March 2002. Still, there are strings attached — strings as thick as rope. Rather than passing legislation without asterisks, the Republican majority insisted on linking $18.4 billion in business tax concessions — opposed by the White House — to the deal.

The Republican members of Senate, still fumed about the September veto by Clinton of the GOP's intended $792 billion tax cut, saw an opportunity to get even. And they did not try to mask their intentions.

"This just seemed like the right combination as far as pulling Republicans together," Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M told the Associated Press. "Sooner or later, a very significant tax reduction for the American people is going to be achieved." Clinton has said he will veto the legislation because he finds unacceptable the way its current language is tied to taxation matters. He has urged Congress to support a $1-an-hour increase over two years instead, without the aforementioned tax cuts.

Sure, advocates of Republican-supported legislation can say that a Clinton-controlled White House will never allow their tax agenda to make its way to Americans — they must put pressure on the President so that he must choose between vetoing legislation, or passing elements he supports along with those of which he disapproves. But is minimum wage the right issue to attach tax cut language — language that is wholly irrelevant to the welfare of those Americans most in need?

If Republican senators wish for tax cuts so dearly, they should find another issue on which to attach their dreams — rather than deferring those of the most powerless Americans.

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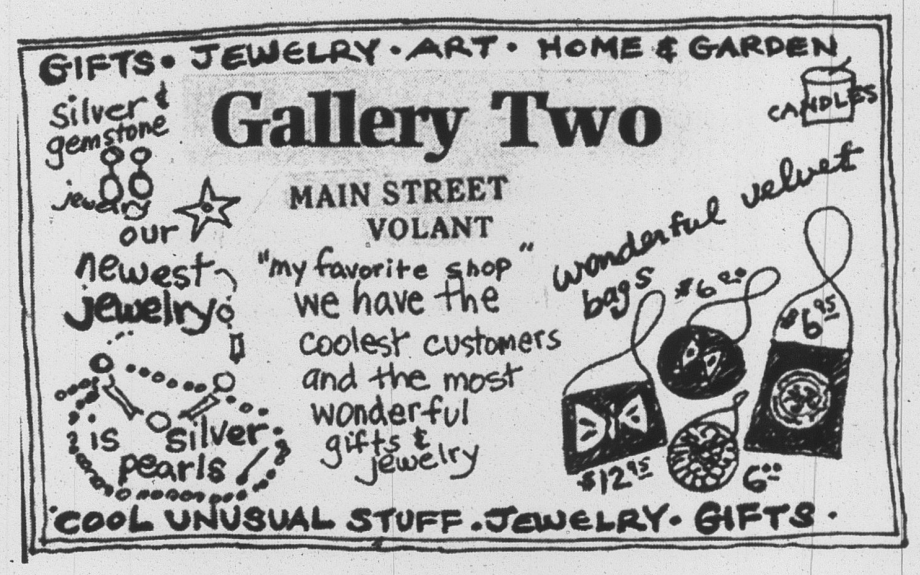

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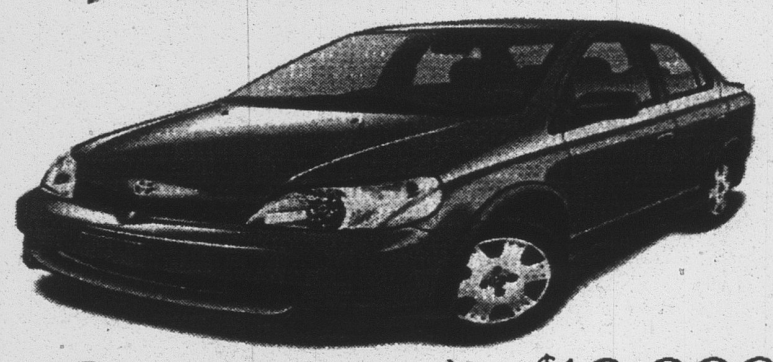

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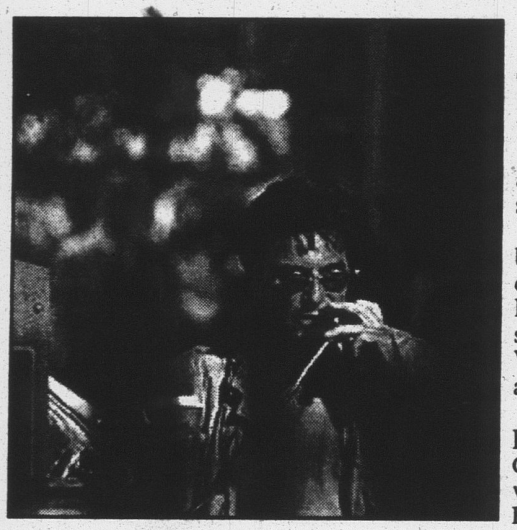
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Ashley "Webster" W.

Zipidee-doo-dah, zipidee-dae, my oh my what a wonderful day. Yes suree Bob. A grand day out. It all began with a fresh pizza pie and some coffee from Primas. Then a lovely Sunday cruise down 60 with me whipping out some of my patented NASCAR moves, which allowed us to arrive in Hermitage in record time to take in this week's choice flick, *The Insider*. Chalk one up for the Gipper!

In Nov. of 1995, *60 Minutes* aired a story, which declared that the tobacco industry had previous knowledge of Nicotine addiction. However, this episode lacked Mike Wallace's interview with former Brown & Williamson scientist Jeffrey Wigand because Wigand's testimony could have ended up in a terrible lawsuit for CBS. However, because of great amounts of persuasion, as well as many other factors the full story was aired three months later. Thus begins one of the largest lawsuits ever, and four years The Insider was made based upon these events.



The Insider is not a documentary, but it is a sensationalized version based upon events, which did happen during this controversy. Director Michael Mann tells a vivid story, which depicts the major occurrences of this scenario and guides the audience through a story of the tobacco industry's conspiracies, big business, the media and the hero of the story Jeffrey Wigand.

The very long movie (158 min) does a great job of keeping a steady amount of high tension taughtness throughout it. It also realistically purveys a strong sense of psychological drama through its main characters Jeffrey Wigand (Russell Crowe) and Lowell Bergman (Al Pacino).

The acting at times was amazing. I was extraordinarily impressed by Crowe's portrayal of Wigand as a traumatized, confused, martyr, as well a Pacino as the morally upstanding Rotweiller infused hero #2 who was gung-ho about keeping his word and triumphing over all odds. Especially exciting was Bruce McGill as a gutsy Mississippi attorney in the deposition scene. That guy scared the hell outta' me.

Overall, the acting was very good and the physical movements as well as tone of voice of Crowe as Wigand came across very well. He's an actor I'd like to see grace the silver screen more often, for his performance was amazing, especially because it was such a demure unpretentious portrayal. Just by watching his actions and listening to his voice you could feel the fear, sense the confusion, and sympathize with the plight of this sad misled soul. However, with the help of ole' Al Pacino, Wigand is vindicated and triumphs, thus making the story worthwhile.

Christopher Plummer played the (somewhat controversial) character of Mike Wallace. I guess the true Mike Wallace had a few ruffled feathers upon reading the original script. However, Plummer did a commendable job of portraying his character, and Wallace was portrayed in a positive light.

Overall, *The Insider* is a psychological thriller, as well as a historically based and interesting movie. It can be a bit slow at times, but is never uninteresting. It is a primarily uplifting tale of man against the corrupt corporate machine and the victorious tale of overcoming it.

Kid tested, mother approved.

Derrick "Kid Sparkle" B.

The biggest downfall of *The Insider* is promotion. With a trailer and commercials that only hint at the intensity and grand scope of this film, *The Insider* may have to rely on word of mouth. Luckily, there's bound to be plenty of it.

Directed by Michael Mann, the Insider, (based on a true story) is an artsy suspense thriller centered on the tobacco industry, and one mans secret that threatens them.

Jeffery Wigand, played by Russell Crowe is the key man here. Fired by tobacco company Brown & Williamson, Wigand holds a secret that could bring them to their knees. After being contacted by Lowell Bergman (Al Pacino) from sixty minutes to help with a story, Wigand starts receiving threats from Brown & Williamson, and the action begins. Wigand decides to come forward with his secret, and the world swirls and crashes around him.

Although they star along side an able cast (Christopher Plummer, Philip Baker Hall, and Gina Gershon) Crowe and Pacino steal the show. Crowe plays the nervous and burnt out, yet strong and heroic Waging with perfection, letting us feel the suffocating stress he must go through. Pacino, excellent as usual, brings his menacing persona to a role of the good guy, with splendid results.

While the main focus of the movie is Wigand taking on the tobacco industry, The Insider takes a look at American society in general, and what drives it, and it's followers: money.

As CBS deliberates on whether or not to air Wigand's story, we see the news station taken over by worries surrounding money and image instead of following the truth. (Pacino calls someone corporate lackey at some point. I was impressed.)

The Insider isn't for everyone because it's, well, smart. This isn't a movie that you can watch casually, take in and understand. As it downloads in front of you, it requires complete attention and a bit of digging under the surface of what is shown to fully understand every aspect.

As for being nominated for awards, *The Insider* is likely to be nominated for a lot.

From acting, to the excellent cinematography, *The Insider* is one hell of a movie.

An intelligent movie. What could be better?

Child's writing inspires many

By Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

"Kiss of God: The Wisdom of a Silent Child" by Marshall Stewart Ball is a truly inspirational book, not only because the poetry is warm and uplifting, but because these spiritual teachings come from the heart of a severely disabled child.

Twelve-year-old Ball cannot walk or speak, but his ability to listen has transformed his life and the lives of many others.

Successful attempts by Ball's mother to teach him to spell on an alphabet board, made it clear that the disabilities did not affect his ability to listen or comprehend. He was only five years old, but by supporting his elbow, Ball pointed to letters, spelling out what he wanted to say.

He "spoke" of God shortly after he began "speaking" at all, when he wrote "Altogether Lovely," his first inspirational poem.

The words of this unbelievably intelligent five-year old were as follows.

"God is good and merciful because He is also bright and intelligent. Seeing, feeling all that is true. Clearly He feels and listens to all our desires. Clearly He has everybody's dreams in mind. I see a God altogether lovely."

This was the first of many extraordinary messages Ball wrote in poems and personal letters to his family and friends.

The writings, now collected in "Kiss of God," are of love and listening, a virtue Ball wishes everyone would have.

"Answers come to the Good listeners that hear God...Best feelings come when angles take each thought to Good love and reality appears," Ball said.

Though his writing style is unique and sometimes unpredictable, the messages are clear.

"God has given you a wonderful gift and it is clearly apparent in your writing you know that too," said Ben Turner, one of many readers who are moved by Ball's book.

Ball will continue to suffer from his physical disabilities, but no bitterness will ever be found in his attitude.

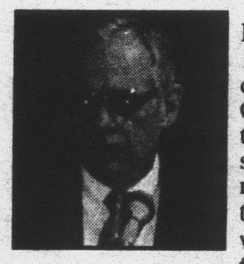
His writings are proof of his faith, a faith many healthy, "normal" people often lack. This book helps its readers regain their faith.

"How can any of us take life or the world for granted after seeing it anew through your eyes?" said John Adams, a state senator who read his book.

"Kiss of God" is a new release at all bookstores. Also, more of Ball's thoughts and poems can be found on his website at www.Marshallball.com.

Chapel Corner: OxFam returns

By Wayne Nickerson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



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* Hunger that plagues an estimated 840 million people around the world, including 30 million in the States.
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It is a simple thing. The money can really help others. Not eating for 24 hours can really help you—help you understand what it might feel like to not know where the next meal is coming from. Help you understand what many in the world know everyday. It's a good cause—please help.

It's onset can be so subtle you don't notice it.

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Public Service message from SAVE (Suicide Awareness\Voices of Education) http://www.save.org

ACROSS

1. Sky
4. Not fresh
9. Traveler's resting place
12. Record company
13. Flower part
14. Fish eggs
15. Threat
17. In great numbers
19. Grinding
21. Sister
22. Leeward side
24. Owns
26. To make heckling remarks
29. Established code
31. Tear
33. Wheel on rotating shaft
34. Locations at
35. Saturate
37. Projection; flap
39. Move!
40. Gain
42. Fish with long snout
44. Metal bolt or pin
46. Snatch
48. Completed
50. High wind
51. Marble
53. Drivel
55. Ensnare
58. Draw towards
61. Sesame plant
62. Brief
64. Plant
65. Dined
66. Lock of woman's hair
67. Organ of vision

DOWN

1. Upper appendage
2. Frozen water
3. Forest policeman
4. Animal protection agency (abbr.)
5. Molars
6. Near
7. Fall behind
8. Dish
9. Opposite meaning
10. Neither
11. Born
16. Spaces
18. Tug
20. Hearing organ
22. Midst
23. Person by himself
25. Take a seat
27. Ring-shaped roll
28. Express emotion
30. Trimmed timber
32. Equal
36. Cushion
38. Prejudice person
41. Tell on someone
43. Free
45. Suitcase
47. Exclude
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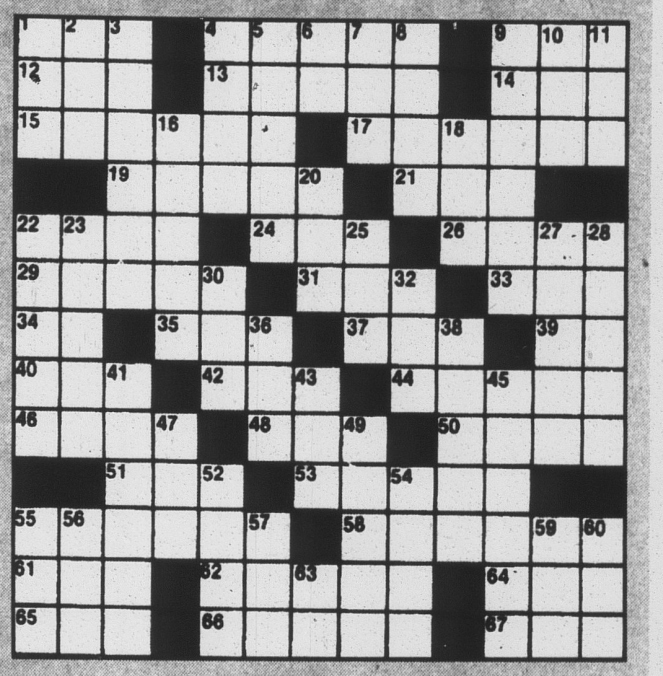

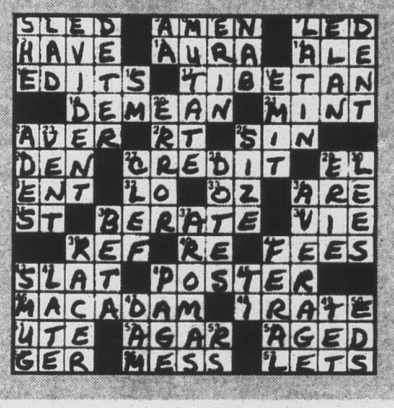

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The career struggles you've had will ease as you discover the key to solving your problems. A secret will be revealed that will benefit every aspect of your life, espeially your love life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
Peace and harmony are more obtainable after a long period of conflict. Be cautious in your approach because much of what as said was meant only as a temporary fix and can't last until more of the real work is done.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
Co-workers become very co-operative and support your more conservative views. But don't count on everything being perfect because many will not follow through on promises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
A new career beginning will require the help and co-operation of your partner. Be sure their commitment is in place and that it's not just empty promises.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
You may lose co-operation at your job for a time when a co-worker has health problems and makes things difficult for you. A promise you made to your partner may have to be broken.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):
You may have to make serious sacrifices to help someone you love resolve problems. Be patient, a clear-cut solution will not be available or even practical for awhile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Your closest friends might present a fright ning situation that you'll have to deal with. Constant attention to health and work issues spoils your attempts at fun and romance for awhile.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-Jan. 19):
Powerful, influential friends will advocate on your behalf to help turn your life around. A potentially disastrous financial situation can be avoided if you are very conservative in your decisions now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
Tension in your partnership should subside as you both begin to forgive and make peace with one another. An emotional transformation is to be expected as you analyze and change structures that impede your happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan.20-Feb. 18):
The lure of a distant romance and/or having all your spiritual needs met by buying into someone else's solutions may disappoint you. Patience and discipline are a smarter approach now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
The question of a move or change in your residence will find answers. Although your problems aren't solved you will gain valuable clues about how to proceed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
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Bowfinger (PG-13)
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Deep Blue Sea (R)
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Haunting, The (PG-13)
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Mickey Blue Eyes (PG-13)
4:45 p.m., 7:20, 9:55

Outside Providence (R)
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The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland (G)
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The Bachelor (PG-13)
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Bats (PG-13)
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The Bone Collector (R)
4:00 p.m., 7:15, 10:10

For Love of the Game (PG-13)
6:50 p.m., 9:45

House on Haunted Hill (R)
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Music of the Heart (PG)
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The Omega Code (PG-13)
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The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
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Superstar (PG-13)
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Three Kings (R)
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The Bachelor (PG-13)
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Bringing Out the Dead (R)
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Double Jeopardy (R)
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The Insider (R)
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Fight Club (R)
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The Insider (R)
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Light It Up (R)
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Pokemon: The First Movie (G)
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The Story of Us (R)
4:25 p.m., 10:00

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Though the Holcad tries to get all the information right the first time, sometimes mistakes are made. We apologize to the readers and encourage challenges of information to be sent to The Holcad, Westminster College, Box 1068, New Wilmington, PA 16172.

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To correct last week's article "College interns work with Hoyt Institute art exhibit," 'Earth, Wind, & Fire' is not the most historically significant collection of Chinese ceramics in the United States, but rather is one of two exhibits from that collection. Also, the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts in New Castle is one of only two museums to receive 'Earth, Wind, & Fire' this year, in contrast to what was printed: "the exhibit is only one of two shows in the country" and "only two museums a year get to do this." And 'Earth, Wind, & Fire' features pieces from seven, not four, dynasties which date back to the Neolithic Era, or Stone Age. The exhibit runs through Nov. 15, and guided tours are free to students. Contact Darcie Yobp at ext. 7409 or Nicole Zeller at ext. 7625 for more information.

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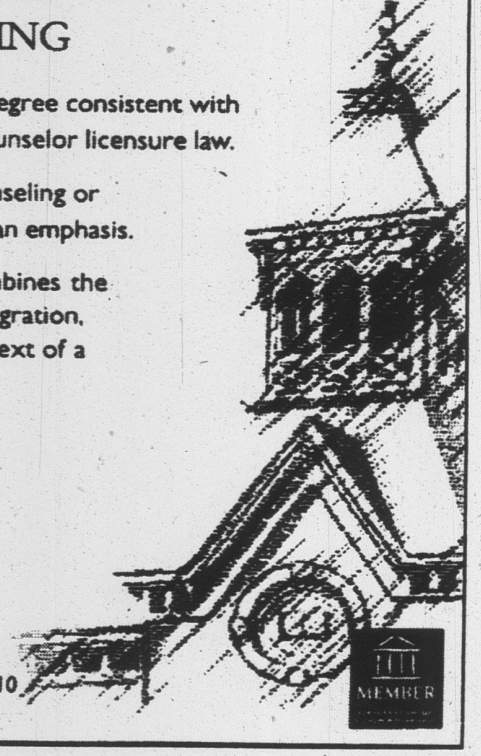

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FRIDAY 12
11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. - Chapel
Jubilee RSVP '99 (CCO Conference) - off-campus
6:30 p.m. Admissions Visitation Mixer - Down Under
6:30 p.m. SGA College Bowl - TUB Lounge
8:00 p.m. Fall Theatre Production: *The Miracle Worker* - Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. Movie: Payback - Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under
TBA Honors Chorus - Orr Auditorium

SATURDAY 13
Campus Visitation Day
11:00 a.m. Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Children's Library
11:00 a.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Fathers' Brunch - Down Under
Jubilee RSVP '99 (CCO Conference) - off-campus
1:00 p.m. Football vs. Northern Michigan (H)
1:00 p.m. Swimming @ Gannon
2:30 p.m. PMEA District 5 Honors Chorus Concert - Orr Auditorium
6:30 p.m. SGA College Bowl - TUB Lounge
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents Brad Lowry (comic) - Down Under
8:00 p.m. Fall Theatre Production: *The Miracle Worker* - Beeghly Theater
9:45 p.m. Movie: Payback - Down Under
TBA Honors Chorus - Orr Auditorium

SUNDAY 14
Jubilee RSVP '99 (CCO Conference) - off-campus
3:00 p.m. Women's Chorus/Westminster Chorale Concert - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting @ Chapter House
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Movie: Payback - Down Under

MONDAY 15
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Josten Ring Day - TUB Grill
11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. - Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhellenic Meeting - TUB A/B
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
6:15 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112-113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
8:00 p.m. Praise Band — Chapel
9:15 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting — TUB A/B

TUESDAY 16
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Josten Ring Day - TUB Grill
10:30 a.m. Health Center Speaker - Topic: Depression - Down Under
11:00 a.m. Academic Chairs Meeting - TUB A/B
3:30 p.m. Residence Life "Last Lecture" Series - TUB Lounge
5:30 p.m. Allies Meeting - PH 114
6:00 p.m. Circle K Meeting - TUB A/B
7:30 p.m. Foreign Film Festival: My Life as a Dog (Swedish) - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 17
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Virginia Tomlinson, "Conversations on Teaching" - PH 131
5:00 p.m. Student Alumni Association Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Alcohol 101 - PH 311-312
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - TCF 116
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Summer's Best Camp Counselor Recruiting - Down Under
7:30 p.m. Newman Club Meeting - OM 210
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting/Movie - PH 114
8:00 p.m. CPC Meeting - TCF 116
8:30 p.m. SAVE Meeting - TCF 111
8:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Pi Membership Meeting - Old Main 317
9:30 p.m. Seekers Meeting — Down Under
TBA Sigma Kappa Open House

THURSDAY 18
9:30 a.m. - noon Harassment Training - CFH 116
11:15 a.m. Political Science & Sociology Colloquium - PLH
12:30 p.m. Music Department Colloquium - Chapel
2:15 - 5:00 p.m. Harassment Training - CFH 116
5:30 p.m. Philosophy Honorary Society Meeting - PH 116
7:00 p.m. IFC Meeting - TUB A/B
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Harassment Training - CFH 116 Westminster Fund Fall Phonathon Ends
TBA Zeta Tau Alpha Sister Social
10:00 - midnight Back to the Beat (Live Dance/Radio Program - Down Under
TBA Kappa Delta Open House

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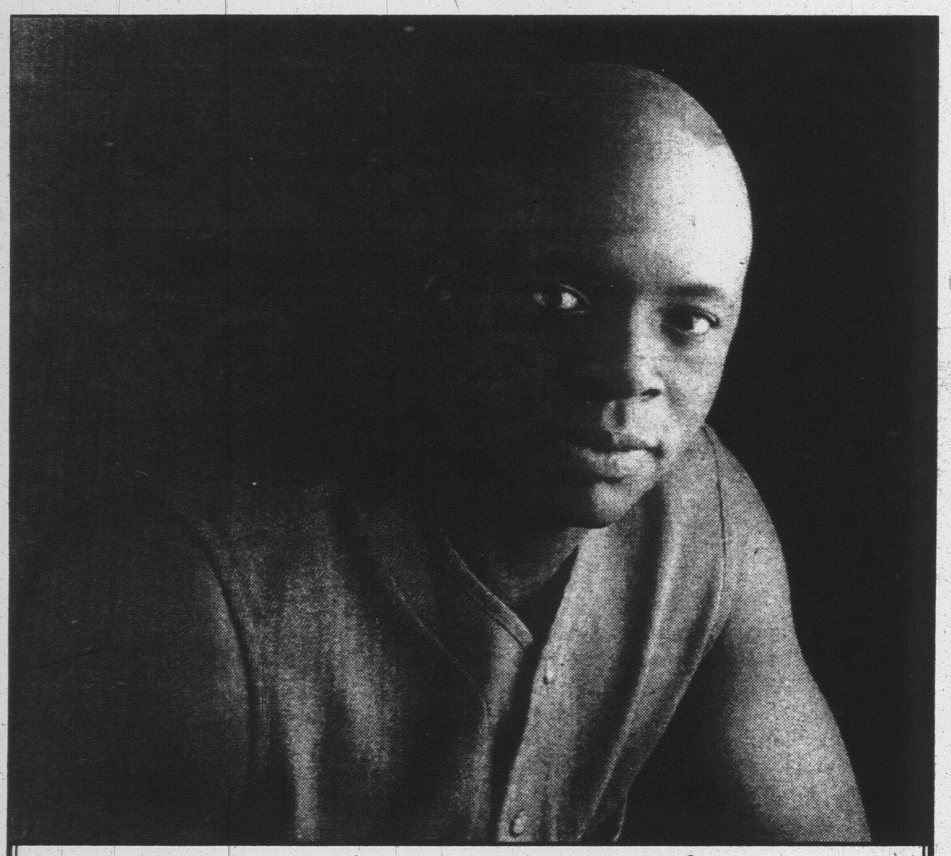

Brad Lowery Saturday, Nov. 13 at 8:00 p.m.

Brad Lowery is a veteran of the National Association for Campus Activities and is no stranger to college campuses. He has made students laugh for years from East Coast to West Coast and all stops in between. With an arsenal of solid bits and a tidal wave of explosive energy on tap to deliver them, Lowery can follow anybody in the business and give nothing away. In his first year on the college circuit, he was nominated for NACA's Campus Entertainment Awards in the Comedy category. Since then, he has been nominated three more times. Lowery has opened for Dennis Miller, Adam Sandler, Tommy Davidson, Sinbad and Jerry Seinfeld. He was an original member for *The Apollo Comedy Hour*, and A&E Network's *Caroline's Comedy Hour* and *Evening at the Improv.* Lowery is a stand-out for younger fans, but to get off on his brand of humor, you merely have to be young at heart.

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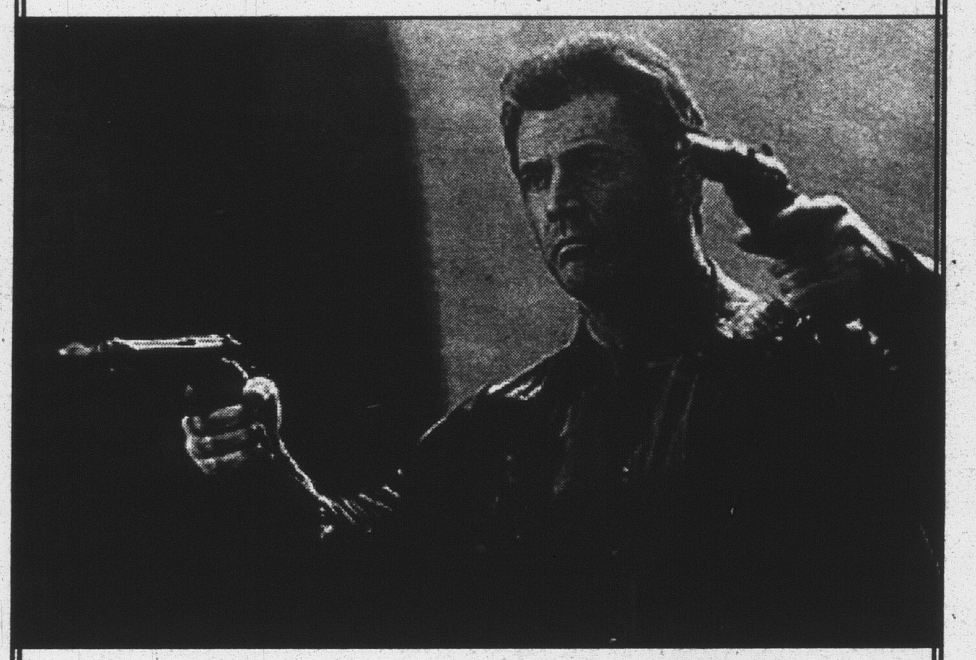

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College Bowl: A battle of the brains

Photo by Courtney Behm

The College Bowl judges watch expectantly for the first team to ring in with the correct answer.

By Jen Body
STAFF WRITER

Students tested their trivia skills this past weekend by participating in the annual College Bowl. Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the bowl was held at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the TUB lounge.

Teams competed for the top prize - a $200 award and qualification for the Regional College Bowl. The second runners up received an award of $75 and the third runners up received an award of $25.

Ten teams participated in the weekend's activities. This was an improvement from last year's bowl, which had only 6 teams. All teams were required to have four players plus an alternate.

Taking home the first place spot for the second year in a row was the team "Forfeit," consisting of Ben Webber, Dave Boyle, Brian Miller and Nick Wells.

Coming in a close second place was the "White House Staff," a team made of Jeremy Jack, James Lucas, Mike Zebrine, Steve Sarver and alternate, Don Kelley.

Coordinator for the event and member of SGA, Danielle Kean, was pleased with the weekend's results.

"I was really impressed with the turnout of teams this year," she said. "Overall, I think everything went really well, and everyone that participated did a great job."

Senior Ryan Smith, a first time participator in the event, enjoyed working with his team.

"We had a good time. It gave us a chance to test our trivia skills and to see how much we really knew," he said. "I'm glad we were a part of this, it was definitely a memorable experience."

Those who missed this year's College Bowl, can give it a try next fall when the bowl returns to campus. All students are eligible for participation. Teams should get ready now and begin sharpening up their trivia skills.

Prospectives visit campus to explore options

By Michael Burnett
STAFF WRITER

The college hosted 125 prospective students and their parents during last Saturday's fall campus visitation day.

A total of 327 people walked the grounds of the college to inspect what Westminster had to offer.

"We are proud of the number of prospectives and parents that attended," said Jason Nevinger, admissions counselor. "We only expected about 100 students to visit. I guess the hard work put in by the admissions staff paid off."

Students toured academic buildings and residence halls during the day. The visitors experienced a smart classroom demonstration and also saw a sample dorm room. Technology seemed to be the main topic of interest for many families.

"I fielded many questions regarding the smart classrooms and Internet connections in dorm rooms," said Mike Piddington, campus tour guide. "Many of the parents were surprised at how easy their kids could access the Internet from their rooms."

Students and parents also attended forums discussing the college experience. Prospectives talked with Westminster students about general campus life, while their parents attended an informational meeting regarding financial aid, campus safety and security.

Visitors also ate lunch in the dining hall, giving them a sample of the college's food service.

"Visitation days are important for the college because the prospective students and

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Photo by Courtney Behm

A prospective student discusses her interest in the college and the sociology department with Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow.

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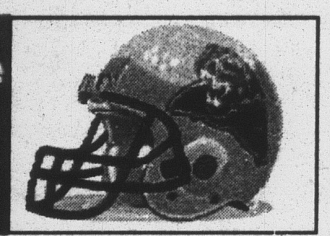

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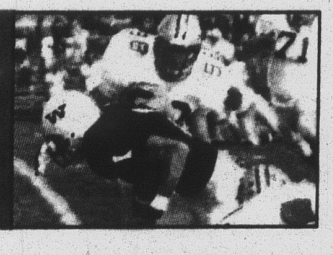

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Saturday: P. Cloudy high 56° low 42°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Women's chorus perfomed fall concert under new direction

By Jamie Openbrier
STAFF WRITER

The Women's Chorus, under new direction, performed its annual fall concert in the Chapel last Sunday afternoon.

After 34 years of teaching high school choirs, Evelyn Callender replaced Dr. Angela Broeker as Women's Chorus conductor this semester.

Callender was very pleased with the performance of her 39 choir members.

"I'm very excited. [The choir] seemed to have a good time. I think we made music," Callender said.

In choosing the musical selections for this concert, Callender tried to find a combination of different styles of music to provide variety, but she wanted pieces that would challeng the choir as well. The selections included the traditional spiritual "Kumbaya," two Italian part songs and a calypso number, "Jamaican Market Place," accompanied by a cowbell, cabassa and congas.

Music students had mixed feelings about the performance of the women's choir this year.

Some majors felt Broeker's absence had an effect on the quality of performance.

"I didn't realize how drastic the change in the presentation of the women's choir was without her," a junior music major said.

"All the choirs are doing well under new direction and are worthy of all the acclaim for their hard work, but the level of certain choirs' performances have dropped," a senior music major said.

Sophomore Amy Young said she was proud of the first performance under Callender. "We've struggled this semester, but everything came together after a lot of hard work."

The women in the choir supported each other, which helped to ease the transition.

"We had a group prayer before the concert, and I think He was there with us. I've usually performed with a mixed choir, but I really enjoy working with this group of women," junior choir member Kerry Barker said. "The concert went really well."

Even though the adjustments were challenging, Callender has enjoyed working with the women's chorus thus far.

"It was hard at first, not knowing people," Callender said. "It has been a challenge for both the students and me to adapt and interpret one another."

Callender will not conduct the Women's Chorus next semester due to scheduling conflicts with music theory labs.

New intramurals being reviewed

By Jon Bish
STAFF WRITER

The athletic department is reviewing a proposal to add new sports to the intramural athletic program for this winter and spring. President R. Thomas Williamson and the athletic department must approve the proposal before any of the sports can take place.

"Right now, we're just figuring out if it will work," said coach Girish Thakar, men's soccer coach and head of intramurals. "We need to make sure we have the accommodations and funding needed to expand our intramural program."

The newly proposed sports for this winter are men's, women's and co-ed indoor soccer, water polo, racquetball and badminton, as well as some running events.

"My idea was to add some 'fun' sports like water polo and running events," Thakar said.

The proposal also includes flag football and outdoor softball for the spring.

The athletic department was not able to offer intramural football this past fall because there wasn't any field space available.

"In the past, we've had anywhere from 5 to 18 teams participate, which involves 50 to 80 people," Athletic Director Jim Dafler said. "We should be able to have football next fall though."

This winter, there will be intramural men's, women's and co-ed basketball and volleyball.

"In the past we've had a very strong participation in intramural volleyball and basketball by both males and females, and we look forward to that again in the winter months," Dafler said.

The athletic department should know whether or not they will offer the newly proposed winter athletics by the beginning of next semester.

"At least we will have the same intramural program we had last year," Dafler said.

Questions about intramural athletics should be addressed to Girish Thakar, at EXT. 7316.

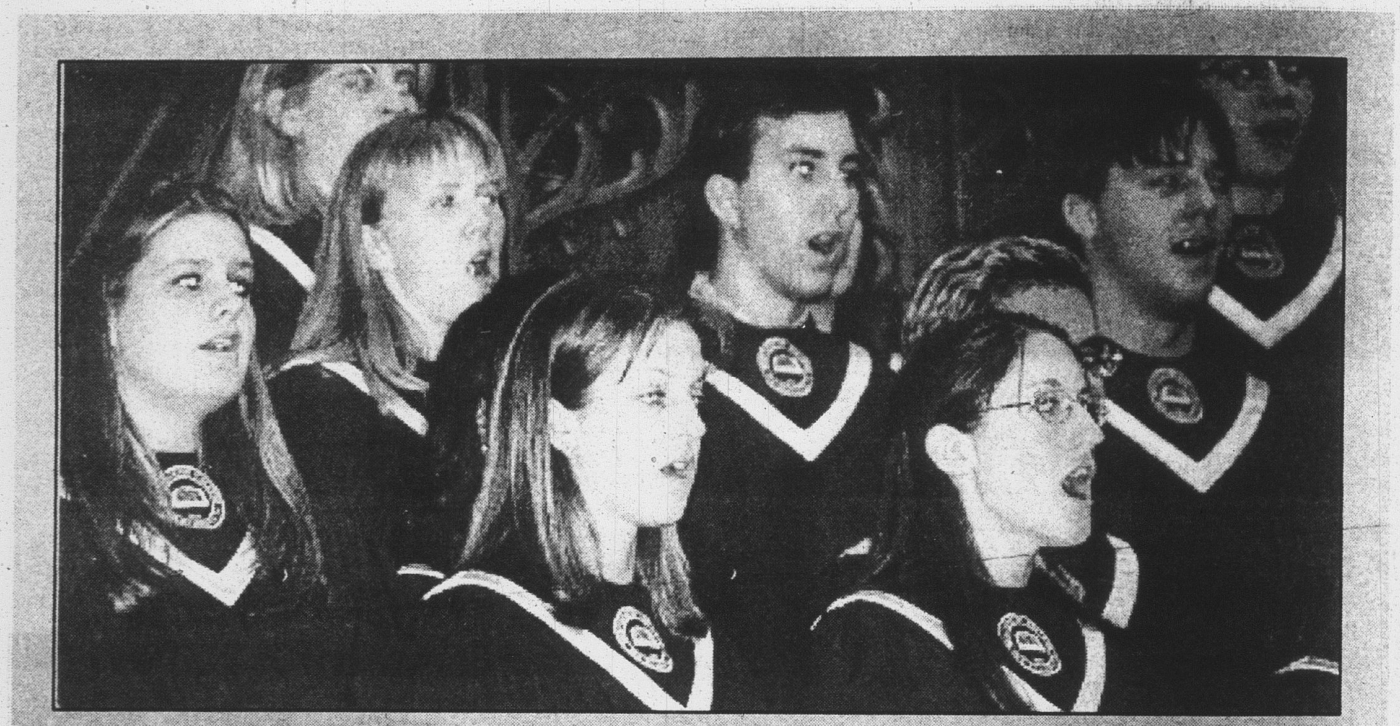

Photo by Courtney Behm
The Westminster Chorale also participated in Sunday's choir concert.

CPC delegates attend activities convention

By Matt Saxton
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Three sleepless days and ringing in the ears is a good thing when attending a National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) convention. The Campus Programming Committee (CPC) experienced this phenomenon at the 40th NACA Great Lakes regional conference held at Seven Springs from Nov. 4-6.

Delegates Matt Saxton, Todd Lepovsky, Ann-Marie Vazzano and Abby Wessel accompanied Co-Chair Dana Glunt and PR Chair Marci Bihler to the five state convention. The conference is held annually for the purpose of assisting colleges in finding entertainment.

The delegates were part of 800 students from Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Michigan who attended the convention to view "Mainstage" and "Club" showcases, lectures and educational workshops.

"The conference was not only entertaining, it was educational," Todd Lepovsky said. "And the scenery at Seven Springs was magnificent."

After viewing the showcases or lectures, the delegates attended a marketplace for the vendors, where agents and students clamored over dates and filled out contract buying forms. Co-op buying sessions were held so that colleges could save money by buying entertainment together.

Among the entertainment booked was Tune-In, a game show; Dakkota, a southern-rock band; the Clarks, a band who will play at Mardi Gras 2000; and Vic Henley, a comedian.

CPC will fly to Boston this February to attend the national NACA conference.

Kappa Delta Pi sponsors book drive and poinsettia sale

The Westminster chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international education honor society, is busy helping others and itself.

The Jerb Miller Book Drive has been in progress at Westminster since Nov. 1. Members of Kappa Delta Pi have placed book bins around the campus to collect elementary level books. All books will be given to the students of North Elementary School in Youngstown, Ohio, during the Christmas season.

The Kappa Delta Pi Poinsettia Sale is in progress and will continue until the end of November. The sale of either six or eight-inch plants in both pink and red helps to the support Kappa Delta Pi scholarships.

"We award one secondary education minor and one elementary education major a scholarship each year, as well as provide colloquiums to our majors and minors," said Erin Heasley, president of Kappa Delta Pi and senior English major.

Kappa Delta Pi is restricted to the top 20 percent of those students seeking teacher certification. Members must also be a second-semester sophomore, meet grade requirements, and present evidence of service to children and the profession.

For more information, contact Heasley at EXT. 7374.

College hopes to double minority students over next four years

By Beth Melott
STAFF WRITER

Westminster has set a goal to double the number of racial minority students enrolled by 2003.

Aproximately 25 African-American, Asian and Hispanic students currently attend the college. Recruiting programs are being expanded to increase this number.

"We want to consistently bring 4-5 more [of these] students in every year to meet our goal," said Doug Swartz, dean of admissions.

The college hopes to pull Youngstown and Pittsburgh into its recruiting territory with the financial assistance of two organizations. The Powers Trust contributes funds for scholarships for a couple of Youngstown area students each year. Beginning this year, the Negro Emergency Education Drive will also provide scholarship money for 2-3 students from the Pittsburgh area.

The Caroline Knox Foundation in Lawrence county sponsors youth visitation days to interest local students in college, particularly Westminster, early in their high school careers.

"The idea behind these visitations is to whet their appetite to college," said Neal Edman, dean of student affairs.

Janeen Graham, temporary coordinator of multicultural affairs and advisor to the Black Student Union (BSU), will visit several area high schools, particularly around Youngstown, to aid this year's recruitment efforts.

Graham said that the office is currently looking into a variety of diversity programs for the college.

One plan, modeled after a program at Youngstown State University is a campus wide focus on how to coordinate faculty, students and the surrounding communities in an effort to increase diversity awareness. It requires all students to take cultural sensitivity classes and attempts to plug minorities into the campus community in a peaceful manner.

Graham thinks this plan would help the college become more complete.

"Any college cannot be whole if it fails to open students to a variety of people and fails to prepare students for dealing with minorities in the future," she said.

Though Graham is very interested in the YSU plan, no decisions have been made.

Swartz encouraged the support of current minority students. "We need our current minority population to aid in recruiting. It really solidifies what we're trying to do."

Last year, members of the BSU visited their high schools over breaks to distribute brochures and talk to students about the college.

This year the BSU will sponsor a lock-in for prospective minority students from the Youngstown area. These students will spend the night on campus hearing speakers, attending workshops and socializing. The speakers and workshops will help the students understand more about college life.

"We're going to need a lot of rest, organization and a whole lot of caffeine to pull it off," BSU President LaToya Hairston said.

The college also offers support organizations and programs for its minority students.

"Having support programs in place on campus is also crucial to recruiting efforts," Swartz said.

Westminster has two main student organizations geared toward its minority students' needs. The BSU is the older and the larger of the two. Members are planning several events, including a Dec. 10 performance by Harambee, a Youngstown-based dance theater group.

Freshman Amos Shin also recently organized the Asian Culture Club (ACC). Religion professor Kang-Yup Na advises this rapidly growing organization.

The office of multicultural affairs helps support these students by organizing campus-wide programs. Current plans include a multicultural webpage, activities for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month.

"We're trying to bring more cultural awareness to campus," Graham said.

Chapel Corner: Habitat rakes leaves as a service and fundraiser

Contributed Photo

Laura Grittee (far right) pictured with Westminster Habitat students.

By Sal Hanna
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Every year, Habitat for Humanity rakes leaves as a fundraiser to help reach their yearly monetary goal. The goal for this year is $12,000.

They have been busy since late October raking various yards day in and day out. Students have awakened at nine o'clock on Saturday mornings to rake leaves for three hours.

With the unpredictable autumn weather, it is hard to know what days are going to be nice for raking leaves, so the decision is usually made on a last minute basis. This requires Habitat students to rearrange their afternoon study schedule or naptime, so that they can lend a helping hand.

Fortunately, the area had a pretty warm autumn, so finding days to rake leaves has not been too difficult. From five to fifteen students can be seen raking leaves in the New Wilmington and sometimes New Castle areas.

This year, Habitat members have raked twenty plus houses and have raised over one tenth of their goal. People who have their leaves raked are very appreciative of the service and grateful for the great job the students do. Besides giving a donation to Habitat, some people provide beverages and sometimes even candy.

Here is one thank you letter that Wayne Nickerson received from and eighty-year-old woman, who this year did not rake her own yard for the first time:

Rev. Nickerson and Students of Westminster, please accept my sincere thanks for helping me by raking and bagging my leaves. I was most impressed you were all so pleasant and happy working in the rain. I hope no one got sick. It is wonderful when young people are willing to work for such a worthy cause Habitat for Humanity.

Thanks to you all,
Laura Gritte

Chapel - Friday 11:40 a.m. - Oxfam Break Fast

Mass - Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Vespers - Sunday 7:00 p.m. - Michael Kelly Blanchard in Concert

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FEATURE

Two college preschool teachers have craft activities published

By Erin Morgan
STAFF WRITER

Two teachers from the college preschool, Deborah Behr and Diana Reed, will have three art activities published in *The Giant Encyclopedia of Art and Craft Activities*.

The activities are called "Wild Things," "Bleached Leaves" and "Computer Art-Mouse Painting." Each activity encourages the kids to be creative through the use of different materials. The activities originated from a material being taught in class; it was then followed up with an art project.

The "Wild Things" activity is based on the book, *Where the Wild Things Are*, and the children respond to the story by creating one big paper mache "Wild Thing." Shoe boxes, toilet paper tubes and cardboard boxes are used to create the face and features of the mache.

"Bleached Leaves" creates a unique outcome when the backs of the leaves are bleached and then pressed down on black paper. The children discover the veins of the leaves from the pressing.

The third activity, "Computer Art-Mouse Painting," is a follow up project from a computer unit for the 3-year-old class. The children were shown the insides of a computer and learned about the parts of the computer. The children then dipped the mouse in paint and ran it over paper.

Diana Reed said that she has accumulated these art ideas during a period of ten years of teaching little kids. She learned which activities are successful and which ones aren't. All three of the activities that are being published related well to the age groups and were creative to allow for a unique learning experience.

Reed has been the head preschool teacher for 10 years. She received her undergraduate degree from Grove City College and her master's from the University of Pittsburgh. She has lived in New Wilmington for 14 years and enjoys teaching children.

"This is my 10th year at the preschool lab," she said. "It has been a very rewarding career and a wonderful place to work."

Behr has also worked at the preschool since its opening. She received her undergraduate degree from Westminster and has taught in public schools and preschools in Pittsburgh. Behr has lived in Naneshok Township for 9 years.

Reed writes the curriculum and teaches the 4-year-olds, while Behr writes and teaches the 3-year-olds. Even though they plan and teach different age groups, the two work together as a team. Mandy Medvin, a psychology professor, is the director of the lab.

Reed and Behr had a large part in the founding of the lab 10 years ago. Many departments use the preschool, such as psychology, education and music. It also has several volunteer and paid positions, where students can gain experience in working with children.

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Preschool teachers Deborah Behr and Diana Reed

Dr. Rhoads presented study on the Clinton impeachment

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Dr. James C. Rhoads Jr.

By Beth Lock
STAFF WRITER

Dr. James C. Rhoads Jr., assistant professor of political science, and Dr. Steven R. Brown recently presented a collaborative study on the Clinton impeachment titled "Sex, Lies, and Videotape: Attitudes Toward the Impeachment Spectacle."

They presented the study at the annual meeting of the International Society for the Scientific Study of Subjectivity held at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The annual convention gives scholars a chance to meet and present studies that they have completed.

All scholars at the convention use a type of surveying called cue methodology, where people respond with their own views. Rhoads was selected to attend the meeting with people from as far away as Germany, Korea and Norway after he sent in his proposal for the study.

Rhoads and Brown conducted the study in October of 1998. Forty-seven Kent State students and twenty-six Westminster students were surveyed. It consisted of thirty statements taken from newspapers, magazines and polls with which the students had to agree or disagree.

"The study helps to clarify the views of the scandal that confounded scholars who seemed confused in reading the polling data that was never conclusive," Rhoads said. "We wanted to see the different opinions that we would get from two different colleges."

After the results were tabulated, Kent State had four different views about the situation and Westminster had only three. Three of the four results were the same between the two schools.

Rhoads explained, "the first one was the Conservative Spin Factor, which was mostly a Republican view. It said that Clinton should be removed from office. The second, was the 'Let's Move on factor.' This simply said that there are more important things to worry about. The third was the 'BI-Polar factor.' For this one, Kent students said that what happened is expected of politicians but Westminster students found it morally indignant. The last result was only found at Kent. It was the 'Leave Clinton alone factor.' Some Kent students felt that Clinton is a human, and what he did had nothing to do with his job."

Rhoads said that "these results reveal that the categories of Democrats vs. Republicans are far too crude to capture the realities of the public's reactions in light of the more subtle reactions if the factors in this study."

Rhoads has been with Westminster College since 1992. He earned his undergraduate, master's degree and Ph.D. from Kent State University.

Omicron Delta Kappa announces new members

The 171st Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa is proud to announce its new members. The new members are as follows:

Lora Adams-King
Nancy Jane Ayala
Eric Bass
Katie Brentzel
Kristy Bronder
John Colaiacovo
Avis Devine
Keith Dryburgh
Meghan Duda
Jacque Duncan
Jennifer Gardner
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Shawn Martina
Melanie Meyers
Sara Miller
Kathleen Morgan
Larry Mumford
Danyelle Muscarella
Matthew Newman
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Lori Scott
Tim Shelenberger
Azure Smith
Alyssa Snyder
Patricia Thalhofer
Amy Vaccari
Ben Webber
Janice Whalen
Melissa Williams
Amy Melissa Young

Omicron Delta Kappa was established nationally on December 2, 1914, at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.

Members are selected based upon their academic record and display of leadership ability. New members will be initiated in a ceremony to be held during the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 12 in the TUB lounge. All are encouraged to attend to support the new members.

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their parents can see the campus firsthand," Nevinger said. "The first impression is important in everything, especially when the people may only have one impression, such as in a college choice."

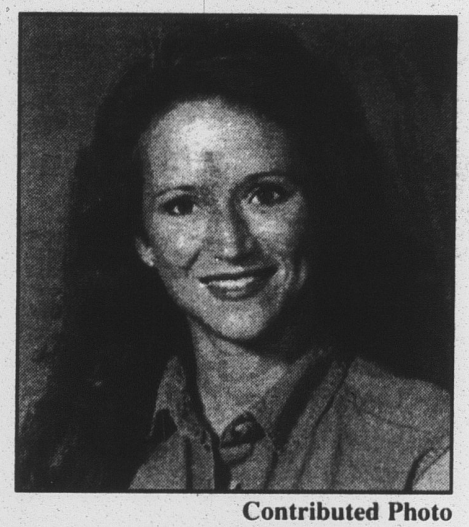
One way the day's activities try to present a good first impression is during the question and answer period with the department representatives.

Prospectives had an opportunity to ask faculty and students about the programs, classes and other information regarding the majors in which they are interested.

"I think the way the day is planned is good because the families experience everything on campus, except for sleeping," Piddington said.

"Hopefully all the visiting students will submit applications," Nevinger said. "The day went well and will definitely be a success from our standpoint if we can get 100 apps."

Horvath to present paper after earning Ph.D. from Kent State



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Cary W. Horvath

By Sandy Stronge
STAFF WRITER

Cary W. Horvath, visiting instructor of communication studies, will present a paper at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association (NCA) in Chicago this month.

The paper titled, "Basic Course as Part of an Integrated First Year Program," highlights the college's First Year Program by explaining the complementary nature of the four components: Inquiry I, Inquiry II, Writing and Oral Communication.

Westminster's innovative first year experience provides a common educational experience for all first year students that includes important social, interpersonal and individual behaviors and values. In addition to writing and oral communication courses, the Inquiry courses are designed to include common readings and discussions, sparking campus-wide conversations that continue outside the classroom.

Approximately 4,500 members are expected to hear a wide range of panels and scholarly papers on this year's theme "Coloring Outside the Line." The NCA is the oldest and largest scholarly society for the communication discipline. Its membership includes individuals from more than 25 countries other than the United States.

Horvath recently earned her PHD from Kent State University after completing a dissertation on television addicts. She surveyed a group of freshman from Westminster, which included both heavy television viewers and light television viewers.

The objective of her dissertation was to see if television had a depressant or stimulant effect on people. The vast majority of people surveyed used television as a depressant. Horvath said she was disappointed that there weren't any information junkies that completed the survey. She plans to contact the heavier television viewers for further follow up research.

Horvath earned her master's degree from Kent State.

According to Horvath, the programs at Kent State are more theory and research based, which is a lot different from Youngstown State University, where she attended undergraduate school. For her research, Horvath used findings from psychology about addiction and related it to communications.

She has taught at Westminster since 1996.

Janeen Graham assumes position as acting head of multi-cultural affairs office; hopes to recruit more minorities to campus

By Tricia Spargel
STAFF WRITER

Janeen Graham, Westminster alumna and secretary of the chemistry department, is now the acting head of the multi-cultural affairs office, a position formerly held by Phil King, who left in June for medical reasons.

Graham is enjoying her new work. She thinks it is most important for students to be open to all types of people.

"Lack of knowledge brings about fear," Graham said. "Understanding other's cultures allows you to better know yourself."

She also thinks the college needs to recruit more minorities to campus, which is one of the tasks of the multi-cultural affairs office.

Graham, of Farrell, Pa, graduated from the college in 1995 with a degree in organizational behavior. She said that her education has been beneficial in her new position.

"My background allows me to understand how to fit everything into the big picture," she said, "(such as) the campus community, different courses, good communication and tying it all together to propose a course."

She began her career at the college while she was still a student. She worked as a secretary in the academic affairs office before taking her job in the chemistry department.

Graham has a 21-year old son who has been hearing impaired since age 3. But she does not see it as a disability.

"He helps translate for people all the time," she said.

He is currently attending Hiram G. Andrews School in Youngstown, which welcomes any disabled high-school graduate.

Graham is currently working toward her master's degree in special education and teaching certificate at Slippery Rock University. Her future goals are to have a doctorate in psychology and to do research.

As soon as King returns (possibly in the spring), Graham will return to her position in the chemistry department.

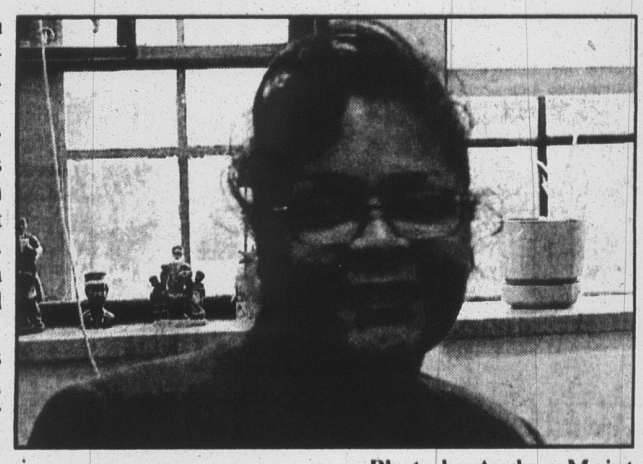

Photo by Andrea Majot
Janeen Graham

Student receives Renaissance award

Photo by Brad Dell
Renaissance Award winner,
Meghan Duda

Meghan Duda, a junior public relations major, has earned the Renaissance Student Award from the Pittsburgh chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

The Renaissance Student Award is an academic recognition program for public relations majors in Western Pennsylvania and includes a $1,000 scholarship.

Duda was recognized yesterday at the Renaissance Awards, held at the 20th Century Club in Pittsburgh.

Recipients of this award demonstrate a combination of the highest academic performance, understanding of and proficiency in fundamental public relations practices, commitment to the public relations profession, leadership and citizenship, according to the Pittsburgh chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

"I am flattered and honored to have received such a prestigious award," Duda said. "It is an honor not only for myself, but for the public relations department and the college as well."

Duda is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Duda of Erie. She serves as editor-in-chief of The Holcad and plays on the softball team. Duda is a graduate of Harbor Creek High School.

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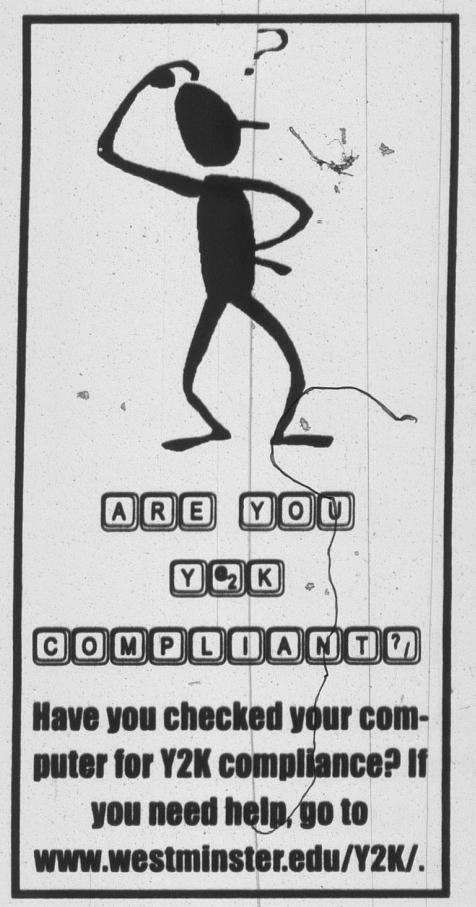


AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Over 60,000 fans cheer Panthers at last game in Pitt Stadium

By Gene Collier
POST-GAZETTE

The last swells of inescapable emotion for Pitt Stadium started long before yesterday's Pitt-Notre Dame game began.

The limousine carrying Mike Gallagher left Erie yesterday morning around 10:30. He brought some flowers, some friends, and such an enduring respect for his own memories of Pitt Stadium that he couldn't even trust them to a regular sedan on the final day of the old bowl's life.

"I grew up on Chesterfield Road, right next to Pitt Stadium," he said. "In 1973, at age 10, Jackie Sherrill caught me breaking into the locker room."

More than 60,000 people - the biggest crowd in 16 years - and the eighth biggest ever - piled into Pitt Stadium for the event that would push it into history.

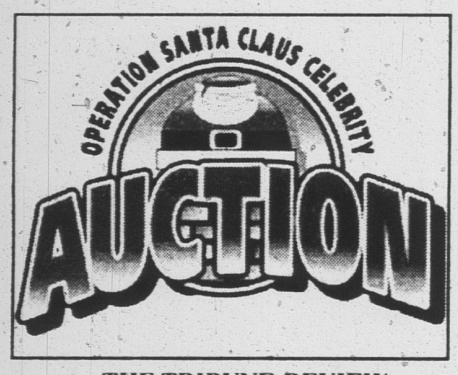
For this last act, a celebratory atmosphere replaced the dark urgency that has saddled Pitt football in the '90s. Fans shared cookies with traffic cops behind the old VA hospital, and the unusually thick congestion seemed to bring with it a heightened patience early in the day.

The heartiest cheers before sunset came at the public address announcement of the Penn State score, delivered purposefully backward for dramatic impact as "Penn State 27, Michigan 31", and that triggered the day's first communal understanding of what was in transition here.

Never again would some of America's great rivalries - Pitt-Penn State, Pitt-West Virginia, Pitt-Notre Dame - be contested via controlled violence on this spot.

The university's football future lies elsewhere, first down the river to another doomed relic called Three Rivers Stadium, then to the gleaming new Steelers facility. But it'll be years before they pull Pitt's football soul out of this concrete Oakland ravine.

Celebrity auction proceeds benefit needy families



THE TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Bidders have until noon Dec. 3 to make their best offers via the mail and Internet for the Operation Santa Claus Celebrity Auction, which serves as the kickoff to the 16th annual holiday fund-raising campaign sponsored by the Tribune-Review.

Proceeds from this event as well as donations made through year's end will be used to offset the purchase of groceries and stockings distributed to needy families throughout the newspaper's circulation area.

Autographed photographs of retired Dallas Cowboys Coach Tom Landry, heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, The Oak Ridge Boys, Aaron Tippin, Loretta Lynn, Bruce Willis and Ernest Borgnine are all up for bid.

A Clint Black gift pack includes "Nothin' But the Taillights" CD, a tour flat, tour T-shirt, yo-yo, CD wallet and a video of "The Shoes You're Wearing." A second "Taillights" CD signed by the country star is being auctioned separately.

A baseball signed by Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Jason Schmidt, an autographed jersey worn by Pittsburgh Penguin Brian Werenka and mini-helmets emblazoned with the monikers of Mean Joe Greene and Joe Montana appear on the list of sports memorabilia along with an autographed Steelers game ball. A pair of tickets for the Steeler-Ravens matchup will put successful bidders in Section 282, Row BB, Seats 9 and 10 at Three Rivers Stadium.

Additional bidding opportunities exist online at the Tribune-Review's Internet site, www.triblive.com/santa, or via e-mail at osc@tribweb.com.

Owners protest redevelopment of Downtown

By Tom Barnes
POST-GAZETTE

Small merchants and property owners are taking steps to defend themselves against a large-scale Downtown redevelopment plan that would take their buildings.

About 15 property owners along Fifth and Forbes avenues have retained lawyer Cristopher Hoel, whose firm, Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, has experience with property acquisition and eminent domain, a procedure where a unit of government moves to acquire privately owned property against an owner's will to carry out a project intended for the "public good."

Other retailers along the Fifth-Forbes corridor are putting petitions near their cash registers, hoping patrons will sign to support a change in state law that would make it more difficult for governmental bodies to use eminent domain.

"By early January we hope to have between 200,000 and 300,000 signatures that we will give to state legislators and City Council," said Bernie Lynch, former director of the Market Square Association and an adviser to some of the worried retailers.

The Market Place project is an ambitious, $480 million makeover of the city's commercial heart along Fifth and Forbes avenues, generally from Smithfield Street to Liberty Avenue.

It could displace as many as 120 longtime businesses, many of which don't fit the upscale demographics Mayor Murphy and his advisers have in mind.

School districts experiencing bus driver shortage

By Jonathan Potts
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

A robust economy and rigorous training requirements have school districts across the country scrambling for bus drivers.

"This is the worst that I've ever seen in 20 years, and my competitors are saying the same thing," said Fred Giles, Pittsburgh district manager for Laidlaw Transit Inc., the largest school bus contractor in the state.

"With the drivers being in demand, they're almost demanding what their wages are," Giles said.

To relieve the ongoing shortages, local transportation companies are offering signing bonuses and improved benefits. But competition for employees is particularly tough because of the small pool of trained drivers willing to work part-time hours at a stressful job.

Laidlaw employs 2,500 drivers - including 200 substitute drivers - in eight counties in western Pennsylvania. Teresa Cole, area manager for driver development and safety, said that's about 50 fewer substitutes than what she considers to be ideal.

"It may present some scheduling problems. One thing I can say for certain is safety is never compromised as a result of that," Cole said.

Laidlaw drivers earn between $9 and $14 per hour, Giles said. The company has increased benefits such as paid holidays and bonuses for good safety records.

Bus companies have a tough time competing with other employers because of the training necessary to become a school bus driver.

The process of earning a commercial driver's license and a state school bus endorsement card takes about eight to 12 weeks and requires the applicant to undergo a criminal background check and a physical examination.

Many bus drivers must find other jobs to support themselves because most only work four hours a day, said Thomas Zeminski, supervisor of transportation with the Plum Borough School District.

Youghiogheny hosts first Ohiopyle Falls Race

By Lawrence Walsh
POST-GAZETTE

In 1754, an imposing waterfall scuttled George Washington's plan to use the Youghiogheny River as a water supply route to Pittsburgh. The 18-foot-high waterfall was too much of an obstacle for wooden rafts that Washington had planned to use to transport food, clothing and equipment.

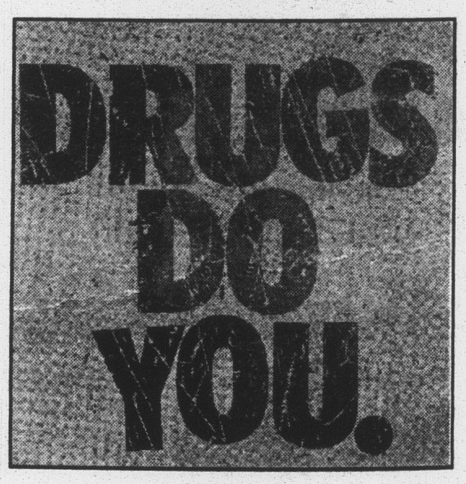
But the rushing green water flowing over the falls yesterday provided no impediment for about 180 talented kayakers and canoeists who participated in the "First Ever Ohiopyle Falls Race" on what is known as the Lower Youghiogheny River in Fayette County.

As hundreds of spectators whooped and hollered from both sides of the river on a partly sunny, 55-degree day, the racers paddled to the edge of the falls, leaned back to raise the bows of their colorful boats and rode the cascade into the foam below.

The crowd cheered the loudest for Jeff Snyder, 38, a woodworker from Accident, Md., who paddled an inflatable blue and white kayak over the falls - standing up. He remained upright throughout each run. Although he injured his right ankle on his third run, he successfully made one more.

"It's like landing on a pillow when you do it right," said veteran kayaker Barry Tuscano, board secretary of the American Whitewater Affiliation. The group organized what it hopes will be an annual event with the assistance of John Oliver, secretary of the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Jim Greenbaum, general manager of Whitewater Adventurers,an Ohiopyle rafting company.

But it was only a one-day event, said John Sharrar, an acting regional manager for the agency. The rules against running the falls haven't changed. Violators are subject to fines up to $300.



NATIONAL

Last of three men charged with dragging death stands trial

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JASPER, Texas (AP) — A psychiatrist whose testimony helped put two white racists on death row for dragging a black man to death testified today that their beliefs are not shared by the third defendant.

Dr. Edward Gripon, the first defense witness called for capital murder defendant Shawn Allen Berry, said he examined the 24-year-old man and found "no evidence of any racial bias or significant prejudice."

Berry is the last of three white men charged with the June 7, 1998, slaying of James Byrd Jr. Two avowed white supremacists, John William King, 25, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, were convicted earlier this year in separate trials and sentenced to death for the crime.

Berry, 24, could join them on death row if the Jasper County jury decides he was more than the frightened bystander he claims to have been.

Byrd, 49, was beaten, hooked to the bumper of Berry's pickup with a 24-foot logging chain and dragged to his death over three miles of bumpy country roads.

Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray asked Gripon today why Berry, knowing the bigotry of his friends and of their mosaic of racist tattoos, gave Byrd a ride on the night of the killing.

"I don't know if he knew what their true potential might be, but he knew they talked about (hating blacks)," Gripon said. He said Berry used "relatively poor judgment" in picking up Byrd.

An FBI blood expert was among the last to testify Friday, saying he matched blood found on Berry's boots, jeans and shirt to Byrd. Berry has claimed the blood got on him when Byrd was shoved into him during the beating.

Other investigators testified earlier that King's and Brewer's footprints appeared along the logging road where the dragging started, indicating Berry was behind the wheel of the truck during the dragging.

Current policies for teachers not accurate measure of their quality

WASHINGTON (AP) - Although states are attempting to boost teacher quality, they are heading in the wrong direction with highly centralized, regulation-heavy policies, said a report issued Monday.

The Thomas Fordham Foundation, a privately run school-reform research organization, compiled data on policies it associates with teacher quality and concluded that most states stand in the way of ensuring that quality teachers get into the nation's classrooms.

"A far more promising approach is to deregulate entry into teaching, devolve personnel authority to individual schools, and then hold those schools and their staffs to account for student learning that occurs in them," said foundation president Chester E. Finn Jr., who was an Education Department official in the Reagan administration.

The Washington-based group evaluated states in areas that included how they punish or reward teachers and administrators for student achievement, conduct checks of teachers' backgrounds and college course work, and how much they give individual schools power to hire and fire teachers.

Forty-four states require teachers to pass a test to earn a license. But the tests, which vary, grant teachers credentials based on a range of measures from basic skills to knowledge of a specific subject to teaching performance.

The foundation report cited Texas, whose governor is GOP presidential front-runner George W. Bush, for being one of the few states to evaluate teachers based on how well their students perform in the classroom and its aggressive recruitment of talented professionals from other fields. But more than half the state's teachers are not teaching the subjects they studied or were certified for, the report said.

Congressional negotiators work to finalize payment to UN

WASHINGTON- White House and congressional negotiators worked Monday to finalize a deal that will allow payment of nearly $1 billion in U.S. back dues to the United Nations, a move that would clear the main obstacle blocking an overall agreement on the federal budget.

Negotiators late Sunday approved the framework of a compromise, overcoming an impasse under which congressional Republicans refused to authorize payment of the U.N. arrears unless the Clinton administration agreed to some restrictions on family-planning groups that promote abortions abroad.

"We have had a breakthrough in terms of our U.N. dues," Secretary of State Madeleine confirmed Monday from Turkey, where she is travelling with President Clinton.

"I'm pleased to report that a tentative agreement has been reached between the White House and congressional negotiators that will pave the way for the United States to pay our U.N. bills."

The breakthrough raised hopes that Congress will conclude its final year-end budget settlement with the White House this week before going on recess.

Congress' refusal to pay the U.N. dues has been an enormous embarrassment to the United States, which is threatened with the automatic loss of its seat in the 188-member U.N. General Assembly if it does not pay a significant portion of the arrears before the end of the year.

The Nation In Brief

Voice recorder data inconclusive

NEWPORT, R.I. - Death certificates will be issued to relatives of those who perished on EgyptAir Flight 990, a judge ruled Monday. The certificates will say that each victim is presumed dead, even if that person's remains have not been found and identified.

Sunday, a NTSB source said cockpit voice recordings from EgyptAir Flight 990 show the pilot and co-pilot talking "like pals" before something goes wrong and both men desperately try to fix a problem, a source close to the investigation said. Within minutes, the plane crashed into the Atlantic.

"Something happens. Alarms go off. Both work to try to fix it," the source said an initial review of the tape showed. "There is some kind of problem that they're dealing with. It gets progressively worse. And the tape stops." In a statement Sunday night, National Transportation Safety Board chairman James Hall said no conclusions could be drawn from the initial review.

Inner-city residents shop online

NEW YORK - Merchants using the Internet could be missing out on a huge and lucrative market for their Web sites: inner-city shoppers. A new study released Monday shows urban residents with access to computers and the Internet use the Web as often - and sometimes more frequently - as the general U.S. population. The Internet is an easy way for these shoppers to get goods and services they can't find in their own neighborhoods, which generally aren't served by more traditional stores. "Bricks-and-mortar retailers have virtually ignored the inner cities, so it is natural that consumers there would look for other places to shop," said the chief retail economist at PricewaterhouseCoopers, which conducted the study with a Boston-based nonprofit group.

Girl re-enacts movie suicide

PAHOKEE, Fla. - A 9-year-old girl believed to be re-enacting a scene from the movie *The Man in the Iron Mask* died after hanging herself with a shoelace. Investigators believe Jennifer Wood lost her balance while standing in a closet on a 2-foot-high plastic storage container. She was found Saturday, hanging by a shoelace noose from a closet rod. The second-grader was found by her father, who got her down and tried to revive her. She later was pronounced dead at Glades General Hospital. Her parents said Jennifer had become captivated by the death of a princess who hangs herself in The Man in the Iron Mask, a 1998 film rated PG-13, which stars teen idol Leonardo DiCaprio. The girl's mother told Palm Beach County sheriff's deputies that she had found her daughter acting out the movie's death scene twice before.

Jackson: Ready to go to jail for students

DECATUR, Ill. - The Rev. Jesse Jackson says he will go to jail if he has to in his attempt to re-enroll six students expelled for a brawl at a football game at a city high school. Jackson has criticized the school district's "zero tolerance" policy on violence and said such policies nationwide need to be reviewed. Jackson promised to visit the schools to demonstrate and force authorities to arrest him. He asked how many would be willing to join him in jail, and hundreds of people raised their hands. "On Tuesday morning, we're going to cross the line," he said. "If Dr. (Martin Luther) King could do it in Birmingham ... and (Nelson) Mandela could do it in South Africa, we can do it in Decatur." On Sunday, Jackson led more than 2,000 people on a march along the streets of Decatur to demand that the expulsions, already reduced to one school year, be cut even further. During the parade, about a dozen Ku Klux Klan members based in Indiana held a counter-demonstration at a Decatur park. A crowd of some 150 people watched, many cheering the Klan's remarks.

Station interviews Jon Benet's parents

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The parents of JonBenet Ramsey resent the Colorado governor and others who say the couple acted suspiciously after their 6-year-old daughter was killed in 1996. In an interview with WSMV-TV to be aired over several nights starting Monday, John Ramsey said he was offended by the criticism. "When you've lost a child, nothing else matters. You're rendered as low as you can possibly be without dying," he said. John Ramsey and his wife, Patsy, haven't spoken publicly in more than a year. The Ramseys gave the interview with the local television station to promote their new book, tentatively titled *The Death of Innocence*. It is due out in March. A grand jury last month ended its 13-month investigation of the case without an indictment, but Colorado authorities have said the Ramseys remain under suspicion.

INTERNATIONAL

China begins entry into World Trade Organization

Contributed Photo
China's foreign trade minister, Shi Guangsheng, shakes hands with U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky

By Charles Hutzler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING (AP) - After 13 years of fitful talks and six days of grueling bargaining, Chinese and U.S. negotiators signed a breakthrough agreement Monday that would remove trade barriers and clears the biggest hurdle to China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

The agreement obligates China to cut tariffs an average of 23 percent and promises greater access to the relatively closed Chinese market for U.S. banks, insurers, telecommunications firms and Hollywood film exporters, according to a statement released by the U.S. Embassy.

None of the terms will take effect until China gains entry to the WTO and most would be phased in over five years or longer.

U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and China's foreign trade minister, Shi Guangsheng, signed the agreement. They then shook hands and were joined in a champagne toast by President Clinton's special economics adviser, Gene Sperling, and Long Yongtu, China's lead WTO negotiator.

Barshefsky then went to the Communist Party leadership compound and met Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

"Where there's a will, there's a way," Jiang told Barshefsky after the signing.

In Ankara, Turkey, Clinton said the agreement was "a profoundly important step" in relations between Washington and Beijing and a boon for the global economy. China's admission to the WTO has been a major foreign policy and economic goal of the Clinton administration.

EgyptAir crash under investigation

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) - The pilot and co-pilot of EgyptAir Flight 990 were fixing something that got "progressively worse" and alarms sounded in the cockpit, a source close to the investigation of the downed jet told The Associated Press.

During the first 28 minutes of tape from the cockpit voice recorder, the pilot and co-pilot engaged in what appears to be routine exchanges, at times talking "like pals," the source said Sunday. Then something went wrong.

A preliminary review of the tape provides no apparent evidence of an intruder in the cockpit or of any fighting among the crew, the source said. The New York-to-Cairo jetliner crashed off Massachusetts' Nantucket Island on Oct. 31, killing all 217 people on board.

In a statement Sunday, National Transportation Safety Board chairman James Hall said no conclusions could be drawn from the initial review of the tape. The recorder was found to be in good condition and it provided about 31 1/2 minutes of data, he said.

The source said the pilots never seem to indicate on the tape what problem they're dealing with.

After a two-week search, the recorder was found Saturday night by a remote-operated robot. It was delivered to NTSB headquarters in Washington on Sunday.

Preliminary data from the plane's flight data recorder showed that the Boeing 767's autopilot was switched off and the plane was put into a dive so steep and fast that passengers would briefly have felt weightless. Additionally, the recorder showed both engines were shut off before the aircraft climbed briefly out of its dive and then turned and dropped into the ocean.

Barry Schiff, a former TWA 767 pilot from Los Angeles and currently an aviation accident investigator, has said the data shows that some human factor was responsible rather than some system failure.

The head of the FBI's Boston office, Barry Mawn, said more than 250 FBI agents had conducted several hundred interviews related to the crash, but that there was no evidence yet that a crime had been committed.

The World In Brief

Protests mar Clinton's visit to Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey - While anti-American protests were being staged in Turkey and Greece, President Clinton Monday praised Turkey's "impressive momentum" in improving its human rights record and argued for Turkish membership in the European Union as crucial to ensuring peace and stability in the region. Turkish President Suleyman Demirel said he was pleased Clinton reaffirmed support for Turkish membership in the European Union, an economic alliance that for years has rejected Turkey, in part on human rights grounds. Human rights groups accuse Turkey of torturing prisoners and restricting freedom of expression. Meanwhile, police detained 110 demonstrators who gathered in downtown Ankara chanting "Yankee, go home" and other anti-U.S. slogans.

Lenny strengthens, threatens Puerto Rico

MIAMI - Hurricane Lenny strengthened Monday with wind reaching 100 mph, as it passed south of Jamaica on an eastward course that threatens Haiti and the Dominican Republic with wind and heavy rain. The eighth hurricane of the Atlantic season also could affect Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The

Atlantic hurricane season officially ends Nov. 30. A hurricane watch is posted for the south coast of Haiti, and the government of the Dominican Republic said it would issue a hurricane watch for the south coast of its portion of the island of Hispaniola. A hurricane watch may be required for Puerto Rico and the

Virgin Islands later Monday, U.S. hurricane forecasters said. The mainland United States will not be affected, said a hurricane specialist.

Turkish quake survivors flee area twice hit

DUZCE, Turkey - After two major earthquakes in the past three months, terrified residents of this northwestern Turkish town Monday are packing up and leaving, unable to face the idea that the ground could once again erupt around them. Others are choosing to stay close to home since Friday's earthquake, but life for them is growing more and more difficult. Without enough tents to go around, many people in Duzce - the epicenter of the 7.2-magnitude quake - had to spend the last three nights sleeping outside amid freezing temperatures. Friday's earthquake left 452 dead and 3,000 injured. Rescue teams were still digging through tons of concrete rubble at many sites in Duzce and elsewhere in the hope of pulling out survivors. But the chance of finding anyone alive was slipping with each passing minute. Friday's quake struck an area 45 miles east of the region worst hit by the Aug. 17 quake that left more than 17,000 people dead.

Dispute delays West Bank pullback

RAMALLAH, West Bank - A dispute over territory held up an Israeli troop withdrawal planned for Monday, with the Palestinians saying the West Bank land they were offered is too sparsely populated and does not connect their scattered enclaves. No new date for a pullback was set. The troop pullback was the second of three stipulated by the most recent interim peace accord. In all, Israel agreed to withdraw from 11% of the West Bank in three stages by January, leaving the Palestinians with full or partial control of 39% of the West Bank. Israel's government last week approved Monday's withdrawal. However, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat refused to sign the withdrawal maps. Israel insists it alone has the right to determine what areas will be handed over. The Palestinians disagree, saying the peace accords stipulate cooperation.

Death toll of storm in France rises to 27

PARIS - Workers attempted to clear roads and repair railway tracks Monday following fierce rainstorms in southern France that killed at least 27 people. Lawmakers in the French parliament stood for a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the torrential rains this weekend in three French regions. Several people were still believed missing. The storm caused severe flooding and mudslides in the Aude, the Tarn and the Eastern Pyrenees region. It destroyed homes and businesses, snapped dikes and bridges and damaged roads and rails.

Castro hosts Latin regional summit

HAVANA - Fidel Castro enjoyed diplomatic triumph Sunday as he greeted the Spanish king and other European and Latin American heads of state arriving for a summit that could help further draw the communist country out of its isolation. King Juan Carlos was the first monarch from the Motherland to set foot in Cuba - the island where Spain launched its conquest of Latin America. But while Castro was at the airport greeting the king, Queen Sofia and other guests with a military honor guard, opponents of the government held a series of meetings aimed at bringing their complaints about Cuba's communist system to the world.

U.S. Navy aircraft crash kills two

MANAMA, Bahrain - Two members of a U.S. Navy aircraft crew were killed Sunday when their S-3B Viking crashed into the Gulf immediately after takeoff. A statement from the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command in Manama, home to the Navy's Fifth Fleet, said the aircraft, which was on a routine refueling mission, went down at 12:30 p.m. The crew was assigned to Sea Control Squadron 32 operating aboard the USS John F. Kennedy. "Helicopters from the carrier recovered the crew approximately 20 minutes later," said the statement. Identities were being withheld until relatives could be notified. The cause of the crash was under investigation, according to the statement.

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YOUR HEALTH

Stressful times require prevention of illness

By Laurie Sampson
STAFF WRITER

Final exam period is almost here. It's the busiest time of the year, but not just for students. Finals period is also the busiest time of the year at the student health center.

"It gets busy in cycles around the more stressful times of the year," said Judith Duda, director of the health center. "Around these times, more students don't eat well or get enough rest."

Eating well and getting enough rest are the two most important components in preventing sickness, according to Duda. Students that don't eat a balanced diet or get enough rest are much more prone to illness. Regular exercise can also help students to build up their immune system defenses and prevent sickness.

But even if a student takes precautions, he or she can still become sick. Duda suggests that when students think they are sick, they should get to the health center as soon as possible.

"Some students will lay in bed for 3 days without coming to see us. That's lost time when they could have been getting better," Duda said. "They may just have a virus that needs to run its course, but they might also have something that we could help them with."

Excuses can be obtained from the health center if a student misses a class because of health related reasons. However, these excuses are not necessarily free tickets out of class. It is up to the individual professors to decide whether to accept the reason as a valid excused absence. Students should consult their professors to learn specific policies.

During the stressful time of final exam period, some vitamins and nutrients that may keep students healthy include vitamin C, zinc, selenium and omega-3 essential fatty acids. If students cannot fit these nutrients into their diets, they may want to consider taking supplements.

Vitamin C speeds up the body's healing processes and may help to dry a runny nose. It can be found in foods like oranges, citrus fruits, red bell peppers, tomatoes, papaya, spinach and broccoli.

Zinc and selenium are important in improving the body's defense mechanisms by promoting development of infection-fighting white blood cells. These minerals are in meat, poultry, seafood, whole-grain breads and nuts.

One of the college's three doctors visits the health center each morning between 8:15 and 9:15. If possible, students should make appointments to see a doctor so that the schedule runs more smoothly.

For more information, contact the health center at EXT. 7927 or visit the center in Shaw Hall. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Caffeine: the world's most popular drug

By Shanna Sallmen
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever run into a student right before a 7:40 who was very grumpy? You think to yourself, "she is NOT a morning person." However, perhaps the bad attitude is because they haven't had their morning coffee yet.

"Without our morning coffee, we get headaches and sometimes become very irritable" sophomores Molly Weaver and Lani Nuss said.

Caffeine is the world's most popular drug. The daily per capita consumption of caffeine is about two hundred-milligrams in the United States. About sixty percent of per capita consumption results from coffee drinkers.

Other drinks in which the caffeine content is extremely high are hot tea and cola drinks. The tea leaves used to brew the hot tea contain about three point five percent caffeine and cola drinks contain about three point six percent caffeine.

Caffeine is also found in milk chocolate products and "stay awake" pills. Consumption of caffeine can have short and long-term effects on the body.

Short-term effects happen shortly after consumption and disappear within a few hours. Some examples of short-term effects are increases in metabolism, the rate of breathing, and urination. Blood pressure may also increase. Caffeine can also stimulate the brain, which can result in enhanced performance of intellectual tasks and postponed fatigue.

Long-term effects of caffeine happen later and do not go away as quickly. These effects are not evident if a person takes in a great deal of caffeine. A normal college student has nothing to worry about, since a person must have the time for more than eight or nine cups of coffee in one sitting.

The effects of caffeine can be reduced if the body builds a tolerance to the drug following repeated use. Any interruption of the regular use produces a withdrawal syndrome, resulting in irritability and fatigue.

Triax Metabolic Accelerator called off store shelves

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government warned consumers Thursday not to buy or consume Triax Metabolic Accelerator, calling it a potentially dangerous hormonal drug masquerading as a dietary supplement.

Anyone using Triax should stop immediately, the Food and Drug Administration said. Also, the agency urged Triax users to see a doctor if they have symptoms of thyroid disease, including fatigue, profound weight loss, diarrhea, anxiety, nervousness or insomnia.

The product - containing the ingredient tiratricol, another name for the thyroid hormone TRIAC - is promoted in health food stores and over the Internet as a way to lose weight by increasing metabolism.

Triax's distributor insisted the product is safe and threatened to sue the FDA.

But people who take the recommended dose of Triax could be getting up to 10 times more per day of a potent thyroid hormone than is normal, said Dr. David Orloff, an FDA medical officer.

"You are overdosing on thyroid hormone," he explained.

That can cause not just uncomfortable thyroid-related symptoms, but can increase the risk of heart attack, stroke and high blood pressure, particularly in people with underlying heart disease, he said.

While the FDA's published warning mentioned only Triax, a quick Internet search uncovered numerous other tiratricol-containing products. When told, FDA officials responded that they would investigate further.

"I think that's wise," Orloff said when asked if consumers should avoid any tiratricol.

Missouri-based Syntrax Innovations Inc. said it would challenge FDA's charges in court.

Exercising one hour per day will help maintain weight loss

By Nanci Hellmich
USA TODAY

Dieters who lose weight and keep it off typically exercise for at least an hour a day, far more than the federal guideline that recommends exercising at least 30 minutes to improve overall health, says research being presented today.

The amount of exercise needed for weight loss and maintenance is being discussed at the North American Association for the Study of Obesity annual meeting in Charleston, S.C.

Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver have compiled a National Weight Control Registry of people who've lost and kept off weight. Experts have analyzed detailed questionnaires from 2,800 people (80% women), who've lost an average of 65 pounds and kept at least 30 pounds off for 5 1/2 years.

Among the findings so far:

People who've lost weight and kept it off burn an average of 2,800 calories a week with exercise - about 400 calories daily. (The average person burns about 100 calories every mile he or she walks.)

On average, participants burn about 1,000 calories a week by walking. They burn 1,800 calories with a combination of activities, including aerobics, strength training and biking.

"Members of the registry increased their exercise gradually over time until exercise had become an important part of their lives," says Rena Wing, co-founder of the registry and professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

A separate study of 140 exercisers, mostly walkers, showed that those who maintained weight loss averaged 280 minutes of exercise a week, or 56 minutes five days a week.

Some exercised in 10-minute increments; others did it all at once, says author John Jakicic, assistant professor at Brown University School of Medicine.

"Even moderate levels of exercise are beneficial for health ," Jakicic says.

But "if weight is an issue, you need to gradually progress to this level. If you do, you have a much better chance of being successful at maintaining your weight loss."

Study shows that anti-viral drugs are no match for HIV virus

WASHINGTON (AP) - A short time after it invades the body, the virus that causes AIDS creates a reservoir of silent infection that cannot be stamped out by current anti-viral drugs and may resist vaccines, a study shows.

The new research shows that this disease pool is created almost immediately after the virus is transmitted.

"These chronically infected cells are important because they allow the virus to persist below the radar screen of the immune system, particularly at the time of the transmission," said Dr. Ashley T. Haase, an HIV researcher at the University of Minnesota and the senior author of the study.

Haase said the study shows that a short time after the sexual transmission of the AIDS virus, there is an infection established in what are known as resting T-cells. These are white blood cells that are not actively participating in the body's immune response to the virus and are resistant to anti-viral drugs.

The finding is contrary to the belief that HIV first infects two other targets, macrophages and dendritic cells, and then spreads to active T-cells.

Dr. Tony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, said the Haase study gives important new insight into the early stages of HIV infection.

By quickly infecting the resting T-cells, said Fauci, the virus "gives itself some insurance of survival." Virus in resting is a much more difficult target for both the immune system and for anti-viral drugs, he said.

In the study, Haase and his colleagues first studied monkeys. The animals were infected with SIV, the simian form of HIV.

They found that just three days after infection, the virus was in both activated and resting T-cells. In the following days, it spread faster and faster into the resting T-cells.

The finding suggests that the current drugs never will completely eradicate the virus, he said.

Haase said it is believed that the resting T-cells can persist in the body for years, perhaps decades. This means that the HIV in these cells would remain a threat even though the drugs reduce virus in the blood stream to an undetectable level.

SPORTS

Paul's Points: Sport Books

By Paul Radkowski
STAFF WRITER

My friends say that I am a "voracious reader", and they're right. I like to read, especially sports books. I enjoy investigative and thorough glimpses into the world of sports, whether that be bowling, baseball or boxing.

So, I'd like to recommend the best sports books that I've read in the past few months.

First is *Mad as Hell* by Mike Lupica. Lupica is a well-known sportswriter for the *New York Daily News* whose work has appeared in *Esquire*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Sport* and many other well-recognized magazines.

Mad as Hell is a very interesting book that discusses, according to the cover, "how sports got away from the fans and how we can take it back." I had never read a book like this before, so I was intrigued from the start.

I wasn't disappointed. Lupica writes with such witty sarcasm that the reader cannot help but laugh. He discusses all the negative aspects of sports from owners moving teams to spoiled athletes to ticket price hikes.

He fills the book with personal stories, like the time when Darryl Strawberry threatened to stuff him in a garbage can. Why? Because Darryl mistook Lupica for another journalist who had written about his personal life and marriage.

This was an excellent book, one that reminded me of the Howard Cosell books which I've read except Lupica offers the same arguments that Cosell did (i.e. "Sports today is too much about the money") with humor, as opposed to Cosell's big words and long, elaborate dissertations.

The next book I enjoyed reading recently was John Feinstein's *A Good Walk Spoiled*. Feinstein is the author of a wide variety of in-depth sports books about many sports. Some of his more famous books include *Play Ball*, *A Season on the Brink*, and *A Season Inside*.

Feinstein's books are excellent reads because of their comprehensiveness. *A Good Walk Spoiled* is about the 1993-94 pro golf tour (PGA). Feinstein traveled with and interviewed what seemed like everybody associated with pro golf.

Golfers such as Nick Price, Tom Watson, Tom Kite, Greg Norman, Davis Love III. (Remember...no Tiger Woods yet, although I do recall him being mentioned in passing once.) Brian Henninger and Paul Goydos struggling to get through "Q-school": the extremely difficult and stressful process of making it onto the tour.

Every event on the PGA tour is covered. The Nike Tour and Q-school are there too.

But it isn't overwhelming. Feinstein ties everything together with amusing anecdotes and deep looks into all aspects of golf: mental, physical, and emotional.

Feinstein puts into words the stress of not only making it to the tour, but staying there; not only making it to the top of the money list, but staying there. He tells how even the pros feel how the average golfer does, sometimes no matter what you do, you'll have days when you're dead on and days when you can't hit a good shot to save your life.

A Good Walk Spoiled and *Mad as Hell* are two excellent books, and Mike Lupica and John Feinstein are two excellent sportswriters. Check them out.

Win against Gannon starts duel meet season

By Wendy Hamilton
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's swimming teams walloped Gannon University last Saturday for their first GLIAC win of the 1999-2000 season.

Although Gannon scored well in diving, the Titans still collected over 18 first place finishes. The Lady Titans overthrew Gannon by a score of 151-80. The men's team dominated Gannon by a score of 147-57.

"This is a fantastic way to start our dual meet season," Head Coach Rob Klamut said. "Both teams exhibited the depth that is needed to have a successful season, and our depth is a lot deeper than it has been for a long time."

Four of Gannon's pool records fell from some outstanding swims by both the men's and women's team. Senior David Gesacion broke the 200 butterfly record by swimming a time of 1:59.90. James Mann, Kurt Rothroff, David Gesacion and Al Starr broke the 400 Medley record, while Mann's backstroke leg of the relay broke the 100 backstroke record with a time of 54.32. Senior Stefanie King broke the 200 breaststroke record, while also being the first Lady Titan in history to make her B-cut qualifying time for the national meet. She swam a time of 2.30:36.

The Titans closed the gap from the points scored against them in diving with victories in both the men's and women's 400 medley relays. The women's relay team consisted of Tara Crawford, Stefanie King, Tina Proudfoot and Jaime Sell.

The Lady Titans placed first in every event. The first place finishers were Gretchen Burwinkel in the 1000 and 500 freestyle, Amanda Olinger in the 400 individual medley, Stephanie Dawson in the 50 freestyle, Tina Proudfoot in the 200 butterfly, Tara Crawford in the 200 backstroke, Jaime Sell in the 200 freestyle and Stefanie King in the 200 breast.

The Lady Titans closed the meet and their first place finishes streak by winning the 400 freestyle relay, which consisted of Stephanie Dawson, Susie Kenyon, Jaime Sell and Amanda Olinger.

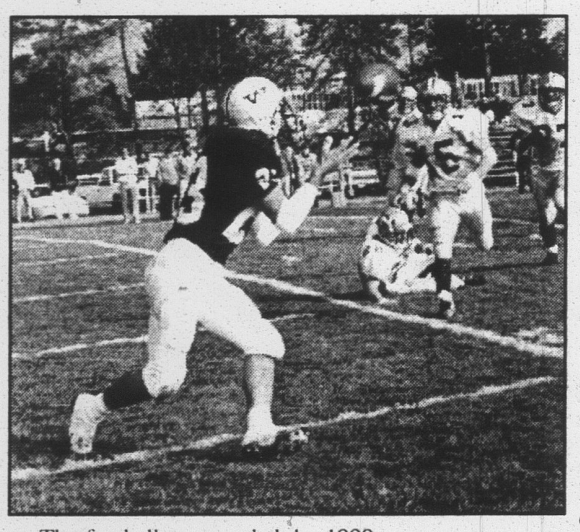
The men also triumphed in their share of first place finishes. Freshman Seth Bontrager won the 400 individual medley and the 500 freestyle. Brian Lytle won the 1000 freestyle, David Gesacion won the 200 freestyle and the 200 butterfly, and James Mann won the 200 backstroke. The Titans ended the meet by winning the 400 freestyle relay, which consisted of Al Starr, Richard King, Chris Giles and Brian Lytle.

"These victories got the dual meet season off to a good start," Lytle said. It shows that the teams' hard work is paying off and encourages us to keep working so that we can continue to be successful in the meets to come."

The Titans next meet will be against Edinboro University on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Edinboro.

"The GLIAC conference was sent a strong message, not only by the individual victories but by the team accomplishments, of the overall talent that our teams' possess", junior captain Tara Crawford said. "We have proven thus far that we are more determined then ever to leave a lasting impression on the GLIAC conference."

Football team loses final game in historic triple overtime battle



The football team ended the 1999 season on a down note Saturday, as the Titans saw their three-game winning streak snapped following a 33-27 triple overtime loss to GLIAC opponent Northern Michigan at Burry Stadium.

The Wildcats improved to 6-4 overall, 6-3 in league play, with the victory. The game marked the final NCAA Division II GLIAC contest for Westminster, which will join the NCAA Division III Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) in the 2000 football season.

Westminster opened the scoring on their second possession midway through the first quarter, driving 84 yards on 10 plays in 4:21 capped by a two-yard scoring dive by senior QB James Graham for a 7-0 advantage. NMU responded with a drive that fizzled at the Titan 2-yard line, followed by a 19-yard Andrew Coster field goal cutting the lead to 7-3 after one period.

The Titans stretched the lead to 14-3 following a fumbled punt, which gave them the ball on the Wildcat 33, as Graham connected with senior wideout Dan Detwiler from six yards out. It was Detwiler's team-leading eighth TD reception of the season. The Wildcats responded with a 44-yard scoring run by fullback

Hector Castellanos to make the score 14-10 midway through the period.

Both teams added field goals late in the half, with Westminster's coming off the foot of sophomore Jon McCartney from 22 yards out, for a 17-13 Titan halftime lead.

The lead grew to 20-13 after three periods, as McCartney booted a career-long 32-yard field goal late in the third. That score remained until 3:51 left in the contest, when NMU drove 55 yards on 10 plays covering 4:49 capped by a nine-yard run to paydirt by James Randle. Regulation ended with the score tied 20-20, sending the game to the first overtime session in Westminster football history.

The first OT saw the Wildcats intercept a Titan pass at the 15-yard line, setting NMU up for a win with any score on their possession. However, the Titan defense held the Wildcats to just one yard on three plays, followed by Coster missing a 41-yard field goal wide right to send the game to a second extra period.

NMU struck first in the second OT, as Bryan White found Tony Ebeling from 25 yards out for a 27-20 advantage. Westminster fought back to tie the score again on their second OT possession, with Graham connecting with junior Brian Lipiello from 23 yards away to send the contest into a third extra session.

Westminster had the first possession of the third OT, and again NMU intercepted a pass to snuff out any scoring threat. The Wildcats ended the game on the first play of their third OT possession, with White again throwing a 25-yard scoring strike to Ebeling to clinch the league victory.

Blue-White game prepares

By Shanna Sallamen
STAFF WRITER

The Titan basketball team proves ready to play ball after the annual Blue-White intersquad scrimmage, which took place on Nov. 10.

The team was split into two groups, the Titan blue team, coached by assistant coach Larry Ondako and the Titan White team, coached by assistant coach Kevin Siroki. Official referees were present, as well as eager fans.

The game consisted of two twenty-minute halfs. Senior point guard and team captain Shane Lanigan led the game and the blue team scoring twenty-five points, while adding four assists and seven steals. Junior swingman Andy Wormsley was not far behind with nineteen points.

"It was a good test for the team. We have only played one scrimmage against Grove City. It gave us insight of what's to happen in the up and coming Buzz Ridel Classic," Wormsley said.

For the white team, junior shooting guard J.P. Maszczak led with twenty-two points, and junior forwards Henry Klinar and Chad Phillips added thirteen and ten, respectively. Phillips also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

With a better percentage of shots made, the blue team won with the score of seventy-three to sixty-one.

"It was good to see both teams play hard and aggressive. The blue/white game was good preparation and a great learning experience," Coach Dafler said. "I'm glad no one got hurt. We're looking forward to taking the next step, starting this coming weekend."

The Titan men's basketball team opens the 1999-2000 season by hosting the annual Buzz Ridl Classic on Nov. 19-20. The weekend will feature games Tiffin vs. California (Pa.), Titans vs. LeMoyne (N.Y.), a consolation game and the tournament championship

FALL SPORTS REVIEW

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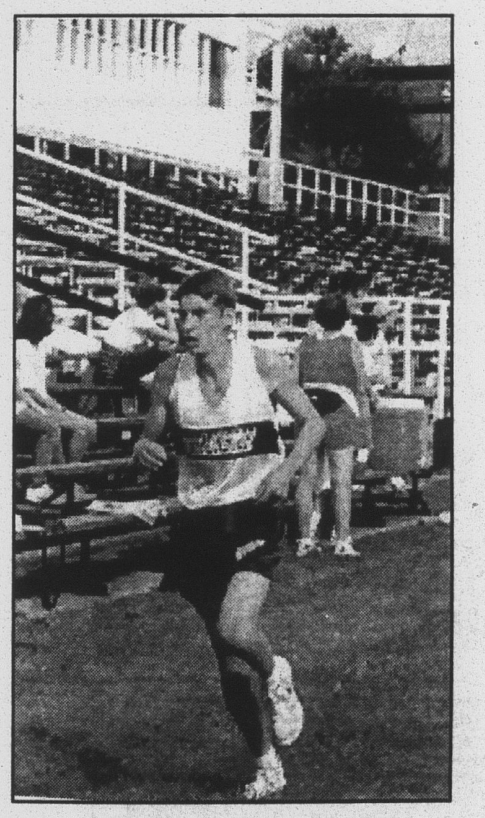
Men's Cross Country
6-1 (in top 3 finishes)



Women's Cross Country
5-2 (in top 3 finishes)

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The fall season wrapped up last weekend with the football team losing a triple-overtime heart-breaker to Northern Michigan. While the loss was disappointing, most of the fall teams ended their seasons, their time in the GLIAC and Division II, on a positive note.

The football team began with a 0-7 record, but then proved that they could hold their own in Division II by completing the season 3-1. Victories over Findlay, Gannon and Wayne State, and a near win over Northern Michigan, showed that the Titans could be contenders in the GLIAC.

Individually, this team set two all-time records for Westminster. Senior quarterback James Graham set new Titan single season records for completions, attempts and passing this season. Senior wide receiver Matt Dvorsak became the all-time leading receiver in Titan history by breaking the record for career receptions and receiving yards.

The men and women's cross-country teams concluded their season at the GLIAC competition, and some went on to compete at regionals in Boston, Mass. The men placed 10th out of 12 teams at the GLIAC meet, while the Lady Titans were 11th out of 13 squads.

Sophomore Jake Gleason, senior Keith Schrag and junior Jennifer Bennett led the squads with strong finishes at the meets.

The soccer teams also competed in the competitive league with success. The men were 2-3-1 in the GLIAC with wins over Saginaw Valley and Hillsdale and a tie with Ashland. Scoring leaders for the men were juniors Derek Baumgartner, Matt Nichols and David Kanter. Freshman Kevin Humberston was the top goalie for the Titans.

The women's team posted a 5-5 record in the GLIAC and faced injuries to starters and much tougher competition than last year. The ladies proved to be top contenders in the GLIAC, with wins over Hillsdale, Northwood, Northern Michigan, Saginaw Valley and Ferris State. Leading the way for the Lady Titans were freshmen Tammy Newell and Katie Krone and sophomores Ashley Pyle and Stacy Tempalski. In the goal, sophomore Sarah Morrison was the top player.

The volleyball team finished their season on a positive note, with a crushing of Mercyhurst. The ladies ended the season with a 15-20 record, highlighting the season with wins over Geneva, Grove City and West Virginia Wesleyan. Top hitters for the ladies were seniors Shadra Kendall, Jessica Furman and freshman Suzanne Fitz. Defensively, senior Danielle Kean, juniors Sarah Verhoff and Andrea Cronie led the team with digs. Kean was also the leader in assists for the Titans.

The tennis team did not have a winning season, but finally received a win over Gannon at the end of the season. Junior Ellen Johnston, sophomores Brenda Rowland and Shannon Haines and freshman Molly Householder led the Titans in the victory.

While the fall teams did not all have winning records, the level of competition in the GLIAC was extremely high. The strong finishes of the teams showed that positive things will come next year in the PAC when the Titans will compete against schools that are the same size as Westminster. The PAC will be a welcome relief for the fall sports who have already completed their seasons. Hopefully, the winter and spring sports will leave the GLIAC with a bang and enter next year on a positive note as well.

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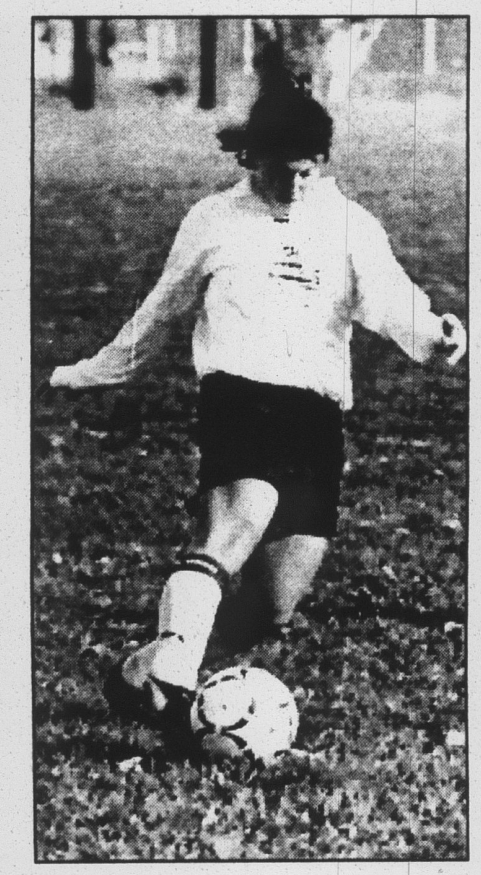

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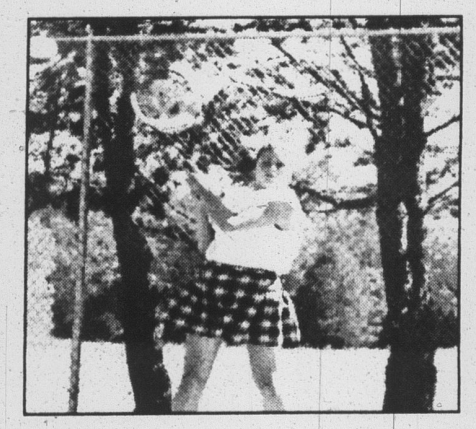

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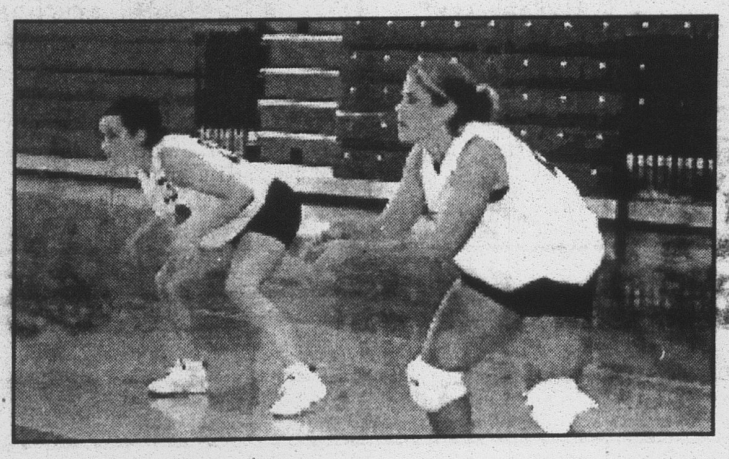

Men's Soccer *5-11-2*

OPINION

Question of the week

What are your thoughts about Thanksgiving?

Erika Hink, freshman
"I think Thanksgiving is a valid holiday...it dates back to the pilgrims. It's nice because we can give thanks for everything we have."

Anna Tielsch, sophomore
"It's one of the best holidays of the year because you get to spend time with family and loved ones."

Rachel Lange, freshman
"Thanksgiving for me is an opportunity to take time out of my hectic schedule to appreciate everything I've been blessed with: close friends, a loving family and a good life."

Don Kelley, senior
"Thanksgiving has none of the commercialism of the other holidays."

Dave Kost, senior
"It's fabulous."

Amy Polen, senior
"I think it's an important holiday to have because it's a reflection of our history."

Eric Bass, junior
"I think it's a much needed holiday. It's a good time to start Christmas shopping."

Adam Jones, junior
"Thanksgiving is the greatest holiday in the world due to the fact that you are able to gorge yourself on the carcass of a dead bird and partake in the ambience of football games."

Michael Cosgrove, sophomore
"Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for those things that we are most fortunate to have and to spend time with those who we care most about."

OUR VIEW: Enjoy Thanksgiving

The Salvation Army bells are ringing and carols are playing. The Christmas season is already upon us.

Unfortunately, it often seems that we barely have time to put away the Tinkerbell and bat woman costumes before old Saint Nick is showing up in every store window.

Christmas holiday hype is already in full swing. The lights are strung across town, carols are playing in shops and bags aren't even packed for break. What are we going home for again?

Oh yes, Thanksgiving - the holiday everyone seems to skip. Thanksgiving tends to get lost between the Halloween masquerade and the Christmas commotion more and more each year.

Retailers and advertisers begin bombarding the public with their gimmicks on Halloween costumes, decorations and candy as soon as September begins, and the moment all the Halloween hoopla is over the Christmas mania starts.

All forms of media begin to pressure us to find the perfect gift, the perfect tree, even a new holiday outfit. So, aside from the occasional grocery store turkey sale advertisement, Thanksgiving gets pushed aside.

In truth, Thanksgiving could be the best holiday of them all - especially for college students.

First of all, Thanksgiving doesn't require gifts. It requires no searching in the couch for quarters or skipping weekend outings to save money to buy family goodies. What would you give anyway? Indian corn? The best gift you can give on Thanksgiving is your presence at the dinner table.

> Thanksgiving is a whole day without classes devoted to doing what college kids do best - EATING a home cooked meal.

Oh, and the dinner! Thanksgiving is a whole day without classes devoted to doing what college kids do best - EATING a home cooked meal. When was the last time you sat down and had dinner with your family and no one had to rush to get away afterwards? There is nothing else to do on Thanksgiving besides eat turkey and watch football and parades. There are no gifts to open, no parties to rush to, nothing to do except spend time with the people who love you. What could be better?

Not only is Thanksgiving a stress free holiday, but it is also uniquely American. We are the only country that sets aside one day every year to share a meal with friends and family...in our own homes...in a country that makes us proud.

This year, take time to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday. Don't let the hurricane of holiday excitement sweep you past an enjoyable day of talking and having a meal with your family. Stuff yourself full of turkey, help with the dishes and watch a football game (or two!). Save the Christmas shopping and decorating for later.

Most of all be thankful for what you are, what you have and most importantly who you love.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article in the October 28th issue entitled, "Lack of funding prohibits some SGA activities." It concerns me that the campus now has a bad impression of the Student Government Association as well as the college. I would like to clarify and correct some of the misinformation that the campus community has received.

First of all, SGA has $180,000 in it's budge however over 50% of all of this money goes to CPC (Campus Programming Committee), campus clubs, organizations and interest groups. This money is used widely for campus weekend entertainment including movies, comedians, local musicians, etc. Therefore, this leaves less than $90,000 for Homecoming, VolleyRock, and any improvements SGA requests for the college community.

Since we do attend a small, private institution in a low population town, it is unrealistic for the campus community to bring an entertainer, like Adam Sandler, that costs $250,000, to the campus. The information in the article stated that Adam Sandler would cost only $40,000, that is incorrect. The $250,000 figure is more accurate. Bringing Bill Cosby to the school in 1998, was not funded by SGA, contrary to what some may think. The facts of the situation is that the celebrity Series paid for Cosby to speak and SGA subsidized money for students to attend the event at a lower cost. SGA did not pay for Cosby to speak, Celebrity Series did. SGA occasionally subsidizes money, like it did for Bill Cosby, for students to see the entertainer(s) at a lower price, they do not bring the acts to campus.

If you have any questions or comments regarding these matters, please feel free to attend the SGA meetings every Wednesday night at 7:00 in the TCF lecture room.

Sincerely,

Rachel Mackey
SGA Public Relations Chair

Dear Editor,

For anyone that thinks that buying a parking permit is a waste of time, I can now give them a good example of why it's worth the $20, for reasons other than not having the parking tickets pile up and get added on to your bill at the end of the semester. Tonight, as I was returning from the radio station, I noticed a car with the interior light left on. Thanks to the sticker, I was able to record the number, go to the security office and have them look up the owner of the car, call them and alert them of the case. Now had this person not bothered with buying a sticker, all I could have done is observed, and kept on walking and leave the person with a dead battery in the morning. This was something small, but the same thing could have applied to something bigger, like a break in or even someone wrecking into your car (yes, it happens), this will strongly speed up the process of security getting ahold of you.

Sincerely,

John H. Scott

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Ashley "Webster" W.

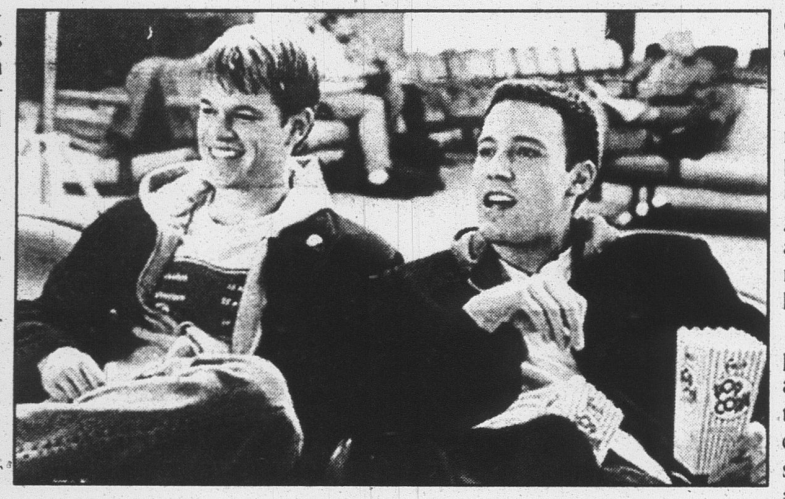
I awoke Sunday, nursing the wounds from my rather exciting, yet prolonged previous evening. I was punished for my iniquities by a rather nasty headache, as well as an overall groggy feeling. Man, I was in a world of pain. This feeling lasted until I began watching the flick of the week, *Dogma*.

Amazingly, less that fifteen minutes into the movie all my ails were cured. *Dogma* is a miracle cure for the insidious hangover. Throw away Uncle Jim's Elixir, all you really need to be healed is some Silent Bob and Jay.

Bigetty-bam! *Dogma* starts out with a rather humorous disclaimer about the duck billed platypus. OK, I thought it was funny, however rather unnecessary. The platypus was used as an example of God having humor. Yes, the platypus is a rather strange creature, but must we add insult to injury? The animal has a beak. Live and let live.

Confession: The duck billed platypus is my favorite animal.

All right, all right. *Dogma* is directed by the infamous director of such movies as *Clerks*, *Mall Rats* and *Chasing Amy*: Kevin Smith. For all of you less knowledgeable movie viewers, Kevin Smith is also that crazy kat Silent Bob in all of these movies. The plot consists of an eclectic array of biblical characters and proceeds to tear up many of the indoctrinated beliefs of organized religion, arguing that God is a female, for example. It provides a humorous account of the history of the Bible as well as a present day action movie.



Ben Affleck and Matt Damon play two angels whom are on a quest to reenter heaven. The dynamic duo is under siege by such characters as Linda Fiorentino who is a descendent of Jesus Christ, Chris Rock as Rufus the apostle, as well as Alan Rickman as a heavenly messenger. We also had a few more characters that are reminiscent of previous Kevin Smith movies such as Jason Lee as Azrael and Jeff Anderson as a gun shop owner. First its videos, now guns, my boy is moving up in the world!

Also our humorous, yet extraordinarily juvenile and perverted pair, Silent Bob and Jay are prophets. Figure that one out. I guess God does have a sense of humor.

With just a brief overview of the cast list it can be seen that this movie has a very popular, star-studded cast. I was very impressed with the acting. I felt that Affleck and Damon played their roles very powerfully. Also, I enjoyed the smooth, cynical poise of Rickman...very cool. Also, worthy of mention is Fiorentino who gives a wonderful portrayal as the martyr. And who can forget our two comedians Chris Rock and George Carlin, who strangely enough played very funny roles. And last, but not least, the amazingly beautiful Salma Hayek as Serendipity the muse...Dag!

Overall, *Dogma* is a movie well worth watching if you are looking for humor, for it is funny and quite amusing. I feel that the acting was the best part, because the plot lacked continuity. For some reason, certain scenes didn't add up, and while Bob and Jay are funny, the non-stop perverted juvenile humor wore on me after a while. It can become a bit monotonous and dull at times and doesn't necessarily have the best ending, but what the hell. It's funny. So for all of you Silent Bob and Jay fans, as well as everyone else, check out *Dogma*. Take it easy.

Derrick "Kid Sparkle" B. - (nod your head to this)

Kevin Smith has a short but unblemished movie career. With three hilarious, innovative movies under his belt (Clerks, Mallrats, and Chasing Amy), Smith has created his own world, and assembled a standard cast of memorable characters.

However, his latest stab at success falls a bit short of the standard he set for himself.

Dogma is the story of two fallen angels (Ben Affleck and Matt Damon), who have been banished from heaven to live for eternity in Wisconsin. In order to raise attendance, a Catholic Church in New Jersey decides to hold a special event: for one day, anyone who walks through the church doors is abstained from all of their sins.

Affleck and Damon hatch a plan to make it to New Jersey, walk through the door, die and thus, return to heaven. The problem? Doing this will prove God is not infallible, and all existence as we know it will cease to exist. So, the great, great, great, great (you get the idea) grand niece of Mary and Joseph (yes, the movie declares that Mary was not a virgin) is sent to stop their ploy and save humanity.

The main problem with the movie is that it simply isn't all that funny. While Smith's other films are endless streams of lines you want to remember to spit out at the lunch table, *Dogma* puts forth close to none, with most of the humor bordering on sophomoric and ranking on about the same level as a grade school potty jokes.

Jay and Silent Bob (played as always by Jason Mewes and Smith himself) make their usual appearance. While just looking at them can inspire a laugh, their usually witty banter is missing, as if Smith knew having Jay drop the F bomb several hundred times, smoke weed and degrade woman would suffice in entertaining audiences. Sadly, in most cases, he's probably right.

A few brilliant moments do poke through the din, most of which revolve around Damon. The film opens with him convincing a nun to leave the faith, urging her to take the charity money she has collected and go buy a dress and get a man (or a woman.)

Shortly into the film, Damon, who was formerly the angel of death, decides to take a few lives on the way to New Jersey. After going to a pawnshop and purchasing a gun with the best "look of the almighty wrath," he holds a few executions, the funniest of which are a man guilty of adultery and an entire corporate board meeting.

Although it's doubtful that any of The Last Temptation of Christ type hoopla will occur, *Dogma* is sure to stir up some controversy, as it speaks against institutionalized religion and sticks in plenty of changes to the standard story of the bible. Smith is Catholic though, so anyone with an ounce of intelligence should be able to swallow this with a grain of salt. It's all in good fun. Then again, after reading this review, anyone with an ounce of intelligence will avoid *Dogma* all together.

Comedian Brad Lowry leaves students crying from laughter

By Kurt Auchter
STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday night, comedian Brad Lowry left Down Under patrons laughing so hard they struggled to breathe.

Lowry, who hails from Illinois and currently resides in New York City, has worked with many famous comics. He has shared the stage with notables such as Sinbad, Chris Rock, Dennis Miller and Jerry Seinfeld, as well as singers James Brown and Barry White.

Lowry opened his act by telling why he chose to drive here rather than fly. Some of his jokes made fun of the necessity for seatbelts, emergency exits and oxygen masks. He also joked about the black box, saying he would like to fly inside it so crash investigators would find him. Then, he would jump out and tell them what happened.

He also talked about college life, including having no money and waiting for the washing machine.

Much of his material comes from his personal experiences. He told several hilarious stories about his family from when he was growing up and when he raised his own children. He also used current events, such as guns in schools.

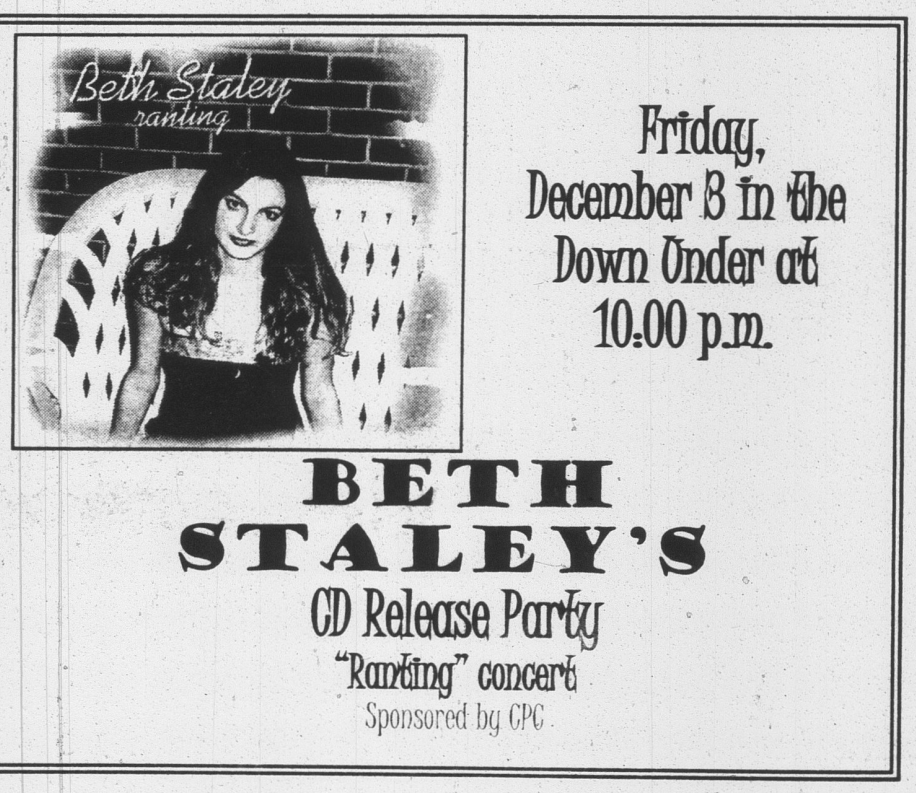
One joke was about a boy who waves his gun in class saying he doesn't want to do a problem on the board. The teacher responds by pumping his rifle. "Uh oh, teacher's got a bigger gun," the boy said.

Lowry made students burst with laughter.

"I fell out of my chair... I couldn't stop laughing," freshman Joe Gill said.

When asked how he got into comedy, Lowry said he did it to make his ex-wife jealous by becoming famous. On working with celebrities, he said it's sad to see those who make it to fame become arrogant. Overall, Lowry said he definitely enjoys his work.

Lowry will continue to tour colleges, with a stop in Ohio coming up next weekend.



Art students explore exhibit at Carnegie Museum of Art

By Kendra McClymonds
A&E EDITOR

On Nov. 10, 25 art students went to see the 1999 Carnegie International contemporary art exhibit at The Carnegie Museum of Art in Oakland.

"I'm impressed that such a world-renowned exhibit would be right here in Pittsburgh," said senior Matt McMurray, a graphic design student who saw the show.

The 53rd in a series of exhibitions that began in 1896, the International features paintings, sculptures, works on paper, video productions, installations, site-specific pieces, film, photography and mixed-media works by 41 artists from 22 different countries.

Though each display is amazing and unique, this year's theme centers on an examination of the "real." The artists are questioning what constitutes reality in this day and age when "virtual and the physical, the local and the global, and the real and the fictive coexist."

Much of the art requires viewers to use more than sight. Smell, touch and hearing are added necessities for some of the more involved displays.

One of the unusual tactile exhibits is "welle" by Ann Hamilton of Columbus, Ohio. This seemingly blank 20-foot wall sheds tear-like beads of water when a viewer takes a closer look.

"I didn't realize so much technology was involved in contemporary art," McMurray said in reference to the complicated pumping system assembled behind the wall.

As described in the 1999 Gallery Guide, "the body in all its vulnerability is recalled in Ann Hamilton's "welle" as if it were a functioning body rather than an architectural element...she turns architecture into a seemingly living membrane, reawakening the viewer to otherwise conventional surrounds."

Hamilton's display is only one of 40 featured in the International.

Running now through March 26, 2000, The Carnegie International, sponsored by Mellon Bank, is open to the public. Admission is only $4 for students with college identification.

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The Carnegie Museum of Art in Oakland

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Staff Editorial
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ACROSS

1. Freshwater fish
5. Man
9. Open (poetic)
12. Thought
13. Test
14. Raced
15. Without morals
17. 16th Greek letter
18. High card
19. Anonymous (abbr.)
21. Runs
23. First
27. Thallium symbol
28. Snake poison
29. Enjoin
31. Self
34. Forms verbs from adjec tives (suffix)
35. Pester
37. Democrat (abbr.)
39. Southern state (abbr.)
40. Route (abbr.)
42. Allow
44. Resort residence
46. Egyptian sun god
48. Remembrance
50. Garbage
53. Information
54. Amer. republic association (abbr.)
55. Newspaper group (abbr.)
57. Keep information
61. Untruth
62. Unusual
64. Boys
65. Elevated railways
66. Goddess of discord
67. At first (Archaic)

DOWN

1. Spy group (abbr.)
2. Administration (abbr.)
3. Rock band of the '70s
4. Model of excellence
5. Fleshy fruit
6. Bladed tool
7. Fold over
8. Arabian prince
9. Apollo at Delphi
10. Step
11. Some Dahomey peoples
16. Bear of tiger
20. Catch
22. Near
23. Above
24. Lease
25. Midwest state (abbr.)
26. Cover
30. Apply to time
32. Festive
33. By mouth
36. Stone
38. Unexplainable event
41. Expunges
43. Spread grass to dry
45. Lithium symbol
47. Equally
49. Female horses
50. Enameled metalware
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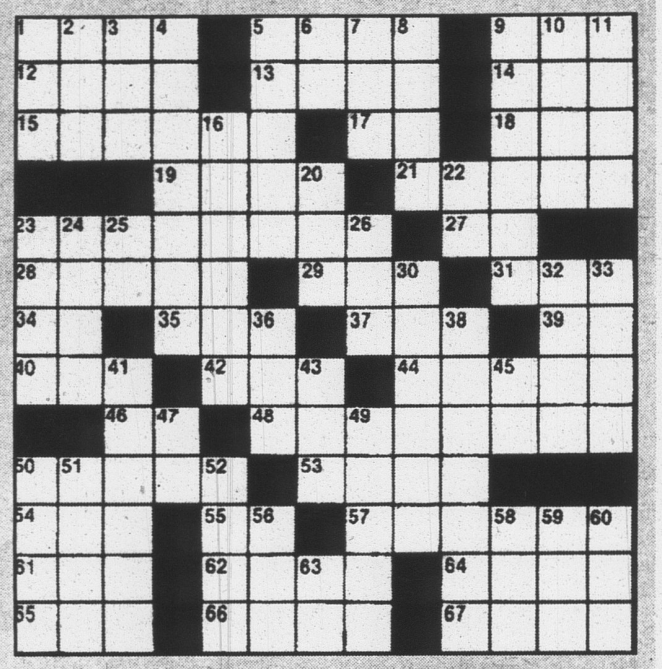

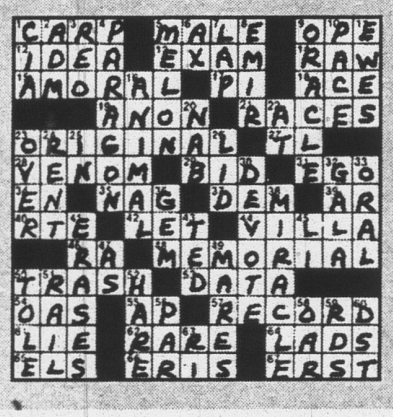

HOROSCOPES

Aries
This is a good time to form a group with like-minded individuals, who will probably connect to you through your involvement in work or community organizations. People will look toward you for leadership because of your original ideas and motivational skills.

Taurus
Confrontation is in the outlook. Forces are conspiring to give you a break, and you'll be remembered as the tireless silent sufferer, rather than a jerk who let loose, if you're calm and rational.

Gemini
You will be inspired by a new experience, and you will, in turn, inspire others with your words and your innovative ideas. You speak beautifully and convincingly this week, so its a great time to give any speeches or pitches you had planned.

Cancer
Issues around shared resource may be on your mind today, along with plans for the future. The ideas which are presented to you may be radical, so check the details first, there may be some things which have previously escaped your attention.

Leo
You may experience some ego clashes and a battle of wills, particularly since the last thing you feel like doing is giving in and making nice. You may not even be able to agree to disagree. Steel yourself and shoulder through this isn't the first time Leo has struggled with being humble.

Virgo
You may surprise yourself with new and original ideas to enhance your usual routine. If your house has seemed a bit overstuffed lately, it may be the time to clear out drawers and closets and try to get better organized.

Libra
Something creative and outrageous is in the works, and its up to you to make it happen the person you want putting is almost guaranteed to be delighted.

Scorpio
There will be some problems on the home front today which you will need to deal with straight away, otherwise the situation will not improve. Try to be open to hearing another side to the story before making up your mind.

Sagittarius
You will connect with others who have crazier ideas than you do, and you'll be energized by their offbeat approach. You may meet in a chat room or read a posting on a newsgroup on the Internet. You'll feel like you've known this person all your life.

Capricorn
Personal plans may have a frustrating way of getting delayed and canceled, and you may be a bit annoyed with all the bother.

Aquarius
The moon is in your sign, and the weirder the idea the better, almost nothing is too outrageous. People will be looking at you in amazement — and not always in appreciation for your brilliance. Not everyone can handle all that sparkle, but those who can will remark that you're really on tonight.

Pisces
Plans have a way of getting changed, delayed or put off indefinitely. Try not to be too upset, things have a way of working out for you!

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Big Daddy (PG-13)
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5:05 PM, 7:45, 10:05

Deep Blue Sea (R)
4:30 PM, 7:05, 9:40

The Haunting (PG-13)
4:55 PM, 7:30, 10:10

Mickey Blue Eyes (PG-13)
4:45 PM, 7:25, 10:00

Mumford (R)
5:00 PM, 7:40, 10:20

Stigmata (R)
4:40 PM, 7:20, 9:50

Teaching Mrs. Tingle (PG-13)
4:25 PM, 7:00, 9:35

Regal Cinema South 10
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The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland (G)
3:00 PM, 5:00

Anywhere But Here (PG-13)
3:50 PM, 7:20, 10:00

The Bachelor PG-13
2:50 PM, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00

The Bone Collector (R)
4:00 PM, 7:15, 10:10

Bringing Out the Dead (R)
9:45 PM

House on Haunted Hill (R)
3:00 PM, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc (R)
3:30 PM, 6:50, 9:50

Music of the Heart (PG)
4:00 PM, 7:00, 9:50

The Omega Code (PG-13)
2:50 PM, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

TheSixth Sense(PG-13)
2:45 PM, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15

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Anywhere But Here (PG-13)
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The Bachelor (PG-13)
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The Bone Collector (R)
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Double Jeopardy (R)
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House on Haunted Hill (R)
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The Insider (R)
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Messenger: The Story ofJoan of Arc, The (R)
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Pokemon: The First Movie (G)
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The Best Man (R)
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Dogma (R)
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Double Jeopardy (R)
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Fight Club (R)
7:00 PM

The Insider (R)
6:45 PM, 10:15

Light It Up (R)
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Pokemon: The First Movie (G)
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The Story of Us (R)
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Your clothing may be an indicator of how you see yourself

By Amy M. Spindler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fashion trends are about one thing: a collective yearning.

A Calvin Klein senses the frustration of clutter in our lives and gives us minimalism.

A Tom Ford feels our repressed sexuality and gives us raunch. We respond. A trend is born.

But clothes are about something else. Clothes, the ones that make their way into our closets as impulse buys, gifts or obligatory purchases for compulsory events, are about ourselves. If we bought Gucci leather trousers and a sheer shirt last season, it says we saw something of ourselves in those tarty trappings. But what we actually decide to put on our backs each day and venture out into the world in has nothing to do with trends or marketing. It has to do with who we want to show the world we are. Or who we want to convince ourselves we could be.

Perhaps people aren't the slaves to trends that the fashion industry has so long depicted them as being; perhaps the trends are a slave to the individual, who uses them to say something about himself or herself in a particular point in his or her life.

A closet is a sort of contemporary biography of your life. Were you really as wild as that fringed jacket lets on? Were you as conservative as that navy blazer suggests? Did you really ever feel that Greek letters on the rump of your sweat pants said everything that needed to be said about you? What about that Grateful Dead T-shirt? No particular item or outfit can represent your complete self. If you are what you wear, then you are buffeted daily by compromises to your identity.

Of course, clothes are anything but a pure, clear form of communication. Each outfit reflects a personality, but the clothes also show what each person considers to be armor, clothes that confer power in a city that too often ignores the identities of its residents.

The clothes we select for ourselves are a better indicator of who we think we are than our faces or our bodies, which we didn't choose. Clothes are our one chance to right whatever physical wrongs God has imposed on us. They can be a mirror of what's inside, or a veneer of camouflage against a world that judges quickly on surfaces, or a map to display your aspirations. You are what you wear, but that turns out to be as complex as you are.

Prince produces CD with other artists

By David Bauder
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) -- For someone who has always liked to steer his own ship, not to mention swab the decks, hoist the anchor and unfurl the sails, the Artist Formerly Known as Prince has let a lot of people into his professional life lately.

Within reason, of course. He does have his limits. The Artist returned to the world of major record labels this month with "Rave Un2 the Joy Fantastic," an unabashedly commercial disc released by Arista. Even though he's recorded entire albums in which he was responsible for every last note of the music, this time the Artist opens himself up to collaborations with Sheryl Crow, Chuck D, Ani DiFranco, No Doubt and Maceo Parker.

Famously reclusive at his peak of popularity, he's now willing, even eager, to talk about his work. Print reporters are still forbidden from taping their conversations with him, though. Years after banishing his given name in favor of an unpronounceable symbol and awkward designation as "The Artist" because of a battle with his old record company, "Prince" mysteriously returns in the producer's credit for this album.

"I learned a lot about the music industry in the past three years, mainly by speaking with a lot of other artists," he explained during an interview in a Manhattan hotel suite.

The album's feel, and rock 'n' roll leanings, are most reminiscent of an album many consider Prince's creative high point, "Sign of the Times." The Artist recalls that album, too, by way of explaining Prince's sudden reappearance as producer of "Rave Un2 the Joy Fantastic."

"I brought back the ideology and the instruments, and the risk-taking musically. Prince is a good editor, too," he said, in perhaps a sly reference to criticism he frequently receives for spewing out so much music.

If the time is right for the producer Prince to make a return, might the same thing happen for the musician Prince? "I don't know," he said.

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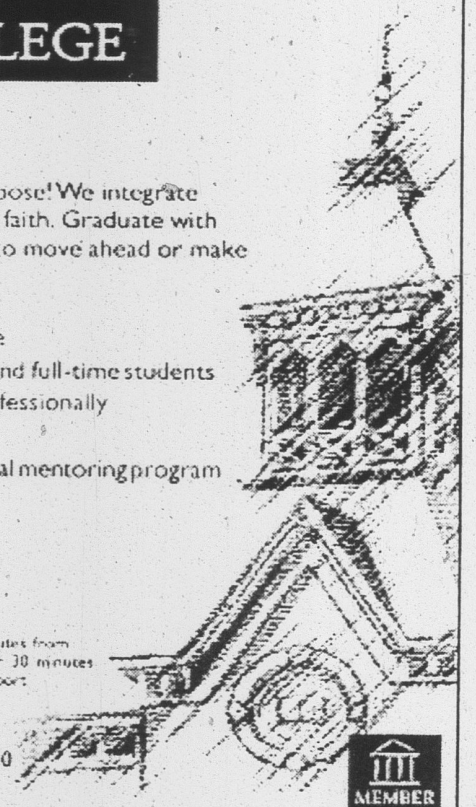

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11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. - Chapel
6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball Buzz Ridl Classic (H)
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Mark Russell - Orr Auditorium
8:00 and 10:30 p.m. Movie: The Mummy - Down Under
TBA Women's Basketball Tournament @ Lock Haven

SATURDAY 20
Morning and afternoon PRAXIS TESTS - Patterson
11:00 a.m. Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Children's Library
1:00 p.m. Swimming @ Edinboro
6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball Buzz Ridl Classic (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Faculty Flute Recital: David Tessmer - Orr Auditorium
8:00 and 10:30 p.m. Movie: The Mummy - Down Under
TBA Women's Basketball Tournament @ Lock Haven
TBA Kappa Delta Date Party

SUNDAY 21
2:00 p.m. Kappa Delta Sisterhood Retreat - Down Under
3:00 p.m. Westminster Orchestra Concert - Orr Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting @ Chapter House
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Movie: The Mummy - Down Under

MONDAY 22
11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. - Chapel
5:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Thanksgiving Dinner - TBA
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
5:30 p.m. Panhellenic Meeting - TUB A/B
5:45 p.m. First Class of Continuing Education Exploring the Internet - PH 214
6:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Michigan Tech (H)
6:15 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112-113
6:30 p.m. Alpha Ga.m.ma Delta Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Michigan Tech (H)
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
8:00 p.m. Praise Band - Chapel

TUESDAY 23
11:15 a.m. Student Life & Athletic Council - TUB A/B
6:00 p.m. Halls Close for Thanksgiving
6:00 p.m. Circle K Meeting - TUB A/B
7:00 p.m. Education Department Portfolio Workshop - HSC 150
10:00 p.m. Walton-Mayne Closes

WEDNESDAY 24
THANKSGIVING BREAK
5:00 p.m. Walton-Mayne Closes

THURSDAY 25
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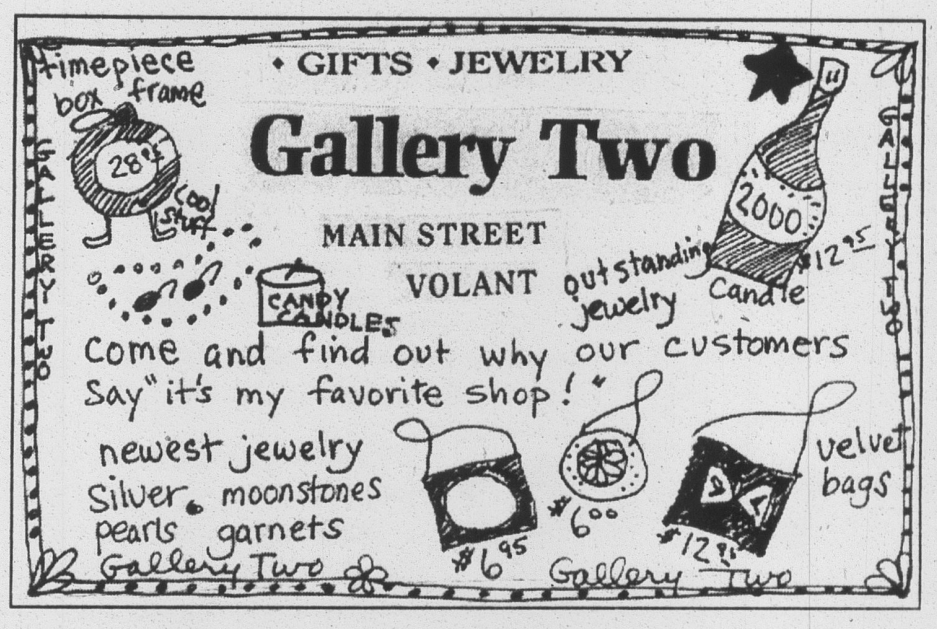

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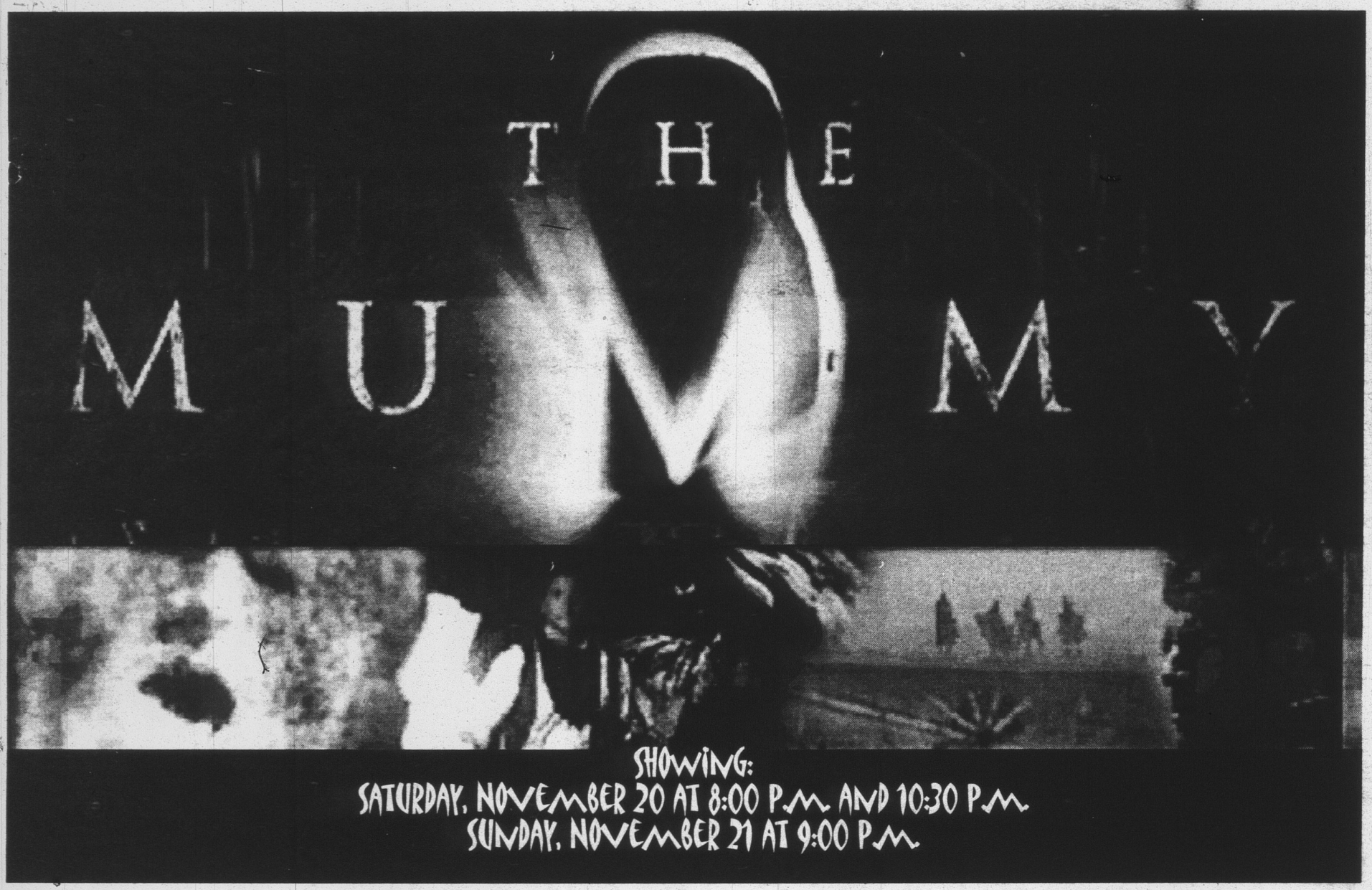

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Bleasby Colloquium looks at Australian filmmaking

Photo by Andy Majot
Brenda Rowland and Dr. Deborah Mitchell

By Kim Schroeder
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Deborah Mitchell, instructor of English and public relations, gave her second Bleasby Colloquium presentation Wednesday evening, in the AV room of the Thompson-Clark-Freeman hall.

Nearly 30 students, faculty and staff were present for Mitchell's presentation of Australian films.

"I'd like to introduce you to some Australian films and talk about their thematic and stylistic characteristics - the things that make them distinctively Australian," Mitchell said as she began.

The material Mitchell used was a variation of a paper she wrote and delivered at the Millennium Film Conference this past summer in Bath, England. There she talked about a more specific genre of Australian cinema: the coming-of-age.

Mitchell broadened the subject for this presentation. She began by discussing the background of Australian filmmaking.

Mitchell also discussed how the landscape in Australian films is so evident.

"It not only helps to define a nation, but it also helps to shape character and often becomes character," she said.

Mitchell also showed clips of six films: *Gallipoli*, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, *The Devil's Playground*, *Flirting*, *Crocodile Dundee* and *Babe*.

"I enjoyed being exposed to films that I've never seen - she really sparked my interest," sophomore Beth Staley said.

"By watching foreign films, we can glimpse a bit of the culture that made them," Mitchell concluded.

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Photo by Brad Dell
The tree in the TUB is just one of the many decorations that shows Christamas is coming.

Survey shows students unhappy with TitanNet reconnection

By Laura Stanley
Holcad Staff Writer

Nearly eighty-five percent of students surveyed were unsatisfied with TitanNet reconnections this semester, according to a survey issued by the TitanNet Connect Program.

Students said that TitanNet is a faulty system, causing computers to freeze up and shut down. They were also unhappy with the bad timing of reconnection, a slow system, lack of service and high expenses for hook-up.

The survey is the result of freshman SGA senator Chris Nave. He noticed a number of complaints students had about TitanNet and presented the idea of a survey to SGA. A six-question survey was then posted on the Internet, and the address was sent to the whole campus. Twenty percent of the student body responded.

"The only way we can see improvement for next year is through responses. People need to tell us what they think," Nave said.

TitanNet is the on campus network at Westminster. It connects the library's card catalog, EBSCO, e-mail, computer labs, faculty computers and dorm rooms. TitanNet is currently in its fourth year, and is "still in growing pains," Nave said.

The benefits of TitanNet include unoccupied phone lines, access to shared folders, the ability to access the library's card catalog online and quick, free Internet connection.

According to the survey:

83 percent of reconnects were unsatisfied with the TitanNet hook-up.

52 percent of new connects were satisfied with the process.

89 percent of self connects were satisfied with the process.

Of the 109 people who completed the survey, 40 percent were satisfied with TitanNet overall, while 55 percent were not.

Reasons for dissatisfaction included timing and price. Students felt the hook-up process took too long and felt the price was too much.

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Weekend Weather

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Saturday: Partly Cloudy high 44° low 27°

Sunday: Mostly Cloudy high53° low 32°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Giving Tree illustrates Christmas spirit

By Wendy Hamilton
STAFF WRITER

The Giving Tree invites the Westminster community to help brighten Christmas for over 100 Lawrence County neighbors in need.

Chapel Assistant Keturah Laney is helping to coordinate the arrangement of the Giving Tree along with the help of the Chapel Staff Service Team. "Every year I am touched at how generous people are and how excited they are about giving through the giving tree," Laney said.

"People take the time to make sure that the gift that they are giving is perfect, which shows that they are really concerned about the people behind the gifts."

This year the Giving Tree displays 136 names and gift requests/suggestions for children and adults via the City Rescue Mission and Lawrence County Children and Youth Services.

"The giving tree is one of the few events on campus that people can not wait to happen," Laney said. "And the great thing about this is that anyone can participate. It isn't just limited to a specific group on campus."

The tree is located in the TUB Main Lounge and participation is simple. First, participants should select an ornament (or two!). Then they should sign their NAME, BOX and PHONE number beside the name and code on the sheet provided. Next, they need to purchase and wrap the gift(s) and place the white tag on the gifts. Finally, they should bring the wrapped gift(s) to Christmas Vespers this Sunday and place the gift(s) under the large trees in Orr Lobby.

"The kids and families send back thank you notes that are always very simple, but they are powerful reminders that the Westminster community made a huge impact in the lives of someone else," Laney said.

Andrea Cronie, a member of the Chapel Staff Service Team and participant in the Giving Tree, feels that giving a gift is far more rewarding than receiving one. "The giving tree will help less fortunate people around the holidays, and make a child who normally would not receive anything have a very Merry Christmas," Cronie said.

Questions about the tree or gifts can be addressed to Laney at EXT. 7117.

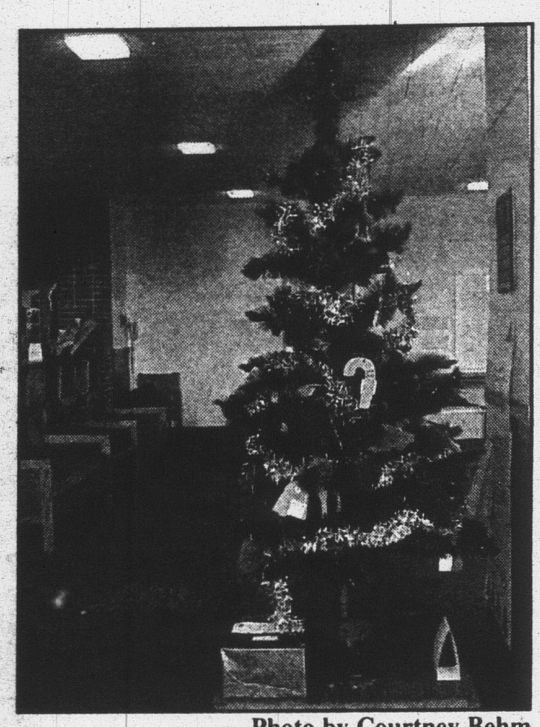

Photo by Courtney Behm
The Giving Tree encourages students to brighten someone's holiday season.

Prevention measures increase student safety

By Brenda Rowland
STAFF WRITER

Many Westminster students agree they feel safe on campus. However, some expressed several concerns about their safety.

"I think Westminster is a safe campus but I still worry about the stalker that has been seen around campus," sophomore Carrie Mathers said.

The stalker is a common concern among female students. Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Public Safety John Lechner said he believes the stalker is still around. However, he didn't seem to be alarmed with this issue.

"This person still exists and probably won't go away. Prevention and awareness is the best way to deal with this situation," Lechner said.

Some suggestions for prevention and awareness are:

-If you smell smoke, notice a door open, or believe that something is "just not right," contact Safety and Security immediately

-Walk in lighted areas

-Walk in groups

The key to preventing crime is awareness.

The department of safety and security, along with administrators, student affairs personnel, residence hall staff, faculty, support staff and the students all work to help community members take responsibility for their own safety.

Safety, security and crime prevention presentations are an important part of first-year student orientation.

"The security officers have been very helpful," sophomore Heidi Vogt said.

There is always one security officer on duty 24 hours a day on campus and additional help with special events. The New Wilmington Police Department patrols Westminster's campus on their rounds and can enforce the laws when necessary.

The majority of crimes that have taken place on campus are property crimes. These types of crimes are not usually a threat to an individual's safety.

"Small things make the campus safer. When students consume alcohol, they are putting themselves at a bigger risk for something to happen," Lechner said.

As far as improvements on campus, Westminster is always trying to replace the burned-out light bulbs, conduct safety awareness programs for the first-year students and review the locking and unlocking procedures for the residence halls.

"Everything is relatively close on this campus, but I don't like to walk alone if I'm going far," sophomore Katelyn Domin said.

Students don't have to walk alone, just pick up the phone and dial EXT. 7777. A security officer will provide you with an escort and transportation when necessary.

FCA encourages athletes to grow in their faith

By Jacque Duncan
STAFF WRITER

The Fellowship for Christian Athletes is a nonprofit, non-denominational, global organization founded in 1954. Its purpose is to provide a space for Christian athletes to get together to discuss and share stories about the challenges and adventures of being a Christian on the court or field of play. Although the FCA is a small but growing group on campus, it is a well-known organization to athletes of all ages in other areas.

Sophomore volleyball player Meredith Etcher was involved in FCA during high school, so when she heard it was here, she was eager to join.

"We had so much fun [in high school] because we all shared the commonality of being Christians and athletes," Etcher said. "We did a lot of fundraising for different groups and went to nursing homes to visit people."

The students involved in FCA have collected canned goods during holidays as an annual service. Although only one other meeting has taken place other than the food collection, they both have been valuable according to some of the members.

"It's great to build relationships with other athletes along with a relationship with God," said junior volleyball player Brooke Engles.

During the first meeting, the students watched a video with a message from Lou Holtz of Notre Dame and the former head basketball coach at UCLA John Wooden.

The video focused on how being a good athlete is not just about being the hero, but also about using good character. A discussion was held afterwards.

"I like the fact that athletes can express their faith and good deeds together," junior tennis player said Ellen Johnston.

While the discussions are oriented toward athletes, those who do not play a varsity sport are welcome to attend the meetings.

"The time we have spent together is just another place to find spiritual enlightenment," Johnston said. "But this could be a lot more if more people would come."

Approximately 15 people have attended the two meetings, representing sports such as football, volleyball, tennis and cross-country. If you would like information on upcoming meetings, contact Darwin Huey at EXT. 7186.

Dance Theatre used as a form of expression

By Jamie Openbrier
STAFF WRITER

Dance Theatre unites students under a common interest: a love and appreciation of dance.

"Dance Theatre is open to everyone. You don't have to be a dance expert or have years of formal training," said senior Kristianne Kalata, president of the organization. "But we do provide opportunities to those who have experience to teach and choreograph routines."

Members of Dance Theatre meet one hour every week for technique class to learn and improve basic dance skills and to prepare for the annual spring show. Jazz, modern and tap are commonly taught by the officers, Adviser Gina Sharbaugh and occasionally guest teachers.

"I'm in [dance theatre] because I've danced all my life...[joining] was a natural thing for me to do," said junior Ashley Law, vice president and choreographer. "Dance is a way to express myself outside of class."

On Nov. 21, 12 members of Dance Theatre attended the CICCI Dance Convention at the Greentree Marriot in Pittsburgh. Broadway dancer Mark Santoro taught tap and jazz routines.

"It was extremely helpful and fun," Kalata said. "We are incorporating some of the material we learned into our spring show."

In the spring, Dance Theatre will perform "Millennium of Movement," which will showcase several different genres of dance.

"We're still doing our traditional modern, tap, jazz and hip-hop numbers, but we're including lyrical, ballet, Latin and even a Broadway number," Kalata said.

Dancers begin preparing and auditioning for the spring show during the fall semester.

When asked how she prepared her routine, Law said, "I listen to as many different kinds of music as I can until I find a piece that really inspires me."

For the spring show, Law is preparing a modern dance number. She wants her dancers to keep a journal so they can begin to link emotions with movement.

"My dance requires improvisation...I give them a premise and a setting and the dancer creates her own movement," Law said. "I'm more of a guide than a choreographer."

With the movement, staging, sound and lighting working together to convey a theme or emotion to the audience, dance can tell a story, according to Kalata. "We create a picture on the stage with movement," she said.

She believes that a dancer should understand the lines of the body and proper technique, and the choreographer should understand how to use the stage and organize positions to have an effective dance performance.

"The most challenging aspect of putting on this kind of production is getting all the people and elements together," she said. "But the dancers gain an appreciation of the work that goes into creating art for a stage production."

Dance Theatre will showcase its talents on March 23-25 in Orr Auditorium. More information will be available closer to the show date.

Students will ring in the New Year on the Galapagos Islands

By Megan Sulsberger
STAFF WRITER

While most students will celebrate the new millenium within the boundaries of this country, twenty-eight students and two faculty members will be traveling to South America and its neighboring islands for fifteen days of biology and bonding.

Keen Compher and Joe Balczon of the biology department, along with students of all majors and ages, will travel to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands (located on the equator 600 miles west of Ecuador) from January 2-17. Finalized plans include eight days in the Galapagos Islands and five days in Ecuador, where all involved will grasp the opportunity to experience rain and cloud forests, native villages, and cultural centers.

Compher and Balczon are currently wrapping up their Ecology and Evolution of the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador course and are excited about their upcoming adventure.

"These islands have played a pivotal role in the theory of evolution and all biologists dream of the opportunity to visit them. We're both excited about going there for the first time," the two professors said.

Students are equally excited about the excursion. "I am thrilled to be going to the Galapagos for the New Year," sophomore Molly Campsey said. "I know that I am going to be seeing many exotic things on this trip, and I hope to encounter many interesting people as well."

The class also plans to visit various volcanoes and the town Otavalo, a place rich in outdoor Indian markets where hand-made souvenirs can be purchased from members of indigenous tribes. Clothing, musical instruments and jewelry are just a few of the things students will be able to negotiate prices on and bring back to the United States.

In preparation for the January 2000 trip, the biology professors and students have met every Thursday evening for an hour and a half class. Among the many things discussed are the natural history of the sites and the various ways in which the native organisms have evolved in response to their environments.

To make the overall course and topics more thorough, each student has individually presented a different organism to the class over the course of the semester. Most agree that this process has been a huge success in identifying and revealing pertinent information on the group of organisms they predict to see first-hand in a more exciting manner.

"The greatest thing about this trip, as well as this class, is that when it is all over we are going to know SO much about SO many organisms and such a different and intriguing culture. Getting to personally see these phenomena surely won't be anything to complain about either," junior Caroline Roby said.

The class has also been studying the evolutionary theory using the Pulitzer Prize winning book by Jonathan Wiener, *The Beak of the Finch*, to illustrate key concepts.

In attempt to unify the group as a whole, "icebreakers" such as pizza parties and snorkeling practice in the pool have been organized and held outside of class time.

"I feel having these different functions is a great way to let us all get to know one another a little better and on more of a personal basis. After all, we are going to be spending fifteen days in another country together," sophomore Sara Russell said.

Although there were many January travel courses planned for next year, the Galapagos course was the only one with enough interested students enrolled to actually become a class and take the related trip.

"These islands have many unique forms of life, such as giant Galapagos tortoises, marine iguanas, booby and frigate birds, and sea lions," Compher and Balczon said. "We think this trip will enable the students to see a place from a perspective different from that of a tourist."

Newman Club unites Catholic students under a common bond

By Courtney Panite
STAFF WRITER

Since Westminster is a Presbyterian affiliated college, one may believe the majority of the students are Presbyterian. However, 35% of the students are Catholic. This percentage makes Catholicism the highest represented denomination on campus. The Newman Club is the gathering of these Catholic students on campus.

It focuses on strengthening the leadership and faith of students, forming a Catholic identity on campus and creating an environment for worship.

"It is a good way to gain an understanding of your faith and of how you can develop it," secretary Rita Longan said. "You get to meet other Catholics and see how they live their faith. It is nice having a type of community where you can come together and have something in common," she added.

The Newman Club creates a bond between the Catholic students, but is open to any denomination.

"We have conversations that allow people to discuss faith similarities, so we are seeing the same God," adviser Keturah Laney said. "We show God to each other differently."

"Newman community adds to the flavor and diversity of the make-up of the campus," Laney said.

Meetings are held every other Wednesday in Old Main 210 at 8:00 p.m. and are open to everyone. Members discuss and share personal thoughts on the gospels.

"We don't preach to people," Longan said. "We do a lot of sharing."

Sophomore Laura Beth Mours said she appreciates Newman Club because of the focus that it gives her. "It helps me keep semi-focused on God and doesn't let school and my social life take all my time."

Father Bob Miller is a reason for the club's success. "He gives the students opportunities to use their gifts," Laney said.

His homilies at Mass on Saturday nights in the chapel are geared to college life yet touch on approaching adulthood. "He talks to us like a normal person," Mours said.

"The reason I got involved was because of him," junior Brennen Weidl said.

Members have ushered for the celebrity series and partaken in bowling and ice cream socials.

"It is like a second family, a place to get away," Weidl said.

Upcoming Newman events include a retreat at St. Camillus Church in February, a booth at Mardi Gras, a carnation sale for Valentine's Day and a rosary club held every Wednesday at 6:30 in the chapel office.

"My strongest personal gain is being with men and women at various stages of faith," Laney said.

Goals include a newsletter for all Catholic students, a penance service in December, monthly women of faith dinners and living stations during lent.

Students promote the college at their high schools

By Heather Salada
STAFF WRITER

Students are going back to their high schools over Christmas break to participate in the Boomerang program. The program allows our college students to return to their high schools to meet with students who are interested in Westminster. .

The admissions department sponsors the Boomerang program. Shannon Bell, an admissions counselor, organized this year's program.

"The goal of the Boomerang Program is to acquaint high school students with Westminster from a college student's point of view," said Bell. "The high schoolers feel more comfortable with a person close to their age."

There are twenty-six students visiting different high schools this year. Most of those students were involved in the program last year. Senior Natalie Yingling is returning to her high school, Pine Richland, in Gibsonia, Pa.

Yingling became involved in the program last year when she received a letter in the mail asking for volunteers. "I enjoyed participating in the program last year," Yingling said. "I knew a few of the students I met with and could personalize the meeting."

During the visitation day, the admissions department provides packets with informational brochures and applications to pass out. The high school students typically ask questions about student life and campus activities.

Bell hopes that this year's program will successfully recruit students to Westminster. Bell is a 1998 Westminster College graduate. She is working toward her Masters degree in Guidance Counseling at the college. She began her job in admissions last summer.

MITCHELL from page 1

"Deb did a wonderful job of exposing us to a different culture's films," junior Sara Bozich said.

The Bleasby Colloquia series is named after the late George Bleasby, chair of the English department for a few years before retiring in 1975.

William McTaggart, professor of English, began the series 15 years ago. "It gives English department individuals a chance to talk about things that don't fit into their classes," McTaggart said.

Speakers are on a volunteer basis only. Three or four presentations are given each term; one is given by a student.

Mitchell recently received her doctorate in film studies from Case Western Reserve University. Her dissertation was a critical study of Diane Keaton and her career as an actress, director and photographer.

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FEATURE

Alaskan sister school could close due to lack of enrollment

By Brent Wilson
Holad Staff Writer

Small class sizes, caring faculty made up of fully accredited professors and a rural climate...readers are thinking, "I've heard this somewhere before". But this college, similar to Westminster, is actually located in Alaska.

Sheldon Jackson College, a small Presbyterian college in Sitka, Alaska is the state's oldest university and is about to close its doors for good.

Sheldon Jackson College was founded in 1878. Founders intended it to be an industrial and training school for Tlingit boys (the most prominent natives of the region). The school continued to evolve as native needs changed: from vocational training into a grade school, then into a high school. In 1944, it became a two-year college open to non-Natives. Sheldon Jackson began offering a four-year program in 1984.

The school prides itself on its area and on its Native heritage. SJC offers such unique majors as Fisheries and Seafood Technology. It also has a large chapel on campus, built to look like a native hut. Although it definitely caters to the Native population, about half of SJC's students come from the lower 48 states.

With only 275 students enrolled, Sheldon Jackson is in a great deal of trouble.

"It's a cash flow problem. There's just not enough money coming in for current expenses," said Paul Musser, a former Sheldon Jackson employee and New Wilmington resident.

The school came dangerously close to not opening their doors this semester until a loan of $498,000 from the Presbyterian churches of Alaska made possible another year of survival.

"I think we can speak positively but they just can't get enough students, and without students you don't have a college," Musser said.

Things may be looking up for the school though. The beginning of this month marked the hiring of new president, Dr. David Dobler, a native Alaskan. Dobler is also the executive of the Presbytery in Alaska Yukon and should be able to use his ties to the church to aid the school. The local New Wilmington Presbyterian Church recently sent a donation of $20,000 and is planning to raise more this Christmas.

Westminster's own Dr. Clarence Harms has also been involved with Sheldon Jackson. Harms has spent this semester teaching and studying at the school's biology facilities. He should be returning sometime later this month.

Only time will tell what will happen to this little Westminster to the north. "They have a good campus and strong industry and church support, plus everybody in Alaska knows Sheldon Jackson College, so they want to help," Musser said. Hopefully they will get the help they need.

Ferguson/Browne tunnel houses unknown history and memories

By EJ Campbell
Holcad Staff Writer

Every day hundreds of students walk the lawn between Browne and Ferguson dormitories not knowing the history beneath them.

What lies underneath their feet holds decades of history ranging from the Cold War to past Greek life.

The 320-foot tunnel was built in 1941 as a passageway for students living in Ferguson to get to the women's dining hall and infirmary located in Browne.

"In addition, during the Cold War the tunnel was used to store supplies and was a sort of fall out shelter," said Dewey De Witt, curator of the library.

The tunnel was closed in 1994 due to worsening safety conditions. "Whenever it rains, water leaks through and floods the place. We also aren't sure what is above it and the water infiltrating through might be deteriorating the structure," said Ronald Pennington, custodial supervisor.

The walls of the tunnels are covered in graffiti mostly done by campus sororities during the 70s, 80s and early 90s.

"Sorority members always wanted a place to express themselves, and we couldn't have them writing on the residence walls, so this seemed like the perfect solution," Pennington said.

"When I was a student here the girls used to always party down there," said Gary Lilly, professor of sociology and alum of the college.

"I was a student here from 1971 to 1975 and this became the way to sneak men into the women's dorms. It practically became the sole purpose of the tunnel," Pennington said.

However, one mystery remains unsolved. Along with the graffiti of past years, dates as recent as May 1999 can be found on the walls and no one knows how a student could get into the tunnel without authorization.

"The only people who have access into the tunnel are security and physical plant employees. The tunnel is for authorized use only and others must get permission," Pennington said.

Senior English major Brandon Cleary, got permission to go into the tunnel last April. Cleary was working on a project in which he had to recreate the setting of a film based on a street gang in New York.

"It worked out really well. The atmosphere of the dim lighting, leaky pipes and graffiti covered walls were perfect for my project, " Cleary said.

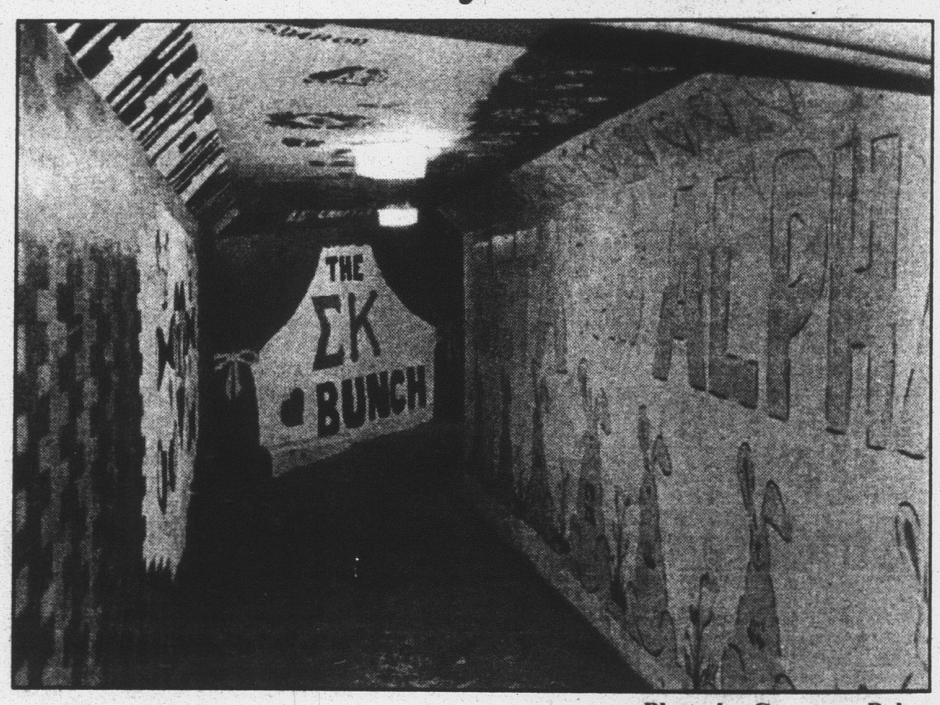

Photo by Courtney Behm
The tunnel between Ferguson and Browne halls displays walls of sorority paintings as well as other graffiti.

Toys for Tots and Sigma Kappa sponsor shopping spree

Sig Kap sisters spend the day Christmas shopping with Lawrence County kids

By Courtney Panik
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday Dec. 4, a group of Westminster students made a difference in the lives of 60 local children. Sigma Kappa, along with the City Rescue Mission, organized the Toys 4 Tots Shopping Spree at the Lawrence Village Plaza K-Mart.

"We were able to bring a day of happiness to a child's life," sophomore Dyan Chupak said. "I can't wait to do this again next year."

Each student was assigned a child and was responsible for them the entire morning. While the couples became acquainted, K-mart provided breakfast for the children.

Then it was off to shop. Each child had a list of family members for whom to buy Christmas presents. The children were given $20 a piece.

The students escorted the children throughout the store, adding prices and helping find gifts. After they bought the gifts, the volunteers helped their child wrap the presents.

Once the gifts were wrapped, the children got to meet Santa and receive gifts of their own to be opened on Christmas morning.

"The children enjoy the attention and affection from the helpers," senior Kara Benedict said. "There was a nice bond created between the two."

"At first my girl was shy, but by the end of the morning she didn't want to leave my side," junior Jessica Prevost said.

Toys 4 Tots is a national K-Mart program. The Lawrence K-mart supplied enough money for 20 children. The K-mart employees and the City Rescue Mission raised money for the other 40 children.

The children are from underprivileged homes. Some of them are not able to buy presents for their families. Toys 4 Tots makes it possible.

Sigma Kappa adopted Toys 4 Tots as one of their local philanthropies. The sorority is responsible for providing the 60 volunteers. It also helps with the morning's activities and the duties of the volunteers.

The event was open to any Westminster member who wanted to participate. Several campus organizations were represented.

"Everyone played a part, not just one person," sophomore Zach Beresh said.

Representatives from Greek organizations, Alpha Sigma Phi, Kappa Delta, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Kappa were present. Members of campus organizations, Circle K and Lambda Sigma also took part in the program.

"The event brought the Westminster community closer together," Prevost said. "Afterwards we talked about our kids and the events of the morning."

Sigma Kappa would like to thank all those who took a part of their Saturday to participate. The help made a difference.

"By giving a little bit of our time and a little love, it helps us to enjoy the Christmas spirit," Benedict said.

Making the campus better begins with student involvement

It's 6:00 on a Friday night. You have just returned to your room from dinner and you find yourself pondering the same question you have every weekend. "What am I going to do tonight?"

Despite what many students think, there are numerous activities on campus on the weekend. Unfortunately, many people leave the campus, almost cutting the student population in half.

"Students don't realize how many opportunities they have on campus. There are clubs for just about anything, and there are always movies or coffeehouses in the Down Under," sophomore Anna Tielsch said. "People just aren't aware there is more to do than go to the frat houses, so I think that is why a lot of them go home."

Other students agreed that the best way they can improve the campus is to get involved and show some interest in activities. If people feel the activities available are uninteresting then they should try to encourage new ones.

"If students don't like something on campus then they should do something about it," sophomore Jami White said. "SGA is here for the students benefit, and I think that some people don't even know who their class representatives are."

Besides becoming more involved in campus life, there are other things students can do on their own to improve the campus community. One suggestion is that students should organize more intramural sports. This would create more opportunities for students to participate and attend social events during the week.

Another suggestion is to stop the gossip. A lot of students feel that because of the size of our campus we really should be more careful about what is said to other people.

"I think that because our campus is so small, and everyone knows one another, it's inevitable that gossip will spread quickly," freshman Sarah Rapport said.

Trying to stop gossip is certainly one way people can improve their living environments, and it would make the campus a friendly place. However, other students have ideas along different lines.

"I think we need more cute guys, that would definitely improve the campus," sophomore Linda Sestric said.

Putting looks aside, students cannot deny that there is a small male population on campus. With each new incoming class, the number of female students continues to outnumber the male. Although balancing the male to female ratio would be an improvement, there is really nothing the student body can do.

However, there are a number of things students can do to improve the campus.

There are plenty of opportunities and if you don't like what is offered then try to bring some new activities and groups to campus.

TITANNET from page 1

"It took forever," sophomore Matt Virgin said. "Why did everyone who bought a new computer get priority? Half the time the server didn't even work."

Browne RA Jessica Torick, who arrived on campus in the middle of August, questioned why TitanNet did not begin hookups until the first day of school.

"Football, ResLife and Fresh Start were here early. They could have hooked us up then," she said.

By the time she finally did get hooked up, Torick had become very unsatisfied with the TitanNet. "It just took a very, very long time until I was hooked up. My parents had to call. There are always some problems."

"Something's always wrong," she said. "It might be in the school's best interest to switch companies."

The Information Systems Department and members of SGA are looking for ways to improve how students are hooked up. Meetings are currently being held as a mixture of faculty and students explore alternatives for students.

Options being considered include students being trained to connect themselves to the network and training volunteers to connect peers. Another possibility is for the bookstore to sell the required software for a connected computer.

Students may also be allowed to have their computer connected over the summer, but they will have to leave them at Westminster. The final decision should be made early next spring.

"The goal is we want people to hook up faster with less problems and at a cheaper cost," Nave said.

Any questions about the survey or TitanNet may be directed to Chris Nave at navecw@westminster.edu.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Pennsylvania barely makes the grade for combating drunk driving

By David Conti
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Ralph Cannata Jr. doesn't remember the woman he calls Grandma Fran because he was only 2 when she died.

But he came up with a whole list of things he would have liked to have done with her, had she not been killed by a drunken driver nine years ago.

"I really would have liked to know her," Cannata, 11, told a group of 30 people Sunday afternoon gathered for a Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance and Hope at the Duquesne University Chapel, Uptown. "We could have gone to a baseball game together."

The annual service for families of drunken driving victims is sponsored by the Allegheny/Westmoreland/Beaver Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The stories told by Cannata and others highlighted concerns raised by MAD. in its Rating the States 2000 Report Card, the results of which were released Nov. 23.

Pennsylvania earned a "C" in the report, which graded each state on its efforts to combat drunken driving. The national average was a "C+."

Cannata's father, Ralph Cannata of Swissvale, was one of many at yesterday's service criticizing Pennsylvania's drunken driving laws, arguing that they are not strong enough to prevent accidents like the one that killed Frances Cannata and another woman in 1990.

"The laws are there, but if he can get to a car, what can we do?" he said.

Ralph Cannata said the man that killed his mother already had been convicted of DUI once before, was driving without a license and still only spent three years in jail.

In an interview last week, Dr. Arlene Baxter, executive director of the Allegheny/Westmoreland/Beaver MADD chapter, said Pennsylvania's failure to pass laws MADD has identified as priorities was the top reason the state scored so poorly.

"We've had a really tough time getting through to the legislature that these laws need to be passed," Baxter said.

Among the laws MADD has pushed for is one that would lower the state's blood-alcohol limit from the current 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent to consider a person legally drunk.

Christmas shopping leaves most in debt for at least four months

By Meghan Holohan
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Getting out of holiday debt can be harder than unloading an unwanted Christmas fruitcake.

Credit counseling companies traditionally see a 25 percent increase in people seeking financial help during the three months after Christmas, according to Debt Free International Inc., an Illinois credit counseling agency.

Debt often results when people spend extra for "status" brands, rather than shopping for necessities or even bargains, said Nancy Wallace, a family living extension agent for the Penn State Cooperative Extension office in Westmoreland County.

"It's Tommy Hilfiger vs. J.C. Penney. Status issues are based on our security - are we secure in J.C. Penney (apparel)," she said.

Wallace estimated conservatively that consumers nationwide will spend $600 to $800 each this Christmas.

However, Reuters News Service reported the average American will spend $939, compared to 1998's average spending of $928, said Helen Kaiser, a spokeswoman for Consumer Credit Counseling Service in Pittsburgh.

"Our experience is that every year during the holidays, people spend extra money on credit. Emotional ties to the holidays make it easy for people to overspend," Kaiser said.

Increased spending is not just a result of the nation's current economic boom. Many people regularly live outside their financial means, Wallace said.

Most people take about four months to pay off holiday credit card debts - often using their federal income tax refund to pay the bills. But some people are so far behind in their payments that it takes them several years to alleviate the credit problem, especially if their budget allows them to make only minimum monthly payments on the cards, Wallace said.

Private foundations receive an early present of grants and land

By Robin Acton and Richard Gazarik
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Private foundations with assets in the millions received thousands more in public money in the latest round of grants awarded by Pennsylvania's Community Revitalization Program.

Meanwhile, a foundation with grand plans but no money captured a CRP grant so its officials can learn how to raise funds for a military history museum.

The nonprofit Military Heritage Foundation in Cumberland County received a $147,000 CRP grant that will benefit a national campaign to build a $100 million military history museum in a cornfield adjacent to the Army War College in Carlisle.

Without the state's seed money, the project would never get off the ground, according to Zane Finkelstein, a lawyer and retired Army officer who is on the Military Heritage Foundation's board.

Finkelstein said the county donated the land and the federal government has pledged between $12 million and $17 million for the project. Several foundations donated a total of $150,000.

The state Department of Economic and Community Development administers the grant program that provides funding for municipalities, community groups and nonprofit organizations.

In fiscal year 1999-2000, $84.6 million has been budgeted for the discretionary program that has pumped more than $136.7 million into projects since it was established three years ago.

Records show that many other nonprofit foundations also look to the Community Revitalization Program to spur on their projects.

The Region In Brief

Home kitchen fire kills elderly Rochester man

An elderly Beaver County man who fire officials said was known for hitchhiking around his hometown of Rochester was killed when his house caught fire. Edward Bender, 81, of Pennsylvania Avenue, died in his home after a fire broke out in the kitchen around 9:30 p.m. Saturday. A worker from a bar next door was injured while trying to rescue Bender. James Resko, 52, was flown by medical helicopter to Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Bloomfield after being overcome by smoke. He was in critical condition in the hospital's burn unit Sunday. Rochester fire Chief Mike Hoenig said a passer-by alerted police to the blaze, which was brought under control within an hour. He said the Beaver County fire marshal was investigating the cause.

Mapletown school damaged by vandals

Vandals trashed a Greene County high school over the weekend, breaking windows and ransacking the kitchen and office areas, state police said Sunday. The incident was reported yesterday at the Mapletown Junior-Senior High School located in Monongahela Township, not far from the community of Mapletown. It is part of the Southeastern Greene School District. Troopers had no monetary estimate of the damage.

Woman dies after car accident

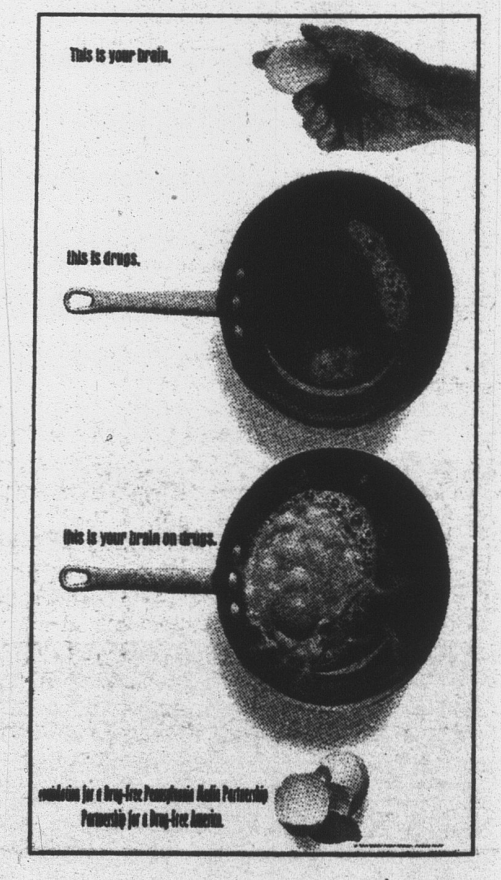
A former Allegheny County woman was killed Sunday when the car in which she was riding crashed into a tree and overturned in Westmoreland County. Heidi K. Lantz, 21, of Slickville, died in the crash that occurred shortly before 1 a.m. along Freeport Street in Delmont. Lantz, who was a passenger in the vehicle, died of chest injuries, said Westmoreland County Deputy Coroner Tim O'Donnell. State police said the driver of the vehicle, Lantz's boyfriend, fled the scene on foot. O'Donnell said the driver was later found by police walking along the highway. He was identified as Paul H. McGuiggan, 28, also of Slickville. Troopers would only say that the investigation is continuing.

One killed, one injured in car accident

In northern Somerset County, one man was killed and his brother injured when the vehicle in which they were riding crashed into a tree and landed in a creek at 3:30 a.m. yesterday along Route 403 near the community of Tire Hill. Authorities identified the dead man as Jason H. Billetdeaux, 24, of Conemaugh Township, Somerset County. His brother, Nathan, 18, remained hospitalized last night in fair condition.

Lights out for Duquesne customers

Some 2,000 Duquesne Light Co. customers were left without power for about 90 minutes yesterday after a car crashed into a utility pole at 3 a.m. along Becks Run Road in Carrick. The driver, a 20-year-old man whose name was not released, was taken to Mercy Hospital, Uptown, for observation, police said.



NATIONAL

Oklahoma school shooter opened fire on unspecified target

FORT GIBSON, Okla. (AP) - A 13-year-old Fort Gibson Middle School student shot and wounded four of his classmates this morning before being subdued with a gun still in his hand. A fifth student reportedly suffered bumps and bruises.

The injured were taken to hospitals in Tulsa and Muskogee. None of the injuries appeared life-threatening.

"He doesn't even know who it was he shot," said Muskogee County Sheriff's Deputy Terry Cragg, who spoke to the boy briefly in the isolation cell at the county jail. "There was not a hate thing."

Details of the capture are unclear. Cragg said the boy was still trying to pull the trigger when Fort Gibson officers arrived. The superintendent said he understood a school safety officer and a science teacher grabbed the gun from the boy and pressed him against a brick wall.

Superintendent Steve Wilmoth said students were gathered outside before the 8 a.m. start of classes. "Another student just walked up and opened fire on them," he said. "From what I know at this point it seems to be a random thing."

Authorities were not aware of any previous trouble involving the teen and said school officials had no indication of violence.

Justine Hurst, a 13-year-old eighth-grader, stood outside the school with her father, Jim, hours after the shooting. She said she knew two of the victims and the alleged shooter.

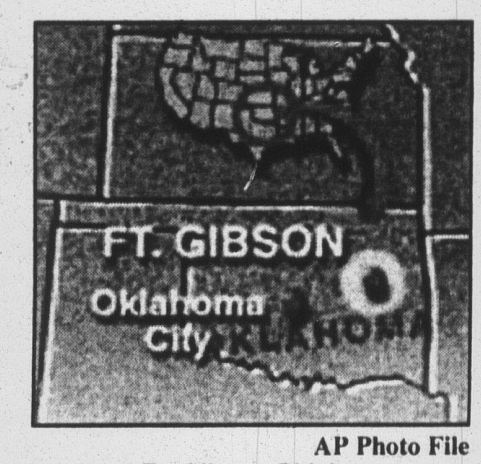
"He seemed like a really nice person," she said, identifying the shooter as a 7th grader in her school. "He had a lot of friends."

Deania Pruitt, an eighth-grade cheerleader, went on field trips with the alleged shooter.

"After the Columbine thing, all my friends were talking about it. We didn't think anything like this would happen at Fort Gibson," she said.

Lt. Jack Mike, a warden at the Muskogee County Jail, said officers at first thought the frantic 911 call about the shooting was a hoax. The first call came from a student about 7:45 a.m. An adult made the second call. Wilmoth said help was at the school in a matter of minutes.

Fort Gibson is a town of about 3,500 about 50 miles southeast of Tulsa. About 450 students attend the middle school.



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Mars Polar Lander likely to be literally "lost in outer space"

Mission Control fails to detect signs from Mars Polar Lander

AP File Photo
NASA's mission control team looks for any signs of the Mars Polar Lander.

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - Two tiny probes that rode aboard Mars Polar Lander but separated before entry appear to be lost forever as efforts to contact the larger spacecraft also continued without success.

Mission controllers, looking increasingly gloomy and exhausted after failing for three days to detect signs of life from any of the spacecraft, admitted late Sunday it is growing more likely that contact may never be made.

"Clearly the team is getting more frustrated, certainly, and more tense about all of this," said Richard Cook, operations project manager for the Polar Lander.

If no signals are heard, it would be total loss for the entire, $330 million Mars '98 project, which consisted of Polar Lander, the Deep Space 2 microprobes and the Climate Orbiter, which burned up over the Red Planet in September.

The softball-sized microprobes were supposed to slam into the surface at 400 mph to test a new descent technique that did not use expensive parachutes or rockets to break the fall from space. If the test flight had been successful, future microprobe missions could be sent to cover a wider territory at less cost than current spacecraft.

The $29.6 million probes were to have emitted their first signals on arrival Friday, like Polar Lander. Every two hours, the orbiting Mars Global Surveyor unsuccessfully tried to detect any transmissions from the microprobes.

"If we haven't heard from them in the next 24 hours, we will have exhausted our opportunities to hear from them," said Sarah Gavit, the probes' project manager.

Aside from testing 10 new spaceflight technologies, each probe was equipped with a bullet-like penetrator that was to burrow up to 2 feet beneath the surface and test for frozen water. A unit containing a small radio would remain on the surface.

The Nation In Brief

Philadelphia Daily News assailant arrested

PHILADELPHIA - A man was arrested Monday in connection with the weekend stabbing that killed a Philadelphia Daily News columnist. W. Russell G. Byers, 59, and his wife, Laurada Beacham, were leaving a dinner party late Saturday and had just bought a pint of ice cream near their home in the city's Chestnut Hil section.

Suddenly, an assailant yelled "Give it up," referring to their wallets, police said. Authorities said Byers was stabbed once in the chest after he pushed the robber away from his wife. The attacker fled while Byers staggered inside the store, where he collapsed, police said Sunday. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Police said they had a good description of the attacker from witnesses and the store's surveillance video. Moments before the murder, they said, the assailant had entered the store to purchase a pack of cigarettes.

Two bonfire collapse victims were drunk

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Two of the 12 killed in the collapse of the Texas A&M University bonfire were legally drunk, prompting an investigation by the state Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Toxicology reports released Saturday show the blood-alcohol level of two male students killed in the Nov. 18 accident exceeded the legal limit, the Bryan-College Station Eagle and The Dallas Morning News reported. School officials have stressed no evidence points to student misconduct as a factor in the collapse.

5 women shot dead in Baltimore

BALTIMORE - The bodies of five women who were shot multiple times have been found in a home and police are looking for four suspects. The identities of the women were not released, but police said they believe the five may be related. A dispatcher received a call about 7:30 p.m. Sunday reporting a shooting, police said. There were no signs of forced entry, and the house did not appear to have been ransacked. Police said they believe the women, who were killed "execution-style," were targeted by the gunmen. A 1992 gold Nissan Maxima was seen by witnesses leaving the area. A car matching that description was later seen at a McDonald's restaurant, where the car's four occupants apparently attempted to carjack another vehicle. They were stopped by an off-duty school police officer, who fired a shot at them and recovered a weapon, police said. The car's occupants escaped.

Utah authorities search for runaways

SALT LAKE CITY - Police using bloodhounds searched the rocky southern Utah desert Sunday for seven teen-agers who allegedly beat a counselor unconscious while they were on a camping trip for troubled youth. The seven stole radios to monitor police communications, wool coats and blankets, and ration packs of food, authorities said. They fled on Saturday near Cedar City, about 220 miles south of Salt Lake City. The boys were on a camping trip sponsored by one of several southern Utah outfitters that teach troubled youths survival skills.

Church offers drive-through Nativity

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - In a nation of fast food restaurants and drive-through liquor stores, the city's First Church of the Nazarene is finding people like their religion quick and convenient as well. This week, the church is closing its parking lot to set up a drive-through Nativity scene for those who want to experience the "true meaning of Christmas," but don't want to leave their cars. The church expects about 10,000 people to take the 15-minute drive, said one church official. Since its inception 12 years ago, the exhibit has grown to about 140 costumed characters and a stable-full of animals.

Former Calif. judge Rose Bird dies

STANFORD, Calif - Former California Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird, the first woman to serve on the state's highest court, has died. She was 63. Bird died Saturday from complications related to breast cancer at Stanford University Medical Center after less than a week in the hospital. Bird was appointed to the court's top job in 1977 by then-Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown and became one of the most controversial figures in the court's history, mainly because of her opposition to the death penalty. While on the court, Bird led a liberal majority that strengthened environmental laws and consumer rights and broadened injured parties' right to sue.

INTERNATIONAL

Thailand's Buddhist calendar predicted to crush the Y2K bug

By Barbara Slavin
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - In Thailand, computer users with homegrown software will almost certainly avoid the Y2K bug. That's because most Thai software is pegged to the Buddhist calendar, where it is already the year 2542.

The rest of the world might not be so lucky.

Lawrence Gershwin, the CIA's national intelligence officer for science and technology, told Congress recently that Russia, Ukraine, China and Indonesia "are among the major countries most likely to experience significant Y2K-related failures." The problems might kick in if a computer erroneously reads the year 2000 as the year 1900.

Places least likely to be affected by the Y2K bug are Canada, Great Britain, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong, Gershwin said.

State Department officials believe that global chaos is unlikely. "I don't think there will be huge, widespread global problems," said John O'Keefe, a former diplomat in Moscow who has spent a year heading a State Department task force that collates information from foreign governments, U.S. embassies and intelligence. "(But) there will be some countries with some problems."

On New Year's Eve, 20 State Department officers will work in shifts at the department's seventh- floor operations center to monitor Y2K performance around the globe. A White House center will coordinate domestic and international reports for policymakers and give regular news briefings starting on Dec. 31 at 6 a.m. EST, when New Zealand becomes the first industrial nation to enter 2000.

Because the United States is so interconnected with the rest of the world, computer glitches overseas might well find their way into U.S. machines. Similarly, problems in one European country could rapidly infect the rest.

The State Department's Y2K reports on 196 countries and territories are available on the Web at travel.state.gov/y2kca.html#specific.

Possible Holocaust victim accounts found in Swiss banks

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) - An extensive search through Swiss banks turned up 54,000 unclaimed accounts that may have belonged to Holocaust victims, an international panel concluded Monday in a report criticizing some banks for stonewalling the victims' heirs.

"The handling of these funds was too often grossly insensitive to the special conditions of the Holocaust and sometimes misleading in intent and unfair in result," said the final report of the panel appointed by Swiss bankers and international Jewish organizations.

But the unprecedented search for the rightful owners of the accounts was evidence of the banks' new willingness to help bring "a sense of justice and closure to one part of the horrific experience of the Holocaust," the report said.

"We don't know" the exact value of the Holocaust accounts in Swiss banks, said former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul A. Volcker, who led the panel.

It has been also said that 1,622 accounts have been found that might have belonged to top-ranking Nazis or their collaborators.

The panel has been trying to determine how many of the accounts belonged to people killed by the Nazis. It recommended the publication of 25,000 more names on accounts so that relatives can file claims.

Two years ago, Swiss banks published 5,559 names on missing account holders who lived outside Switzerland. Those accounts are worth $44.2 million.

The World In Brief

10 killed in South African plane crash

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - A light aircraft whose pilot reported engine failure shortly after takeoff, crashed into a hill Monday, killing all 10 people on board, officials said. The Piper Chieftain, carrying a pilot and nine passengers, was owned by a charter company. The plane began its journey from the Rand Airport, 12 miles east of Johannesburg, police said. A policeman on his way to work witnessed the crash, but he could not get near the aircraft because the heat was too intense, police said. The passengers, three men and six women, were employees of a computer training company en route to neighboring Namibia where they were working on a contract. A spokeswoman for the computer company said the pilot reported engine failure shortly after taking off.

Nurse says he set fire that killed billionaire

MONTE CARLO, Monaco - Edmond Safra's American nurse has admitted to setting the fire that killed the billionaire banker, Monaco's chief prosecutor said Monday. Prosecutor Daniel Serdet told a news conference that Ted Maher, 41, told investigators he had set the fatal blaze but had not intended to kill Safra. Maher said he had acted alone. The motive for the arson attack was not immediately clear. Maher is to be charged with arson shortly, Serdet said. Safra, the founder of the Republic National Bank of New York and one of the world's wealthiest men, suffocated Friday after seeking refuge in a bathroom from a fire raging through the top floor of his apartment.

Castro, protesters demand return of boy

HAVANA - President Fidel Castro has demanded that the United States return a boy rescued at sea to his father in Cuba, and members of the Communist Youth gathered in Havana to protest the decision to keep the child in the United States. Warning that the Cuban people were losing patience and that there would be more mass demonstrations, Castro said in statements broadcast Sunday that Elian Gonzalez, who turns 6 Monday, must be returned within 72 hours.

AP File Photo
Communist Youth group demands the US returnElian Gonzalez

Man admits killing 100 kids in Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan - Police are searching for a man who sent them a letter claiming he killed 100 children. In the letter, a man who called himself Javed Iqbal said he sexually assaulted the 100 children before killing them. Iqbal's instructions led police to a barrel where they found the remains of two bodies. He also led police to pictures and clothes of the children he said he killed. Sunday, parents arrived at a police station to see if their children's pictures or clothes are among the collection.

Death toll rises to 109 in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam - One-hundred and nine people have been killed while 22 were reported missing as the second major round of flooding in a month battered the central coastline, government officials reported. Food airdrops were under way Monday to help victims of flooding that has left more than 1 million homeless. Heavy rains have dumped more than six feet of water on some areas in the past five days, stranding thousands of train travelers and motorists on the country's main highway. The region is still recovering from floods last month that were the worst to hit Vietnam in a century. Last month, 592 people died in floods that caused $235 million in damage.

Ex-Rwandan leader convicted of genocide

ARUSHA, Tanzania - A U.N. court Monday convicted a former Rwandan militia leader of genocide and crimes against humanity and sentenced him to life in prison. Georges Rutuganda was vice president of the ferocious Interahamwe militia which, together with the army and security forces, led the 1994 mass murder of Rwanda's minority Tutsis. Rutuganda is the sixth Rwandan to be convicted of genocide by the Tanzania-based tribunal and the fourth to be sentenced to life in prison, the maximum penalty allowed under court rules. The U.N. Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, which was created in late 1994 and began trying cases 18 months later, has 40 suspects in custody. Rwanda is holding its own trials of genocide suspects, so far trying more than 1,500 people. Nearly 130,000 additional suspects remain in jail awaiting trial.

Explosion in France kills 11

DIJON, France - An explosion reduced a four-story building to rubble in this eastern French town, killing 11 people, including a mother and her two young daughters, police said Sunday. Three people were seriously injured and at least three were still believed missing. Rescuers continued to sift painstakingly through the rubble on Sunday, searching for survivors. The building housed eight families. The building collapsed just before midnight local time on Saturday. The cause of the explosion was unknown, but some firefighters told French television they noticed a strong smell of gas when they first arrived at the scene.

AP File Photo
Rescuers search for survivors after explosion in Dijon, France.

31 killed in Christian-Muslim clashes

JAKARTA, Indonesia - At least 31 people were killed in a fresh wave of fighting between Christians and Muslims in Indonesia's eastern province of Maluku, officials said Sunday. Sectarian violence erupted late Thursday in Taniwel district in the central part of the province, a police spokesman said on condition of anonymity. The officer said fighting between the rival religious communities lasted until Saturday. Both sides used homemade guns and petrol bombs to attack dozens of houses in the district. Police sources have said the fighting in Maluku, about 1,100 miles east of Jakarta, has claimed more than 700 lives since it first broke out almost a year ago. Dozens of members of the police, army and marines also have died in efforts to quell the rioting.

Your Health

Pregnant mother's consumption of drugs also affects the child

By Laura Stanley
STAFF WRITER

Pregnant women must make healthy lifestyle decisions if they want a healthy baby.

Research shows that alcohol, tobacco, caffeine and cannabis products (such as marijuana) can have negative effects on an unborn child.

"You just have to be careful and live a healthy lifestyle," said Terril McBride, director of Family Health Council in New Castle.

According to a Life Skills Education Pamphlet:

Alcohol consumed by a pregnant woman passes directly to the fetus through the mother's bloodstream. Too much may damage the baby, causing it to be born smaller than normal and suffer physical and mental defects.

The pamphlet also stated that a baby can be born with physical deformities of the head, face and limbs and may have heart defects. Some children may be mentally retarded, suffer from learning impairments or have damage to the central nervous system. Alcohol can also increase the chance of a miscarriage.

Most physicians strongly caution against consuming more than one or two drinks a week. Many advise mothers to abstain from alcohol completely during pregnancy.

According to Pennsylvania's Department of Health, the most severe outcome of drinking during pregnancy is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. FAS babies can be diagnosed by small size, facial abnormalities and damage to the central nervous system.

According to the Addiction Research Foundation, drugs (legal or illegal) also pose health threats to unborn children. A doctor should always be consulted about the use of legal drugs while a woman is pregnant. Pregnant women should read the instructions of non-prescription medication and take the proper dosage. Caffeine should only be taken in small doses.

The Addiction Research foundation also professes that tobacco is dangerous for pregnant women and their unborn children. Mothers who smoke have babies who weigh less than normal. Smoke increases the chance of miscarriage, premature delivery, stillbirth and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

"The only medicine we are permitted to give during pregnancy is Maalox or Tylenol," said Judy Duda, director of the Student Health Center.

Negative effects of drugs on fetuses include salt imbalances, loss of electrolytes, blood clotting and death.

The illegal drug lysergic acid diethylamide (commonly known as LSD) may lead to defects in offspring, however there is no conclusive evidence supporting this. Cannabis products, such as marijuana and hashish oil, should also be avoided during pregnancy. There is little evidence that cannabis products result in birth defects. However, carbon monoxide from marijuana smoke may increase the risk of death in newborns.

For more information contact the Health Center at EXT. 7927, or Terril McBride of Family Health Council at 658-6681.

Sleep deprivation can leave students feeling more than just tired

By Alyssa Detore
STAFF WRITER

Attention Westminster students:

Do you think 4 a.m. is still early on the weekends? Can you sleep through your roommates excessively loud radio/TV/conversations on the telephone? Have you slept through a fire alarm? Do you get more sleep in class rather than in your bed? Do little "cat naps" during the day add up to be more sleep than you get during the night? Is your idea of a "good night's sleep" five hours?

If your answer was "yes" to any of these questions, you may have a serious problem.

Sleep deprivation, defined as sleeping less than seven hours a night with symptoms of poor cognitive judgment, mood swings, depressed immune systems and overall physical disease affects millions of Americans, especially college students.

The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. defines an adequate amount of sleep as "whatever produces daytime alertness and a feeling of well-being." People should not need an alarm clock to wake them if they are getting enough sleep.

Typically, teenagers are more affected by sleep deprivation than most because of a delay in the timing of their internal clocks, which regulate sleepiness and wakefulness. On average, teenagers need approximately nine hours of sleep per day but only get about six.

Lack of sleep can result in physical, emotional and academic complications.

"Sleep deprivation reduces people's immunity and increases the likelihood that they will pick up whatever virus is going around at that time," Health Center Director Judith Duda said.

Lack of sleep is a dominant factor for causing emotional distress. Insomnia increases the activity of the hormones and pathways in the brain that cause stress.

"When people don't get enough sleep, they are emotionally more vulnerable than normal when things go wrong,", Health Center Counselor Barbara Quincy said. "They are hypersensitive, irritable, have a negative outlook, cry more easily and are more prone to take things personally."

Insomnia can also cause reduced concentration, decreased memory, less alertness and can slow a person's reactions and reflexes.

According to a study performed by the department of psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego students who had higher GPAs slept more at night and were less sleepy during the day than students with lower GPAs.

Another study showed that an adequate amount of sleep is vital for learning specific perceptual skills related to visual patterns and numerous repetitive skills, like typing.

Because sleeping consumes a third of a person's life, a good amount of rest is as important, if not more so, than food and water. According to a pamphlet found in the Student Health Center, humans will die from lack of sleep sooner than from lack of food.

A few precautions can be taken to ensure that a person receives the right amount of sleep.

1.) Establish a routine time for going to bed and getting up in the morning, and continue the schedule even on weekends and during vacations.

2.) Avoid caffeine, nicotine and excessive alcohol in the hours before sleep because they will disrupt sleep and cause wakefulness later in the night.

3.) Avoid exercising close to bedtime.

4.) Avoid large meals and fluids right before bedtime.

5.) Do something relaxing right before bedtime.

Following these few instructions can improve physical, emotional and academic characteristics. Since finals are on the way, a good amount of sleep could mean the difference between getting an "A" and a "C."

Scientists focus on vision of the future

By Mark Kaufman
WASHINGTON POST

BALTIMORE - It was nothing more than the letter "H," yellowish in color and the size of the head of a match, but to Harold Churchey it looked a lot like a miracle.

Blind for decades, Churchey saw the letter in his dysfunctional right eye while serving as a test subject in an intricate and intensive effort at Johns Hopkins University to artificially replace damaged eyes. A team of researchers there, and scientists at five other sites worldwide, are attempting to do something usually left to faith healers: bring sight back to the blind.

"I've never looked at the face of my grandson," said Churchey, a Sharpsburg, Md., resident and for many years the manager of a snack bar in the Hagerstown courthouse. "But I do believe I will before I die."

In place of the damaged human workings of Churchey's 72-year-old eyes, the researchers are trying to produce an artificial vision system that can electronically capture and transmit images to the brain to create sight. The system would consist of a computerized miniature video camera mounted on a pair of glasses, and a sophisticated computer chip that would be surgically implanted in the eye. The camera would transmit its image to the computer chip, which would be connected to tissue in the back of the eye called the retina so it could transmit images to the brain.

The Hopkins researchers have been working on the idea for a decade, and so far, they have tested only a crude version of the system. Nonetheless, they are convinced they will someday bring vision to people who now have none. And if they succeed, 2 million Americans who are blind because their retinas are damaged will have an option most never imagined possible.

"When we first proposed the idea of a retinal microchip, most if not all ophthalmologists believed that no one would ever see using [one]," said Mark S. Humayan, leader of the Hopkins team at the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute.

Humayan and his efforts attracted widespread notice last week when information leaked out that singer Stevie Wonder had talked with the doctor recently about whether he might be helped by a retinal microchip implant.

Wonder, who has been blind since soon after his birth, does not have the kind of blindness most likely to be helped by Humayan's chip. Researchers believe the people most likely to benefit are those suffering from retinitis pigmentosa, a rare inherited disorder that causes blindness by destroying the retina, and age-related macular degeneration, another condition that causes a deterioration of the central part of the retina in the elderly.

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Nation's second oldest Mock Convention underway

By Heather Frost
STAFF WRITER

As this semester nears the end, the campus community is busy studying, working on projects and presentations. However, much of the campus is looking forward to the millenium and is busy planning Westminster College's 16th Mock Convention, which will take place in February.

The Mock Convention at Westminster is the second oldest surviving convention of its kind in our nation's history. It is one of the most time-honored traditions at Westminster. The oldest surviving convention in the U.S. is at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.

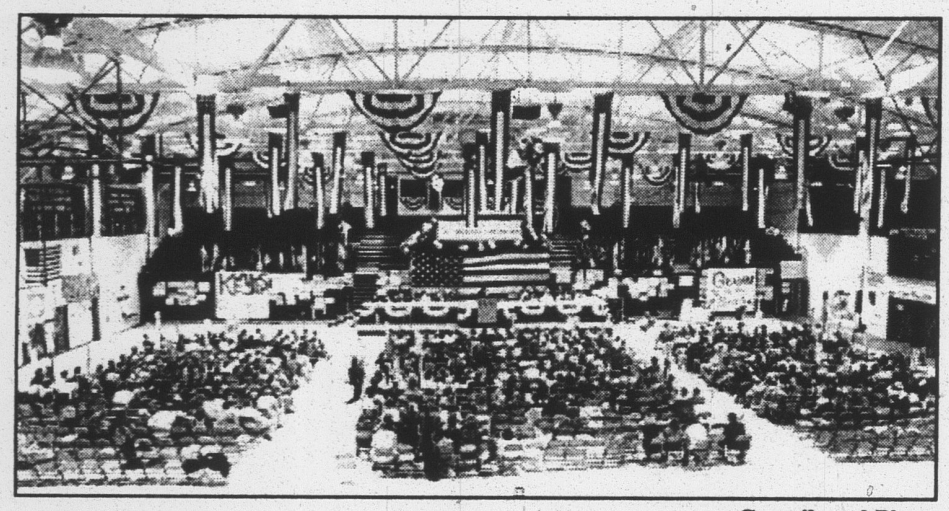
Westminster's first Mock Convention took place in the gym of Old 77 in 1936. Thomas V. Mansell is the "Father of Westminster's Mock Political Convention." He began the tradition when he was a professor at the college. Mansell had two intentions for the Mock Convention: that students would learn about the political convention process, that they would have fun participating in the event and that the convention would inspire students to take part in politics at some point during their lifetime..

Mansell graduated from Westminster in 1929 with a degree in history. He attended Harvard Law School, where he first discovered the idea of a Mock Convention. Mansell's roommate had participated in a Mock Convention as a student at Oberlin College, and Mansell thought this was an exceptional way for students to learn about politics.

In 1935, Mansell suggested a Mock Convention to his American government classes at Westminster. The students began working on plans for the next year. The first Mock Convention at Westminster in 1936 was a success, with 85-90 percent of the campus participating. Since 1936, the convention has taken place every four years, during the years when the country's political parties hold their national conventions, with the exception of 1944 due to World War II.

Up until 1956, all conventions were Republican. After this year, however, the convention was for the political party currently out of the White House office.

Traditionally, ninety percent of the Westminster student body participates in the three-day event, which is run by the students. Participation runs from the state chair to the executive chair to campaign manager to state delegate. Currently, all the spaces are filled for the state chairs. There is still room for state delegates.



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1996 Mock Convention

State delegates participate in the parade, attend the convention and vote for the election. There is a $5 fee for signing up to be a delegate, which includes a convention T-shirt, button, program and a copy of the platform.

When students return in January, each candidate will have a campaign manager on campus who will persuade students to vote for their candidate.

February 10th marks day one of the event. The convention will start with a parade that will end at the field house, where there will be music and a party for everyone. President Williamson will welcome the participants, and there will be a roll call of the states.

After a break for dinner, Robert Novak, from CNN and co-host of the Evans and Novak interview program, will be the keynote speaker and address the campus for the convention. Rules for the convention and the debate platform will end the day.

On Feb. 11, the platform debate will be finished. A Presidential and Vice Presidential candidate will be chosen from four candidates: George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer, and John McCain.

For the past 60 years, students have learned about the process of politics through the Mock Convention.

"I participated in the 1996 Mock Convention as a delegate and I loved it. I learned so much about the political process, that I am participating again, this time as the state chair for California, " senior Matt Twining said.

Chair of the event, senior Julie Waszczak is anticipating the convention. "We've put a lot of hard work and effort into the convention this year, and I can't wait for February to see it all come together."

For more information about the Mock Convention, contact the Mock Convention office at (724) 946-7219 or mock@westminster.edu. Also be sure to look at the convention's web page at www.westminster.edu/staff/jrhoads/Rhoads/home.html.

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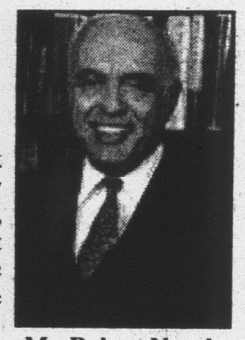


Mr. Robert Novak

Robert D. Novak was born February 26, 1931 in Joliet, Illinois. His first newspaper jobs were as a reporter for the *Joliet Herald-News* and the *Champaign-Urbana Courier* while attending the University of Illinois (1948-1952). Mr. Novak has a B.A. degree from Illinois and, in 1997, received the University's distinguished alumnus award. Mr. Novak has also received honorary doctorates from Kenyon College and the University of Illinois.

Following service in the United States Army as a Lieutenant during the Korean War (1952-1954), Mr. Novak joined the staff of the Associated Press in Omaha, Nebraska. He was then transferred to Lincoln, Nebraska and from there to Indianapolis, Indiana, covering politics and the state legislature in both places. In 1957, the AP transferred him to Washington, D.C. where he began covering Congress.

He joined the Washington bureau of the Wall Street Journal in 1958 as its Senate correspondent and political reporter, becoming chief Congressional correspondent for the Journal in 1961.

On May 15, 1963, Mr. Novak teamed up with Rowland Evans, Jr., then Congressional correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune, to write "Inside Report," a political column published four times a week.

Since 1966, the Chicago Sun-Times has been the home newspaper to the column. On May 15, 1993, Mr. Evans retired from the column. However, Mr. Novak continues to write the column three times a week, which is carried by over 150 newspapers through Creator's Syndicate.

One of the longest syndicated columns in the nation, "Inside Report" has always been based on hard reporting. For over a quarter of a century, both columnists not only have crisscrossed the nation regularly covering politics, but have also traveled abroad to report wars, revolutions and international conferences around the globe.

Mr. Novak has covered great events and interviewed world leaders in every part of the world. His 1978 trip to China included an exclusive interview with Deng Tsiao-Peng that opened the way for normalization of U.S.-Chinese relations.

Mr. Novak, with Mr. Evans, produces a twice-monthly newsletter, the Evans-Novak Political Report. Mr. Novak has written for most of the nation's periodicals and is currently a contributing editor for Readers Digest.

Mr. Novak's first book was Agony of the GOP: 1964. Since then, in collaboration with Mr. Evans, he has written *Lyndon B. Johnson: The Exercise of Power*, *Nixon in the White House* and *The Reagan Revolution*.

He is a commentator for Cable News Network, where he co-hosts the "Evans and Novak" interview program, appears on and serves as co-executive producer of CNN's political roundtable "Capital Gang" and regularly co-hosts "Crossfire." Mr. Novak also hosts "Insights," on America's Voice.

Mr. Novak was a Radford Visiting Professor of Journalism at Baylor University in 1987.

THE CANDIDATES

Gary Bower

Campaign Manager: Mindy Falk

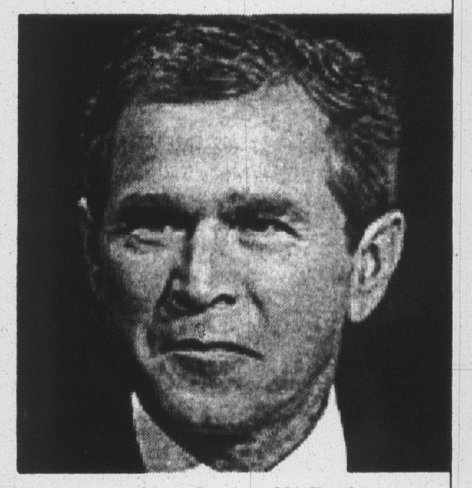
"At Columbine High School, Eric & Dylan came to school every day and they were giving each other the Nazi salute in the hallway. Nobody said anything to them, nobody sent them home, nobody took them to the principal's office. But if a teacher at Columbine had hung up the Ten Commandments, she would have been in the principal's office the same day. So, as a start when I'm president, there won't be any more Nazi salutes in the public schools. And it's going to be OK to hang up the Ten Commandments again."

—Gary Bower

Campaign Manager: Christopher Nave

"Some people think it's inappropriate to make moral judgments anymore. Not me. Wrong choices cause harm, heartache and poverty. We must be willing to draw a clear line between right and wrong. . . . A healthy democracy depends on the character of its citizens."

—Texas Governor George W. Bush



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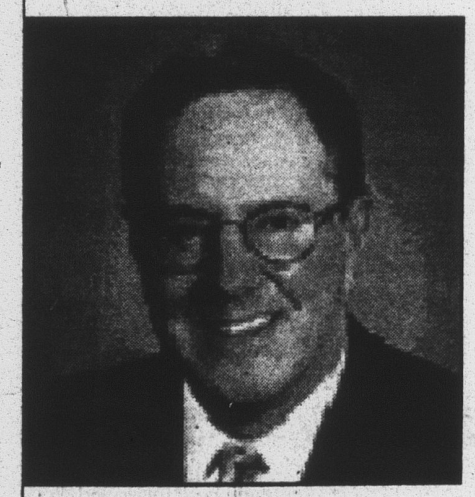


Steve Forbes

Campaign Manager: Meghan Duda

"I see an America of vast potential — greater than anything that has ever been seen before - waiting to be released. I see an American economy that is the most innovative and productive and technologically advanced in the world, hamstrung by high taxes and counter-productive regulation.

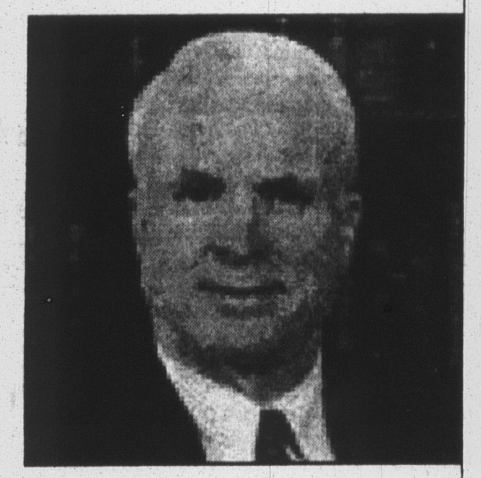
We are like the greatest marathon runner in the world, but we're trying to compete with two 50-pound cinder blocks chained to our legs. It's time to remove the dead weight of Washington, and let the American economy run free."

—Steve Forbes

Campaign Manager: Brad Linn

"No two people agree on every issue, but as a candidate for President of the United States I owe you my candor. You will always know where I stand. I'm sure you will agree that our cherished democracy can thrive only by vigorous, open, and honest discussion of the issues affecting our country and our lives. Together we can make the 21st Century a time worthy of our highest dreams and aspirations."

—Arizona Senator John McCain



Senator John McCain

SPORTS

Paul's Points

This baseball off-season has already produced several interesting trades/free agent signings and lots of very interesting proposals. I'll give my not-so-humble opinion on just a few of them.

***John Olerud, former Mets first baseman, signed a 3-year, $20-million contract with Seattle. This move had the usual "I wanted to go back home - not about the money" storyline. But with John Olerud, I actually believe it. Olerud and the Mets front office have said that the Mets offer was "very comparable" to the Mariners, but that the front office couldn't make him want to stay in New York. I believe them.

This contract had an interesting no-trade clause...it allows Olerud to pick 10 teams every year that he does not want to be traded to. That leaves an out for management, but also gives Olerud some say in his future. That's a good idea.

***Juan Gonzalez, Gregg Zaun, and Danny Patterson from Texas to Detroit for six Tigers, including staff ace Justin Thompson. This trade is one of those "trade-'em before they become free agents...at least you'll get something for them" deals. And it looks to be pretty smart on Texas's part.

Texas was obviously going to have difficulties resigning Gonzalez after the 2000 season. So, they traded Gonzalez to the Tigers, a team that thinks it will be able to reach a long-term deal with him because of their new ballpark and exciting future.

Here's my question...a new ballpark...hmm...so what? The Giants get one, Seattle has one, the Pirates are getting one, and Jacobs Field is still looking pretty spiffy too. Not to mention the other teams who have or will have a new stadium.

And an exciting future? Does Detroit management really believe that after the Indians win the Central again this year (over the Tigers), Juan will want to stay in the Motor City? Or will he bolt for a contender? Sure, Detroit might have more money because of the new stadium. But given a choice between money or money and a winning team, I think I'd go with the latter.

***The Ken Griffey, Jr. and A-Rod sweepstakes. This is rumor central, baby. Gossip? Money? Going back to the family? More money? These two players have everything swirling around them. Here's the deal. Junior and Alex Rodriguez want out of Seattle (the same Seattle with the "new ballpark/exciting future" as Detroit, Pittsburgh and numerous others). So the Mariners are trying to find a sweet enough deal to warrant trading them.

Obviously, both players want to go somewhere with money and a good team. Cleveland and New York come to mind. There were rumors swirling about Griffey headed to Cincinnati to be with his father. More rumors...Griffey wants to go to somewhere in Florida. There's only two slight problems with that: the Marlins and the Devil Rays. Money and contention? Don't think you'll find it there, Junior.

What' been my favorite part of this whole soap opera? The good 'ol Pirates reportedly made an offer for Griffey, Jr. I love this. They offered a number of players including a possible replacement for Griffey: Al Martin. Griffey supposedly was asked about going to Pittsburgh and, after about ten seconds, said something along the line of, "Uh...no."

Nice try, Mr. McClatchy. Pirate fans appreciate what you've done the past few years. PNC Park? Cool. Brian Giles? Cooler. Todd Ritchie and Warren Morris? Very cool. But don't get involved in this sweepstakes. Griffey in black and gold? Uh...no.

Swim team takes on their alumni on Saturday

By Summerlea Hobbs
STAFF WRITER

Westminster's hardworking swim team is taking some time out for a little fun. On Saturday, the team w ll go head to head with alumni from the Westminster swimming program.

The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the natatorium and will include 25 meter and 50 meter races in all events, as well as relays and a 100 meter individual medley. There will be no score kept for any of the events.

"This is a great chance for the current swimmers to get to know the past swimmers and past record holders, and also for the alumni to get to know the current swimmers," said Coach Klamut.

All former Westminster swimmers have been invited. A reception will follow around 3:00 p.m. for the alumni and their guests.

The swimming season will be over in February. This activity provides a halfway break for the swimmers, so that they can relax and enjoy the event.

"I think it's going to be a great time and it will be fun to meet the alumni and compete with them," said Kurt Rothaff, a sophomore member of the swim team.

This event is a tradition at Westminster. It takes place every two years.

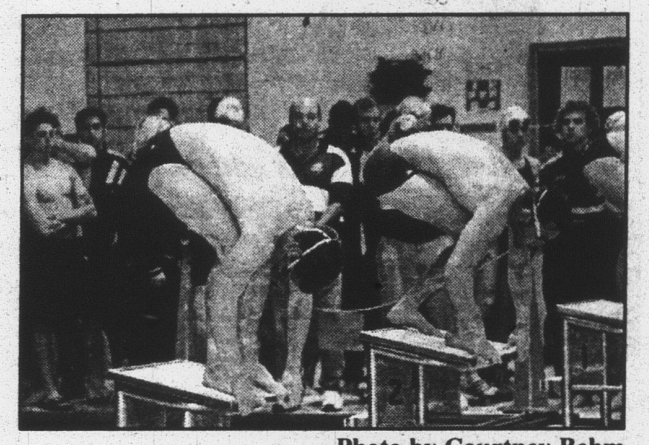


Photo by Courtney Behm
The swim team prepares to take on their alumni in a friendly competition on Saturday.

Lady Titans outsized by competition; hopeful

By Ali Vasapoli and Meridith Etcher
HOLCAD STAFF WRITERS

The women's basketball team saw its record drop to 1-6 overall, when they were defeated by Ferris State, Grand Valley State and Geneva College.

The team saw its record drop to 0-2 in the GLIAC when they lost to Ferris State University 112-49 in Big Rapids, Michigan. The Bulldogs improved to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in GLIAC action with the win.

FSU took control early, racing to a 56-28 halftime lead it would not relinquish. The Bulldogs posted four double-digit scorers, led by Jen Newsone, with a game-high 26 markers. For the Titans, freshman forward Teale Ganster tallied a team-high 10 points in the loss, while fellow freshman Samor Himes added nine markers in the loss.

The same weekend, the team dropped another GLIAC game to Grand Valley State by a score of 99-50. With the win, GVSU improved to 4-1 overall, 2-1 in the GLIAC.

The Lady Lakers raced to a 54-26 halftime lead against and led by no fewer than 30 points the rest of the way. GVSU had five players score in double figures, led by Mary Randall with 19 markers. For the Lady Titans, Himes led the squad with 14 points, while sophomore guard Robin Thayer added nine markers. Freshman point guard Jennifer Petures recorded team-high totals of seven rebounds and five assists in the loss.

Against Geneva, the Titans led for much of the first half, building a lead to as much as 10 points at 23-13 with 10:42 to play in the first period. Geneva narrowed the lead, giving the Lady Titans a two-point advantage at 37-35 at the intermission.

The Titans appeared to retake control early in the second half, building an eight-point lead at 55-47 with 11:46 to play. However, the Golden Tornadoes again cut the lead in the final minutes. The Titans held its last lead at 64-63 with 2:13 to play.

From there, Geneva went on a 13-6 run to close the game and earn the non-league win. Erin Ward of Geneva led all scorers with 19 points. For the Lady Titans, junior guard Julie Nansen and freshman guard Kylie Johnson led the way with 15 points apiece. Ganster chipped in a "double double" with 13 points and 10 rebounds in the loss. Petures dished out a team-best seven assists for the Titans.

"The team needs to do better even though we played two really tough games in Michigan and we were out sized most of the time. It was disappointing to lose to Geneva seeing they are our rival, and we played a really good game. But all and all we put out a lot of effort these last few games," senior captain Becky Snyder said.

The Titans are off until Jan. 5, 2000, when they host GLIAC rival Northern Michigan at 6 p.m. Westminster is currently 0-3 in GLIAC play.

Sports Briefs

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Adam Jones named to All-Northeast Region Football team

Titan football standout Adam Jones was named to the Daktronics, Inc., All-Northeast Region Football Second Team. Jones, a 6 foot 1 inch, 195 lb. free safety, was the lone Titan named to the squad, which was voted on by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Jones finished second in the GLIAC with five interceptions for 78 yards in 1999, while also posting 44 solo tackles and 24 assists (68 total tackles), six pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and one sack.

Klinar named Player of the Week

Men's basketball standout Henry Klinar has been named Player of the Week in the GLIAC for the week ending Nov. 28, 1999.

Klinar, a 6-foot-6-inch junior forward, averaged 20.7 points and 7.7 rebounds for the Titans, who were 2-1 in three games last week. He posted his first "double double" of the season with 15 points and 11 rebounds in a 103-97 double-overtime loss to league rival Michigan Tech. Klinar was named Tournament MVP of the DAD'S Holiday Classic in Meadville after posting 23 points against Pitt-Greensburg and 24 points (on 11-of-12 shooting) against host Allegheny.

Klinar currently is second on the team in both scoring (19.6 ppg) and rebounding (7.2 rpg) this year.

What's wrong with the Steelers?

In a press conference held on Nov. 23, Coach Bill Cowher was asked what is wrong with the Pittsburgh Steelers, who now have a record of 5-7. His response: "Yes, we're frustrated as well. All I can ask you to do is recognize that there's no greater resolve than the players and coaches in this room to get this thing turned around. You recognize the standard, the expectation levels that everybody in this city has. The resolve that this team has, has never been greater. It's frustrating for us as well, but just like in any hard times and any people that have any kind of work ethic and understand that when you get faced with adversity, you find out about yourself. You find out about the people that surround you. You really do. Tough times create tough people. That's the fiber of this football team. t is disappointing. I can just tell you that there is going to be a resolve that takes place Sunday, and I hope you come out with that type of attitude, with the type of pride that this city has always shown. I understand that if we don't play well, "Boo". That's your prerogative. That's fine. I just want you to know that there are going to be guys out there busting their butts, because we understand what's at stake. We have a lot of pride in this football team, and we're going to get this thing turned around."

The Steelers went on to lose the next two games, to the Cincinnati Bengals and the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Basketball team's win against Geneva increases streak to five

By Allison Sanders
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team recently completed a GLIAC sweep during a trip to Michigan, handing losses to both Ferris State and Grand Valley State.

The Titans outscored Ferris State 77-72 and improved to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in the GLIAC. Ferris State dropped to 1-4 and is still winless in three attempts this season in the GLIAC.

"It was a good win," said junior shooting guard J.P. Maszczak. "You don't want to travel so far to lose games."

A closely played first half led to a 27-27 halftime score. The second half started out much like the first, with the lead changing six times in the first 10 minutes of the half. The Titans then went on a 14-6 run giving them a 59-52 lead.

Ferris State pulled to within four but couldn't get any closer as Westminster went on to bury 14 of 16 free throws in the last five minutes to seal the win.

"We need to keep playing hard defensively," said junior Andy Wormsley.

Wormsley led the Titans with 22 points, including near flawless foul shooting, going 14 of 16. Juniors Henry Klinar and Chad Phillips threw in 16 and 14 points respectively. Senior guard Shane Lanigan had a game high seven assists.

Ferris State's Ray Pope led all scorers with 28 points.

The Titans concluded their Michigan road trip with a 77-63 victory over Grand Valley State. Their fourth straight win helped the team improve to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in the GLIAC. Grand Valley State fell to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the GLIAC.

Unlike the closely played first half of the Ferris State game, the Titans took no time to get their game together. The dominating first half allowed the Titans to take a commanding 15 points lead into the half.

The second half was no different for the towering Titans leading by as many as 24.

However, GVS gave the Titans a scare going on a 20-7 scoring rampage late in the game as they pulled to within 11.

The Titans' tough defense stopped GVS from clawing any closer.

"We played the best we've played, especially defensively," Maszczak said.

Leading all scorers was Henry Klinar with 24, hitting 11 of 15 from the field. Swingman Andy Wormsley added 22 and Chad Phillips had a team-high 10 rebounds and seven assists. GVS' John Flynn tossed in 21 points despite a losing effort.

"It was pretty radical to come out of Michigan 2-0," Klinar.

The Titan cagers returned home this past Monday for a match-up with old NAIA rival Geneva in a non-conference game. This rivalry has lost no heat since the Titans moved to Divison II. The Titans came on strong with an impressive 73-63 victory. The win gives the Titans their sixth overall victory and increases the winning streak to five games.

"The Geneva game is always going to be a big rivalry," Wormsley said.

The win makes this streak the longest since the start of the 1998-99 season when the Titans went on to win seven games.

Photo by Courtney Behm
Marty Barnett shoots a three in the Titan's 77-66 victory over Slippery Rock on Wednesday.

For Geneva, it was their second consecutive loss as they fell to 4-5 on the season.

Both teams had a shot at winning early in the game as the lead changed nine times.

"It's going to be a rivalry. Nobody wants to lose that," Klinar said.

Westminster took a 40-35 lead into the locker room at halftime. They came out just as strong in the second half going on a 15-6 run, giving them a 55-41 lead.

The Titans never looked back. The closest Geneva would pull to was eight. The win is sweet revenge for the Titans, avenging a 76-73 loss against them last season.

Henry Klinar had a game-high 19 points. Chad Phillips posted his second 'double double' of the season with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Andy Wormsley contributed 13 points.

Matt Hodgson led Geneva with 16.

"Everything is starting to work," Klinar said. "We played together and it was fun."

The Titans hosted Slippery Rock on Wednesday. They travel to Indiana University of PA on Saturday. Their next GLIAC match-up won't be until the new millenium when they host Northern Michigan on Jan. 5.

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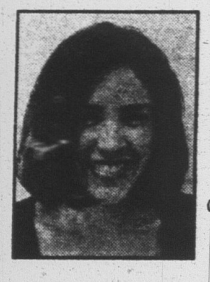
OPINION

Question of the week

What do you think Westminster's image is?

Andrea Bean, sophomore
"I think Westminster has a good academic image compared to state universities in the area."



Allison Seigle, junior
"I think Westminster is a more conservative college than most but I think it is less conservative in actuality than they promote it to be."

Cristy Laudadio, freshman
"I think the overall image of Westminster is good because of professor-student relations. I can rely on my professors."

Mark Johnston, senior
"I think Westminster has an image as a good school for education and it also has a bit of a party image too."

Jon Bish, sophomore
"I think people who do not go to Westminster have a better overall view of the school than the people who actually go here. School spirit sucks."

Leah Bell, freshman
"I think Westminster's image is played down - they make it seem so innocent even though it still has a party image."

Alyssa Mann, junior
"I thought Westminster was a really academic school, but found it's more of a party school."

Brad Linn, sophomore
"I think it's a great place to grow academically and as a person."

Peter Bernaki, freshman
"It's very vanillaish, not a lot of diversity."

OUR VIEW: Plastic Image

"Image is nothing. Thirst is everything. Obey your thirst. Drink Sprite." This is an effective commercial because people can relate to the irony in the saying. In today's society, many people have become conformists. Westminster is no different.

If writing the commercial for the campus, it would read: "Individuality is nothing. Image is everything. Follow your friends. Join the crowd."

Steeped in tradition, Westminster appeals to many because of its consistency. The college on a whole does not like deviations from the norm. Though we promote Diversity Symposiums, ALLIES and other groups that encourage individuality, the campus almost shuns the members or anyone who participates in these diversity- expansion type of organizations. There is an attitude that confuses innovation and progress with an abandonment of moral standards and character. Change, to many on this campus, is frightening because they feel that with change a moral degradation will occur. New activities and organizations are snubbed because it's not what the students are used to.

The administration doesn't help the situation. It seems as though they are set on one purpose: to make the image of the college appealing to prospective students. They seem less interested in the students already here and the students are far less interested in improving the university from within. Tired from complaining, students become apathetic. Freshmen students enter eager for intellectual fulfillment and an adventure that leads to self-discovery and instead are seduced into the lull of conformity and apathy. The campus has become a conforming society because students sincerely believe that no matter what they do or say, little will change anyway; there is no escaping the set-in-stone guidelines of what already is. Even if something is done to promote diversity, getting student support is difficult, to say the least.

Unfortunately, the mass of apathetic students is a reflection of who the college is recruiting to come here. Though there are changes in styles and culture, the college seems to choose a "perfect" student image and then recruit as many students like this image as possible. When questioned about this, however, they will announce that the Diversity Symposiums and other groups like it are a beginning to solving the "issue" of diversity, which is true to a certain extent. However, it feels like the college is just going through the motions to keep everyone happy.

THE COLLEGE SEEMS SO WORRIED ABOUT ITS PUBLIC IMAGE THAT IT IS CAUGHT UP IN WHAT WAS, RATHER THAN WHAT SHOULD OR COULD BE.

The college promotes a liberal arts education, which is supposed to foster creativity, individuality and diversity. However, the environment that is supposed to nurture these qualities in students, more often stifles them. The college seems so worried about its public image that it is caught up in what was, rather than what should or could be. The school spends so much time on outward expressions, or better stated how the college appears to everyone else, that it has little time to develop the program that already exists. It's like the school goes through the motions of what it needs to do to function and then the students follow suit. The college takes a reactive approach instead of a proactive one; only dealing with situations that would affect the "Westminster tradition." However, in doing so, the college fails to incorporate new or innovative ideas.

At large universities, the strong mission statements drive the diversity. Frankly, what is it that defines us as being Westminster College as opposed to another college? Our mission statement is foggy and not specific. We promote the campus to be a conservative liberal arts institution but it really it is just that the college covers up everything the students do that would in any way detract from the "perfect" image they have in mind. The students already here don't know what is expected of them because the mission isn't clearly stated and the administration doesn't know what to tell them. So, everyone reverts to proclaiming the old tradition and repressing the change.

So, where do we go from here? If we can't look to an administration, that is apparently more concerned with keeping enrollment up, then who? Can we expect a homogeneous student body, a virtual army clad in Abercrombie&Fitch, marching to beat of Mambo #5 or LFO or any given pop song on the radio to change the university for the better? Make an effort to restate who we are, what we stand for and what we want to be. Include in this "mission" that we are devoted to diversity. A revolution may be a lot to ask for, but how about just a little substance behind the image.

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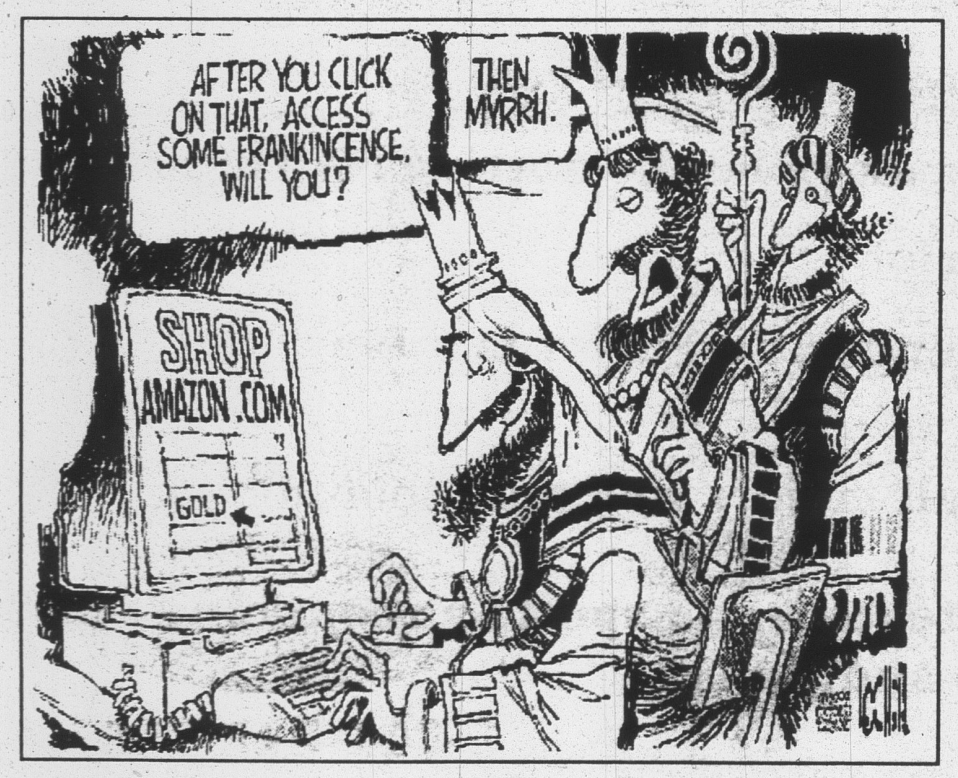

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TitanNet Connect! answers students' frequently asked questions

What's true and what isn't about TitanNet Connect!?

Do you have questions about Westminster's TitanNet Connect! program? Here are some frequently asked questions with some answers and background for clarification.

Why is there a connect/reconnect fee?

Because connection to the network is voluntary and students are not required to bring computers to campus and have them connected to the college network, the costs of hardware and configuring student computers must be borne by the students who choose to participate. The fee is NOT for the software. Novell's client software is readily available as a free download. Netscape's internet browser is also downloadable from the internet at no cost. The fee is to cover the labor for a qualified technician to install the hardware/software and configure the computer for TitanNet.

Is the cost unreasonable?

Actually, no. The normal charge for a technician to install and configure computer hardware/software is $60 or more per hour.

Why IKON?

From the very beginning of TitanNet, IKON has offered a "flat fee" for Westminster students instead of an hourly fee, which would be more expensive for many students. They agreed to commit their technicians for a period of time to come on campus for this program. IKON has worked with Information Systems staff for four years now in implementing and improving the program. They are familiar with its requirements. It is important to have someone who can assist students who would otherwise be unable to configure their own computers.

Why 3COM and Xircom cards?*

Why does Westminster College only allow 3COM and Xircom cards to connect to the network?

1. We own stock in these corporations? False - Westminster College does not receive any "kick-back" or remuneration from IKON or the hardware manufacturers.

2. We know how these cards perform on our network and we can support these cards and carry a limited number of drivers? True

3. When a problem occurs, we can eliminate "non-standard" cards as the problem? True

*Many other colleges also restrict the kinds of network cards allowed on their campuses.

What is involved? How hard can it be?

Have you heard about students at other colleges just plugging their computers in and getting connected with no problems, no fuss, no charge? Are they using a modem to connect to the Internet, just as you would at home? Here at Westminster we connect to the Internet via a T1 line that allows transmission of data at speeds of up to 20 times that of a modem connection.

Many colleges restrict students' connection to e-mail and direct access to the Internet. At Westminster we give each student 50 MB of personal storage space on our college network. We also use the network to share files for classes and activities. By installing Novell's client software on your personal computer, you gain access to everything from the college library resources to your personal N:\ drive with one login name and password. For this capability and flexibility, more is required than simple "plug and play."

How familiar are you with the following activities required to connect a computer to TitanNet?

1. Installation of Network Interface Card (NIC).

a. Do you know how to install add-on cards in your computer?

b. Have you ever opened the case of your computer?

c. What happens if there is an IRQ conflict with the NIC?

2. Installation of NIC device drivers.

a. What happens if they don't install correctly?

b. What if they won't install at all due to proprietary software on the computer?

3. Installation of Novell Client 32.

a. If the automatic installation process is interrupted, what do you do?

b. What are the settings (the server, the tree, etc.) for TitanNet?

c. What components of the client are needed?

4. Installation of GroupWise.

a. Where are the files located?

b. What settings are required?

c. What if the automatic installation process is aborted?

Also, if your PC was connected to TitanNet last year and over the summer you have installed additional software, has that installation changed the configuration of your PC (as AOL often does)?

And if your computer has a hardware problem, how do you go about fixing it? Westminster College does not provide hardware repair service.

My computer was connected last year. Why can't I just reconnect?

Westminster College is committed to providing up-to-date technology for our students. In order to keep up with the ever-growing technology needs of the campus community, it is necessary to upgrade the network annually. These upgrades almost always require updates to the computers that use the network. It is therefore necessary to reconfigure a computer every year to ensure proper operation on the network.

We are working with representatives from the faculty, staff and student body to make the process of connecting student computers to TitanNet a simpler, more streamlined operation. With more and more students bringing computers to college, and an increasing reliance on technology both in and out of the classroom, better and faster ways to get students access to TitanNet are needed. If you would like to provide input to the TitanNet Connect! Program or want additional information, please contact Jeff Knapton via his e-mail address: knaptoj.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Sleepy Hollow is Tim Burton's latest stroll through his twisted mind, where the set is always foggy, Johnny Depp shows off his cheekbones and nothing is as it seems.

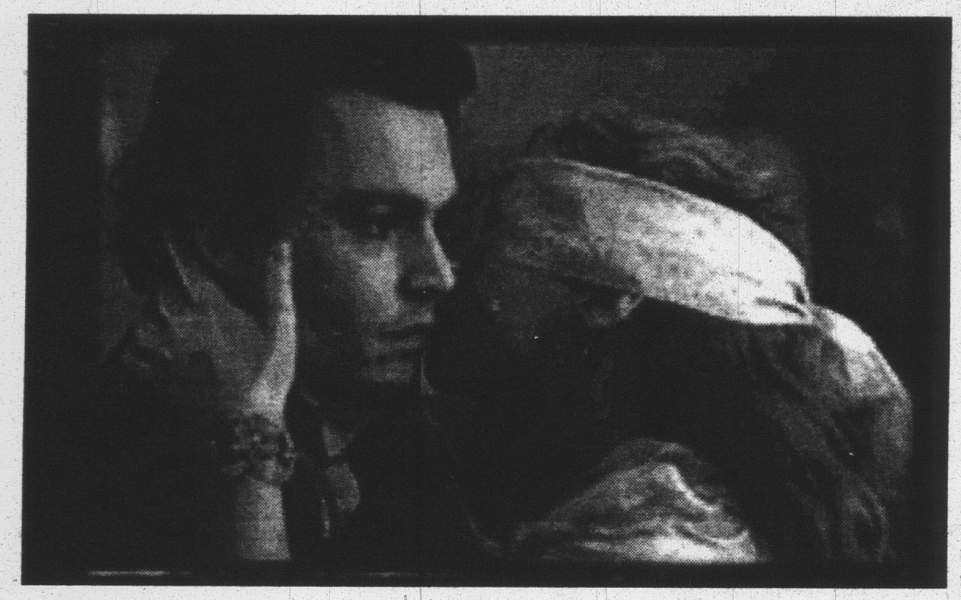
Burton's vehicle flick, *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*, was undoubtedly one of the most important movies in the history of our great nation, reminding us that the old file in the submarine sandwich is always the best way to bust a friend out of jail.

Other Burton favorites like *Edward Scissor Hands* and *Beetlejuice* taught equally important lessons. Mainly (from the former) that, despite what you were taught all your life, it's okay to play with scissors.

Washington Irving's classic story has fascinated generations, so why shouldn't it work in Burton's hands? Well, it works, but only to a limited degree. The movie is mainly a visual splendor. The set and the costumes are a treat; the story itself, however, is predictable and fails to create any true sense of dread or fright. It's all too easy to picture young children uttering phrases such as "radical," or "sweetness," during the many beheadings, instead of throwing up or fainting.

Johnny Depp is great, even if he looks nothing like Washington's version of Crane. Christina Ricci as Katrina Van Tassel is more closely matched with the Irving version: she's "plump as a partridge."

Burton has added plenty of his own touches to the original story. None of them are great, and the plot is extremely obvious and predictable, leaving little room for suspense, mystery or any type of special surprise at the end, like confetti,



clowns."

There was nothing surprisingly original like Frisbees that double as hubcaps. Still, even without the Frisbees, it's okay and a lot more fun than coming face to face with a bible wielding Ronald McDonald impersonator.

By Owen Gleiberman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

You go into a Tim Burton film wanting to be transported, but *Sleepy Hollow* is little more than a lavish, art-directed slasher movie, a choppily plotted crowd- pleaser that lacks the seductive, freakazoid alchemy of Burton's best work. As an embodiment of evil, the Horseman, a gothic Terminator, has style to spare, a certain otherworldly frisson. In the end, though, he doesn't have much personality. After all, the dude is quite literally faceless.

Set in 1799, "Sleepy Hollow" feels like a patchwork of old fantasies rather than a spooky, organic imaginative feat of its own. Burton blankets the movie in milky swirls of fog, for that cheesy-cool Hammer-horror effect, and in just about every shot he gives you something to look at: twisted dead trees curling up into the night, a witch poised to strike beneath her musty tangle of hair, a head freshly sliced off and then skewered like a giant martini olive by the Horseman's sword.

Early on, Ichabod Crane (Johnny Depp), a New York City constable who is pioneering the science of crime "detection," arrives in the remote upstate village of *Sleepy Hollow* to investigate a mysterious series of decapitations.

As he kneels in the road before a corpse's grisly neck, pulling out his chemicals and donning a pair of contraption eyeglasses with a jutting magnification lens, the movie becomes vintage Burton - ghoulish yet whimsical, funny in its disjunctive kookiness.

Burton achieves the stylized atmosphere of a black-and-white film with his muted, waxy colors, so that every drop of blood stands out in bold, gleaming relief. Too much of the story, though, hinges on familiar omens. This is a movie that thinks we'll be creeped out by pentagrams. Before long, that fog begins to look rather trite; it's store-bought mystery in place of the real thing.

Is the Headless Horseman a fake, a rigged human scarecrow designed to dispatch people standing in the way of an inheritance? If not, what exactly does the monster want? "Sleepy Hollow" fails to develop any of this with much intrigue, but then, the wobbly plot might not have mattered if the film's macabre visual lyricism were more startling.

Schools transform everyday people into store Santa Clauses

By Kendra McClymonds
STAFF WRITER

Here's the skinny on all those department store Santa Clauses you'll be seeing this year; they're going to be fatter than ever, and they learn their trade from actual Santa schools.

According to The Globe Daily of Chicago, this year the average Santa will weigh at least 225 pounds - three pounds more than last year. The average Santa will also be 58 years old, stand 5-foot 6-inches tall and have nearly a 44-inch waist.

The survey conducted by General Growth Properties, a shopping mall management firm, also reveals that...

— 91 percent of the shopping mall Santas will grow their own long beard this year.

— 26 percent know sign language and 20 percent are multi-lingual.

—59 percent of the Santas have attended college and 39 percent have attended "Santa School."

Schooling Santas has become a booming business for companies across the country that specialize in turning average guys into super-Santas. There's no such thing as a natural Santa these days. Santas must be made.

One of the companies that transforms Joe Schmoe how to Santa Clauses is Santa Plus, a company that supplied more than 300 shopping malls with professional Santas last year.

From the Santa Plus web site, Robert Riggs, the company's president, said men who want to be jolly old Saint Nick these days must "identify with the character" of Santa Claus. Voice training, questioning skills and background checks are also required.

"The focus is on the voice. It must be soft and gentle enough not to frighten children," Riggs says. "The eyes have to reinforce what the voice is saying. The eyes have to twinkle."

Some services actually have "Santa schools," where trainees learn important things every Santa ought to know, such as the names of the reindeer and how to pick up children without straining your back muscles.

Instructors from Santa Plus spend between eight to 10 hours with Santas-in-training. Most Santas earn between $7 and $9 an hour, although naturally bearded can earn more money.

The next time we're shopping and shoving through the long lines of children waiting to see Santa, we should stop and appreciate that the jolly guy on the comfy green chair underwent a lot more training than we realize.

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12. Dash
13. Untruth
14. Graduate (abbr.)
15. End
16. Cavity
18. Israel judge
19. Solicitor general (abbr.)
20. Delayed
21. Male pronoun
23. Extraterrestrial (abbr.)
24. Reproduction
26. Fleshy fresh
28. Lessen
29. Cot
30. Fuss
32. Color
33. Cushion
34. Armed service (abbr.)
35. Slippery fish
36. Hearing organ
37. Play lightly at courtship
38. Of sound mind
40. Prohibits
41. Nickel symbol
43. Southern state (abbr.)
44. Opera solo
45. Associated press (abbr.)
47. Attention
49. Diamond measurement
51. Wing-like
52. Santa Claus
55. To the leeward side
56. Summer drink
57. Bird's home

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1. Obtains
2. Capable
3. Rest
4. Forms verbs from nouns (suf.)
5. Rich
6. Border or limit
7. Basic money unit (Rumania)
8. Large (abbr.)
9. Plural verb
10. Contains dates
11. Makes changes
16. Witty person
17. Storage house
20. Delayed
22. Raised railroad
25. Beats severely
26. Encountered
27. Fertile spot
28. Lincoln's nickname
29. Keep out
31. Often (poetic)
33. ___ West
34. Arm bone
36. Legislate
37. Belief
39. Southern state (abbr.)
40. Clamp
41. Space organization (abbr.)
42. Italics (abbr.)
44. Dry
45. Expression of distress
46. Ago
48. Bind
50. Poem in a collection
51. Brew
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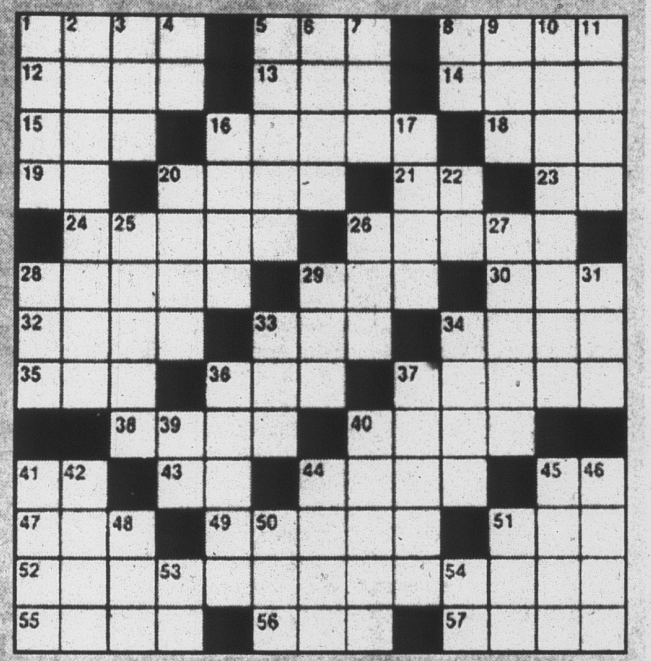

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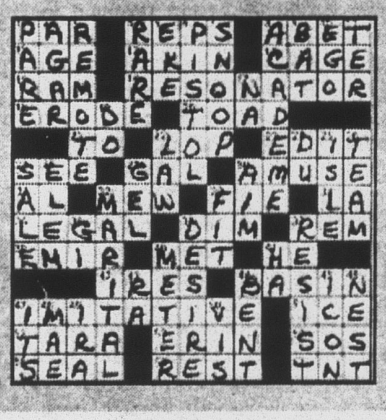

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HOROSCOPES

Aries
Demands from both home and work could weigh heavily on your timetable. Try not to spread yourself too thin by taking on too much. Fears about money may need to be addressed.

Taurus
Utilize your diplomatic skills, it'll help avoid delays. Exercise tolerance but insist on adhering to your moral ethics. Be honest about your failings as well as your strengths.

Gemini
If you really want to be taken seriously, it's better to say less with a little more precision. Leave out the ruffles and your ideas will be better understood. Use your honest approach and communicate your views towards authority, rules.

Cancer
This week is highlighted by a surge of positive energy that you feel all around you. Don't let your high spirits get too far ahead of the discipline and attention to detail necessary to make any dream a reality.

Leo
Even though you may feel pulled in different directions, if you keep the positive flow you'll feel refreshed. Don't be too embarrassed to speak your mind, if you are sincere, your words will be understood.

Virgo
Patiently go through all the facts at hand before you state your position. It may be several days before you are ready to articulate your response. Your basic values may be challenged over the next few weeks.

Libra
New opportunities will offer you some interesting changes to add to your experience. Though you could do well in involvement with persons you've dealt with comfortably in the past, you may find that their expectations are very high.

Scorpio
You'll achieve your goals one step at a time, so take the first one now. Recently you have felt lonely, you need to let out your inner feelings. Don't be afraid to do what's necessary to feel happier with your life.

Sagittarius
Mental details may be a real challenge to you. You could easily get caught up in minor matters that become more and more complex & demanding as the week goes by. Don't be too concerned with the minor details.

Capricorn
Your differences in opinion with another person are not about who's right, but about alternative views of a situation. Consider bringing in a third party to help you through this matter.

Aquarius
There's something about the spotlight that will either force you to run or turn you into a star. An idealistic person may spin a wonderful tale of golden possibilities to you.

Pisces
You may be called upon to care for elderly, children or pets. This will require much more of your attention than you first anticipated. Don't dwell on it, just try to enjoy the extra time you get to share with them.

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1:20, 7:20

Bachelor, The (PG-13)
4:05, 9:30

Bone Collector, The (R)
1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50

End of Days (R)
1:15, 4:25, 7:25, 9:50

Music of the Heart (PG)
9:05

Pokemon: The First Movie (G)
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:05

Sleepy Hollow (R)
1:25, 4:10, 7:20, 9:35

Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (PG)
1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40

Toy Story 2 (G)
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

World Is Not Enough, The (PG-13)
1:10, 4:00, 7:10, 9:45

Carmike Hermitage Plaza 8
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Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland, The (G)
4:25

American Pie (R)
4:30, 7:00, 9:35

Blue Streak (PG-13)
5:05, 7:45, 10:00

Fight Club (R)
4:20, 7:20, 10:25

For Love of the Game (PG-13)
4:15, 7:15, 10:20

Love Stinks (R)
7:50, 10:05

Runaway Bride (PG)
4:40, 7:30, 10:10

Stir of Echoes (R)
4:55, 7:35, 9:55

Three to Tango (PG-13)
4:45, 7:05, 9:45

Westgate Cinemas
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Anywhere But Here (PG-13)
3:00, 7:25

Bachelor, The (PG-13)
12:50, 5:15, 9:35

Bone Collector, The (R)
1:05, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

Dogma (R)
1:00, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55

End of Days (R)
1:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30

Insider, The (R)
9:00

Pokemon: The First Movie (G)
1:10, 3:05, 5:00, 7:20, 9:25

Sleepy Hollow (R)
12:55, 3:10, 5:10, 7:05, 9:10

Toy Story 2 (G)
12:45, 1:15, 2:40, 3:15, 4:40, 5:10, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30

World Is Not Enough, The (PG-13)
1:00, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55

Cinemark Tinseltown USA
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Dogma (R)
4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Double Jeopardy (R)
5:10, 7:40, 10:05

End of Days (R)
5:05, 7:45, 10:30

Insider, The (R)
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CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE/RENT

CAR FOR SALE: 1991 Geo Tracker. Red, 4 wheel drive, new clutch. Runs great. $1100 or best offer. Call Matt x7564.

ORNAMENTS: Wendell August Forge Christmas ornaments. The ornament is a dove in a field of holly leaves and is inscribed "Peace on Earth Begins at Home." It comes in bronze for $13 and silver for $10. Proceeds donated to the Women's Shelter/Rape Crisis Center of Lawrence County. See Camille Hawthorne in the Student Affairs Office for more information.

RIDE NEEDED: Student needs ride to the Pittsburgh airport Friday, Dec. 17 in the morning. Payment for time and gas is offered. Call Kim at ext.7677.

HOST FAMILIES: New Wilmington Area Host Families are needed for foreign students. Learn firsthand about another culture without leaving your home. Pacific Intercultural Exchange, a non-profit organization, is looking for a few more families to host foreign teens. For more information, call 1-800-828-9001.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY: Two out of print children's books. *Mitten/Kitten* by Jerome Martin and *My First American Friend* by Sarunna Jin. Call Carol at ext. 7190.

SUBMISSION REQUEST: Scrawl literary magazine is looking for poetry, short stories, photography, and artwork. Send all submissions to box 159 before the Dec. 18 deadline, and include your name and box number.

PART TIME JOB: General maintenance help wanted. Within walking distance of campus. Call 946-8641.

CAMP COUNSELORS: Julian Krinsky Summer Camps is looking for camp counselors on the campus of Haverford College near Philadelphia. For more information, contact Alex Bratty, Julian Krinsky Summer Camps, P.O. Box 333, Havorford, PA 19041. Fax number: (610) 265-3678 or e-mail: alex@jkst.com.

RECENT GRADS: El Pomer Foundation is seeking recent graduates who demonstrate strong leadership potential for their post-graduate program, designed to induce young men and women to the philanthropic section and train them for positions of leadership in the community, state and nation. Check the website www.elpomar.org or call Henry L.T. Koren at (719) 577-7005.

FIELD DIRECTOR: Pennsylvania House Democratic Campaign Committee is searching for motivated students interested in becoming a field director. Travel reimbursement, housing and a $1,000 per month scholarships are among the benefits. Interested students should send resume, cover letter and application before the March 30, 2000 deadline to: Brett Cott, 555 Federal Square, Harrisburg, PA 17108, or fax it to: (717) 742-1977. For more information, call (717) 238-1998.

STATE CHAIRS: Become a state chair, and be involved in one of Westminster's oldest traditions — the Mock Convention. For more information or an application, call Inga Laurant at ext. 7411 or e-mail: laurenin@westminster.edu.

PATIENT STUDENTS: Spina Bifida Association is currently hiring enthusiastic and patient college students who are looking for an opportunity to work with children and young adults with disabilities. For more information call 1-800-243-5787.

INTERNSHIPS

NASA has internship opportunities for math, physics, and chemistry majors with a minimum 3.0 GPA at the John H. Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. These are paid internships and wonderful opportunities for experience. Check out the web site at http://www.lerc.nasa.gov or call Janet Waugaman for more information at ext. 6338.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: The Northern Area Special Purpose Schools' Substitute Teacher's Placement Service (districts of Avonworth, Deer Lakes, Fox Chapel, Hampton, North Allegheny, North Hills, Northgate, Pine-Richland, Shaler, Beattie Vo Tech and Quaker Valley) is seeking individuals for substitute teachers. Contact Tillie Stritzinger or Sandy Koerner for an application. Call (412) 366-0930 or (412) 366-2800 ext. 338.

PUBLICITY: The Publicity Department of Invention Submission Corporation is seeking interns for spring and summer. This is a paid internship for a junior or senior with excellent written and oral communication skills. ISC is an inventor service company, and they do offer extended internships to those students who live or attend school in the Pittsburgh area. Send resume to Samantha Lee Joos, ISC Publicity Dept., 217 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

SCIENCE MAJORS: Sterling International is seeking a summer intern to do field testing of new product designs and formulations to control various species of insects. Science majors are preferred for this field testing position around eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Applicants should send a cover letter and resume to: Dr. William Hiscox, vice president, Product Development, Sterling International Inc., 15916 E. Sprague Ave., Veradale, WA 90037 or call 1-800-666-6766.

HR, FINANCE, IS, ENGINEERING, CUSTOMER SERVICE: Tradco, a window and door company located in Cranberry, is searching for interns in management, human resources, finance, information systems, engineering, and customer service. For more information, contact Mike McManamy at (724) 742-1977.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 10
11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Black Student Union Kwanzaa Progra.m. — TUB Lounge
7:00 p.m. Planetarium "Season of Light" — HSC 116
7:30 p.m. Movie: The Matrix — Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 11
11:00 a.m. Alpha Phi Omega Story Hour - McGill Children's Library
1:00 p.m. Varsity/Alum Swim Meet — Natatorium
7:00 p.m. Mass — Chapel
7:00 p.m. Planetarium "Season of Light" — HSC 116
7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Indiana University of PA
8:00 and 10:30 p.m. Movie: *The Matrix* — Down Under
TBA Zeta Tau Alpha Date Party

SUNDAY 12
1:00 p.m. Omicron Delta Kappa Initiation — Chapel
4:15 p.m. Christmas Vesper Dinner - Russell Hall Dining Room
6:00 p.m. Theta Chi Meeting @ Chapter House
7:00 p.m. Christmas Vespers - Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. Movie: *The Matrix* — Down Under

MONDAY 13
Classes End
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11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. - Chapel
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Stress Management Day - Student Health Center
5:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 152
6:15 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting - PH 112-113
6:30 p.m. Kappa Delta Meeting - TUB A/B
6:30 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting - TCF 116
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Meeting - PH 311-312
8:00 p.m. Praise Band — Chapel
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Activation - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Cram Ja.m. - Duff Dining Hall (Breakfast Food)
9:15 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting — TUB A/B

TUESDAY 14
READING DAY
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Exit Interviews for December Grads — Phillips Lecture Hall
TBA Campus Club Christmas Luncheon
Walton-Mayne Open 24 Hours
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: River City Brass, Susan Shafer, and Westminster Concert Choir - Orr Auditorium

WEDNESDAY 15
Final Exams
Walton-Mayne Open 24 Hours

THURSDAY 16
Final Exams
Walton-Mayne Open 24 Hours
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Christmas Luncheon — Down Under
7:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance - Chapel

FRIDAY 17
Final Exams
Walton-Mayne Open 24 Hours

SATURDAY 18
LLP Block II Classes End
Final Exams
6:00 p.m. Halls Close for Christmas Break
10:00 p.m. Walton-Mayne Closes

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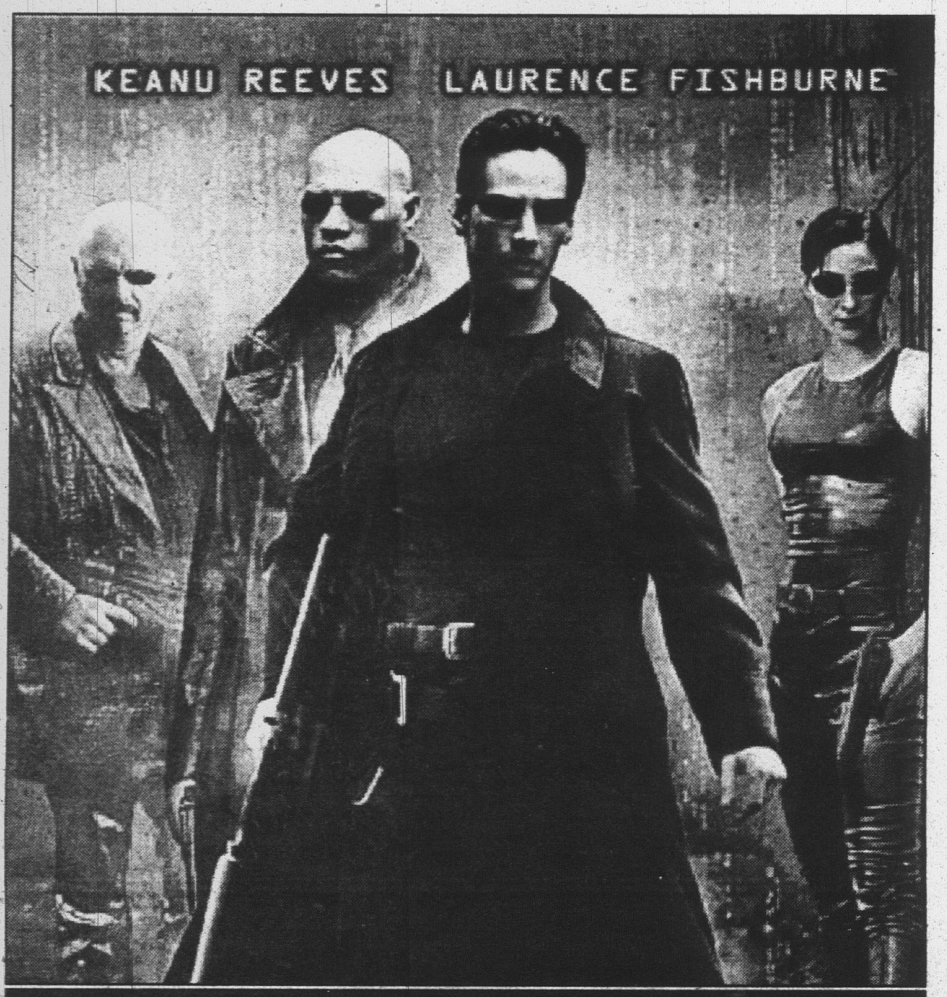

MATRIX

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